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BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AUDUBON PARK, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING FEES AND PROCEDURES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH WEDDINGS AND CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 mayors, and deputy mayors when authorized by the mayor, are authorized to solemnize marriages and civil unions; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 fees collected in association with the service or performance of a marriage or civil union ceremony shall be established and collected pursuant to an ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Audubon Park, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of wedding and civil union ceremonies by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, when authorized by the Mayor.

SECTION II. **COLLECTION OF FEES.**

A. Fees

Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor of the Borough of Audubon Park, or Deputy Mayor when authorized by the Mayor, shall pay to the Borough a fee of \$150.00. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor is authorized to waive such fee for residents of the Borough.

B. Receipt of Fees.

Fees collected by the Borough shall be deposited into the Borough's current fund.

SECTION III. **COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH PERFORMANCE OF WEDDING OR CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES.**

A. Disbursement of Fees.

1. Fees for service may be disbursed to the Mayor or Deputy Mayor through the appropriate budget line item and with appropriate authorization.
2. Fees for reimbursement or appropriate and reasonable expenses (such as travel, tuxedo rental, direct cost reimbursement) may be disbursed to the Mayor or Deputy Mayor in accordance with the Borough's established procedure for reimbursement, including vouchers with receipts

- documenting the expenses, duly authorized and with expenditure from the appropriate line item.
3. Transportation allowance. The Borough shall reimburse the Mayor or Deputy Mayor for vehicle-related expenses where he/she uses a personal vehicle in order to attend the marriage or civil union ceremony, and only in such circumstances where the use of a personal vehicles is reasonable and appropriate. Said reimbursement shall be limited to automobile expenses based on and calculated as to the mileage to and from the ceremony at such rate per mile as allowable by the Internal Revenue Service regulations.

B. Eligible Persons.

The Borough shall reimburse only proper and reasonable expenses incurred directly by and for the Mayor or Deputy Mayor. Under no circumstances shall the Borough reimburse expenses or expenditures on behalf of or as a result of any spouse, child, guest or other person.

SECTION IV. REPEALER All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.