

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

ORDINANCE NO: 2011-14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD ENTITLED ADMINISTRATION OF
GOVERNMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington in State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield currently does not contain a specific Attendance Policy for either the Mayor or the Township Committee Members: and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey through its Best Management Practices has suggested that municipalities consider such an Attendance Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Township Committee has considered the requirements of Title 40A, specifically 40A: 16-3 as it relates to Mayor and Committee Members Absences at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Township Committee after considering same has decided to institute an Attendance Policy for the Mayor and the Committee Members of the Township of Mansfield;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 2 of the Code of the Township of Mansfield be amended to specifically add Section 2-14 entitled When An Office Is Deemed Vacant, as follows:

The position of a member of the Governing Body, shall be deemed vacant, when a member, as required by law, is to attend official Township meetings and fails to attend two (2) consecutive months or four (4) consecutive meetings, whichever shall be of longer duration, without being excused from attendance by the full Governing Body. The exception to this policy would be considered for legitimate illness and/or any other legitimate excuse at the approval of the full Governing Body.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Township Committee hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Township to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

Introduced: November 9, 2011
Adopted: December 14, 2011