

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, "LAND USE REGULATIONS,"
SECTION 47.5, "ORGANIZATION," OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE TO PERMIT SUCCESSIVE TERMS
AS CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Township of West Orange (the "Township"), have an interest in the efficient administration of government services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this State or Federal Government, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government, order and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any law; and

WHEREAS, Section 25-47.5 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (the "Township Code") currently states that members of the Township of West Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment (the "Board") may not serve successive terms as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson require a working knowledge of Municipal Land Use Law and other complex rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, extensive experience, professionalism and familiarity with Board procedures, local residents and conditions and Township day-to-day operations are essential for Board Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons to lead an effective Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Township Council wish to eliminate this provision so as to allow successive terms of Board Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, being the governing body thereof, that Section 47.5, "Organization," of Chapter 25, "Land Use Regulations," shall be amended as follows.

Section 1. RECITALS. The foregoing whereas clauses are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 2. Chapter 25, "Land Use Regulations," Section 47.5, "Organization," shall be amended as follows.

§ 25-47.5 Organization

1. Section 25-47.5(a) of the Township Code is revised to reflect the following:

a. The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its members. Each shall serve in such capacity for one year, dated from January 1 of the calendar year in which elected.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision(s) or application(s) and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

Susan McCartney, Mayor

Susan Scarpa, Council President

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

INTRODUCED: March 10, 2026

ADOPTED: after PB review