

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE 2012-9
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD ENTITLED
ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT BY INSERTING A
SUBPARAGRAPH 15 ENTITLED “ELECTED OFFICIAL ANNUAL
EDUCATION REQUIREMENT**

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield seeks to maintain and ensure the quality and efficiency of its elected officials; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has conditioned a municipality’s receipt of State Aid for a municipality upon implementation of the action items on its “Best Practices” checklist; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Mansfield currently does not require its elected officials to attend an annual education requirement.

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

A new section §2-15 is hereby adopted as follows:

Chapter 2-15 Elected Officials Annual Education Requirement

The position of a member of the Governing Body shall be required to attend, on an annual basis, at least one course offered by the Rutgers University Center for Government Services or a similar education provider such as the NJ League of Municipalities, covering the responsibilities and obligations of elected officials (for example: ethics, municipal finance, labor relations, capital planning, shared services)

Section 2-15 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 Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.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: October 10, 2012

Adopted: October 24, 2012