

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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NUMBER 48-2022

TITLE: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 211, ENTITLED SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY SECTION 211-5 OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CODE (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

WHEREAS, due to the use of technology in society today it has become advantageous to use technology for things that were previously completed manually; and

WHEREAS, a website is a living, breathing entity on the internet. Every update made to a website once it is "live" on the internet plays a part in its interaction with constituents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that a notice of this ordinance will be placed on all Municipal websites and updated according to State Statue and Municipal Code.

§ 211-1 Title.

This chapter shall be known as the "Special Needs Registry."

§ 211-2 Purpose and applicability.

It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to create and maintain a list of municipal residents in need of special assistance in case of an emergency for public safety purposes in accordance with P.L. 2017, c. 266 (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.67).

§ 211-3 Maintenance of list.

The City Clerk shall maintain a list containing the names and addresses of Township residents who identify themselves as being in need of special assistance in the event of emergency and who request that this information be maintained on their behalf for public safety purposes. The list maintained by the City Clerk shall be cross-indexed by name and address of each resident requesting to be on the list and shall identify the special circumstances of each individual.

§ 211-4 Provision of list to emergency services providers.

The City Clerk shall provide the list, solely and strictly for the purposes of P.L. 2017, c. 266 (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.67), to the Township Police Department, to each fire department or fire district servicing the municipality, and to each first aid or rescue squad servicing the municipality and shall ensure that they are provided with updates at least monthly.

§ 211-5 Notice to residents.

A notice shall be sent to Township residents annually with the tax bills mailed to local property taxpayers advising residents that a special needs list is being maintained by the Clerk for public safety purposes. A notice shall also be published on all Municipal websites and updated according to State Statue and Municipal Code. The notice shall include information as to how a municipal resident may add his or her name and address to the municipal list.

§ 211-6 Landlord notice to tenants.

Within 30 days following notification by the City Clerk pursuant to P.L. 2017, c. 266 (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.67), and thereafter at the time of creation of a tenancy, a landlord shall advise each tenant that the City Clerk maintains a list containing the names and addresses of Township residents who identify themselves as being in need of special assistance in the event of an emergency, and who request that this information be maintained on their behalf, for public safety purposes.

§ 211-7 Notification of landlords by City.

The City Clerk shall notify each landlord who has filed a certificate of registration with the

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Township pursuant to Section 2 of P.L. 1974, c. 50 (N.J.S.A. 46:8-28), of the existence of the list and shall provide the landlord with a copy of a notice to be provided to the landlord's tenants, including information as to how a tenant may be added to the list.

§ 211-8 List not confidential.

The list of persons, maintained by the City Clerk, identifying themselves as being in need of special assistance in the event of an emergency for public safety purposes pursuant to P.L. 2017, c. 266 (N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.67) shall not be a government record and shall be deemed confidential for the purposes of P.L. 1963, c. 73 (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.).

Adopted:

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Council President

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Dated: _____