

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER

ORDINANCE NO. 617

**AN ORDINANCE OF MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 615
AS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 556, ESTABLISHING
NEW HEALTH CARE AND INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR
TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee previously adopted Ordinance No. 556, rescinding Ordinance No. 341, 375 and 378 and establishing new health care and insurance benefits for Township employees; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 556 establishes health care and insurance benefits for elected officials and for Township employees and provides for payment in the event an elected official or employee does not participate in the health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey P.L. 2010, c2, and public law 2011 , c8, mandates certain changes to health insurance benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee previously adopted Ordinance No. 615 which amended Ordinance No. 556; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that Ordinance No. 556 as amended by Ordinance No. 615 must be amended with regard to retirees and to comply with New Jersey law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED that the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, does hereby amend Ordinance No. 615 amending Ordinance No. 556 as follows:

A. Paragraph 2(e), non-participation election, is amended to include the following:

1. All covered employees hired on or before January 1, 1994, who have been employed by the Township for at least twenty (20) years, whether continuous or accumulated, and have

been enrolled in New Jersey Public Employee Retirement System for a period of twenty-five (25) years shall be entitled, upon retirement, to continue to participate in the New Jersey State Health Benefit Program as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Township and NJCSA Cumberland Council No. 18, for the benefit of said covered employee and members of his or her immediate family subject to limitations as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Covered employees shall also be provided the reimbursement benefit as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement subject to limitations contained therein and shall also be eligible for the non-participation election set forth in said Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2. All covered employees hired on or after January 1, 1994, who have been employed by the Township for at least twenty (20) years continuously and have been enrolled in New Jersey Public Employment Retirement System for a period of twenty-five (25) years shall be entitled upon retirement to continue to participate in the New Jersey State Health Benefit Program as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as referenced above, for the benefit of said covered individual and members of his or her immediate family subject to the limitations contained therein. Said covered individual shall also be provided the reimbursement benefits as set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement subject to the limitations contained therein. Said individual shall also be eligible for the Non-Participation Election set forth in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

B. This Ordinance shall comply with the requirements of New Jersey P.L. 2010c2 (Senate Bill S3 2010) and Public Law 2011c78.

C. All other provisions of Ordinance No. 556 and Ordinance No. 615 shall remain in full force and effect except as amended by this Ordinance.

D. Severability: Should any section, sentence, clause or provision or a portion of this Ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect or impact upon any other section, sentence, clause or provision or portion of this Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that this Ordinance shall take effect

immediately upon the adoption and publication of notice of adoption as prescribed by law.

Introduced: 11/17/2011

Adopted: 12/15/2011