

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE 7-2015**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF
NORTHFIELD BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 229 TO BE ENTITLED
MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNION FEES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by N.J.S.A. 37:1-13 et seq permits Mayors to perform such ceremonies to solemnize marriages or civil unions between such persons as may lawfully enter into the matrimonial relation or civil union; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, fees collected in association with the service or performance of a marriage or civil union shall be established and collected pursuant to an ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Northfield, Atlantic County, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: The Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter to be Chapter 229, Marriage and Civil Union Fees, to read as follows:

§ 229-1 General Provisions

Purpose: The general purpose of this section is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of marriage and civil union ceremonies by the Mayor.

§ 229-2 General Regulations

A. Collection of Fees. Persons seeking marriage or civil union by the Mayor shall remit the applicable fee delineated below to be paid to the City of Northfield:

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| 1. Residents of Northfield | \$100 |
| 2. Non Residents of Northfield | \$100 |
| 3. Active Military | \$ 0 |

B. Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses incurred through the performance of marriage and civil union ceremonies:

1. Receipt of fees. The fee shall be paid by check, cash or money order payable to the City of Northfield. Fees

collected shall be deposited into the Tax Collector's account.

2. Disbursement of fees. The fees for service may be disbursed to the Mayor through the appropriate budget line item and with appropriate authorization.
3. Eligible persons. The City shall reimburse only proper reasonable expenses incurred directly by and for the Mayor. Under no circumstances shall the City reimburse expenses or expenditures on behalf of or because of any spouse, child, guest or other person.

Section 2: If any section or part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such section or part shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3: All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies only.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect following its advertisement, public hearing and adoption in accordance with the law.

Mary Canesi, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Erland Chau
Mayor

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey held on February 25, 2015 and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said Council held March 10, 2015 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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