

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

**DATE** September 3, 2024

**NUMBER** 395-2024

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PILOT PROGRAM TO HOLD CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY. (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township is committed to fostering an open, transparent, and inclusive government that actively engages its residents in the legislative process; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes the importance of increasing awareness among residents regarding issues and legislation that directly affect their lives and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, holding City Council meetings at various locations throughout the City of Orange Township will facilitate better information sharing, build trust and communication between city officials and residents, and ensure that the community's voice is heard; and

**WHEREAS**, such meetings will promote transparency in the government's decision-making process by making it more convenient for residents to attend and participate in council meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the accessibility and convenience of these meetings will empower residents to engage more effectively with their local government, thereby strengthening the democratic process within the City of Orange Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Orange Township that:

**Authorization:** The City Council shall hold regular and special meetings at locations other than the City Council Chambers, including but not limited to community centers, schools, parks, and other public venues within the City of Orange Township.

**Schedule and Notice:** The City Clerk, in coordination with the City Council, shall develop a schedule of these meetings and ensure that adequate notice is provided to the public through various channels, including the City's website, social media platforms, and local newspapers.

**Implementation:** The City Administration is directed to take all necessary steps to facilitate these meetings, including arranging for appropriate venues, ensuring accessibility for all residents, and providing any required equipment or materials.

**Evaluation:** The City Council will periodically review the effectiveness of holding meetings at alternate locations and make adjustments as necessary to ensure the continued engagement and participation of the community.

**Adopted: September 3, 2024**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Adrienne Wooten**  
Council President