

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #15- was introduced and passed on first reading on regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 21st day of April, 2015, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 19th day of May, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk
Borough of Westwood

Ordinance 15-8
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 153 FEES

Article I. Marriage and Civil Union Ceremonies

§ 153-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish policies and procedures for the collection of fees associated with the performance of marriage or civil union ceremonies by the Mayor of the Borough of Westwood.

§ 153-2. Collection of fees; transportation allowance.

A. Persons seeking to be married or joined in civil union by the Mayor of the Borough of Westwood shall remit the applicable fee delineated below to be paid to the Borough of Westwood:

- (1) Residents (one party): \$100.
- (2) Nonresidents (neither party): \$150.
- (3) Transportation allowance: varies. (See below.)

B. In addition to the fees shown in Subsection A(1) and (2) above, there shall also be a transportation allowance for all ceremonies conducted outside the Borough. Said allowance shall be based on the actual round-trip mileage from the Westwood Municipal Building to the place of the ceremony and shall be based on the then-current mileage reimbursement rate established by the United States Internal Revenue Service.

§ 153-3. Method of payment; receipt of fees; use of funds.

Upon request to schedule a marriage with the Mayor's office, fees as above calculated shall be remitted to the Finance Office, with checks payable to the Treasurer of the Borough of Westwood. A receipt shall be issued for presentation to the Mayor's office in order to confirm the marriage ceremony date. Fees collected other than the administrative fee shall be deposited into the current account for disbursement to the Mayor as additional salary. The Borough of Westwood shall retain the administrative fee.

§ 153-4. Fees or expenses in excess of schedule.

No fee or expense in excess of those set forth in § 153-2 hereof shall be payable unless approved by the Governing Body in advance of the ceremony.

§ 153-5. Waiver of fees.

The Mayor, in his discretion, is authorized to waive any fees provided for hereunder.

If any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted: _____

Attest:

Approved:

John Birkner, Jr., Mayor

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk