

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL
ORDINANCE 533-24
AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SECURITY AT PUBLIC MEETINGS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND
AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “POLICE REGULATIONS”

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined on that police security is needed at some public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Morris County Prosecutor’s Office has recommended that an ordinance be adopted authorizing police security at public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 3 of the Township Code entitled “Police Regulations” is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 3-17.2 entitled “Rules of Decorum” in Section 3-17 of the Township Code entitled “Meeting Decorum” is hereby supplemented and amended by adding a new paragraph “d” which reads as follows:

§ 3-17.2 Rules of Decorum.

The following rules of order and decorum shall be observed at public meetings:

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d. The Township Committee, the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Adjustment may request police security at one of their public meetings. If such request is made, all members and visitors are subject to search by a magnetometer. In addition, all bags, packages, attaché cases and personal effects will be searched by a members of the Long Hill Township Police Department. Those who refuse to submit to a search will not be permitted to enter the meeting room.

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. In case any article, section or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect any other article, section or provision of this ordinance except insofar as the article, section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance having been introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Long Hill, in the County of Morris on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 will be considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 by a meeting when and where or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. To obtain details of the meeting please refer to Wednesday, March 13, 2024, public agenda, or email municipalclerk@longhillnj.gov.

ATTEST

Megan Phillips, RMC

Guy Piserchia, Mayor

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