

BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN – NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Ordinance 30-2023** - Ordinance of the Borough of Eatontown Entitled “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 57 “PROFESSIONAL SERVICES”, ARTICLE II “PAY-TO-PLAY RESTRICTIONS” REPEALING LOCAL PAY-TO-PLAY RESTRICTIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT**” was passed after a public hearing at the regular meeting of November 9, 2023 by the Governing Body of the Borough of Eatontown, at 47 Broad Street, Eatontown, NJ 07724. Borough of Eatontown - Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 30-2023

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COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 57 “PROFESSIONAL SERVICES”, ARTICLE II “PAY-TO-PLAY RESTRICTIONS” REPEALING LOCAL PAY-TO-PLAY RESTRICTIONS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted Public Law 2023, Chapter 30 known as the Elections Transparency Act (“ETA”), which significantly changed New Jersey’s pay-to-play laws in April 2023 which included a provision prohibiting local governmental entities from imposing pay-to-play provisions that are more restrictive than those which have been established in state law; and **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services issued LFN 2023-14 to provide guidance to municipalities in implementing the ETA (the “LFB Directive”) and in part, directed municipalities to repeal any local pay-to-play ordinances in effect.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted Ordinance 02-009 establishing local pay-to-play limits through the establishment of Chapter 57, Article II, Sections 57-6 through 57-18 in the Borough Code and those restrictions were subsequently amended through the adoption of Ordinance 02-2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to ensure the Borough Code is in conformance with state law and the LFB Directive and it is therefore eliminating the local pay-to-play standards in the Borough Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Eatontown, that Chapter 57 “Professional Services”, Article II “Pay-to-Play Restrictions” Sections 57-6 through 57-18 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause, or provision so adjudged, and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.