

April 25, 2024

**LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SAUCON

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SAUCON,
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING
COUNCIL TERM LIMITS**

WHEREAS, members serving on the Lower Saucon Township Council are presently free to serve as many terms as they are elected; and

WHEREAS, a question was placed before the voters of Lower Saucon Township at the general election held on November 7, 2023, which asked:

Do you favor the adoption of an Ordinance that would amend the Township's Optional Plan of Government and Administrative Code to impose a two (2) consecutive term limitation (eight (8) total years) for Lower Saucon Township Council elected members commencing with the terms that begin on January 5, 2026, and continuing thereafter for all elected Council members; any years of service by an individual who was appointed to Council shall not be included in the 8 total year limitation. YES or NO?; and

WHEREAS, the majority of voters answered "YES" to said question;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Lower Saucon, Northampton County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the provisions of the Code of the Township of Lower Saucon are hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Term Limits.

The Optional Plan of Government and Administrative Code of the Township of Lower Saucon is hereby amended to impose a two (2) consecutive term limitation on individuals elected to the position of Council member.

Section 2. Effective Date.

The term limits imposed at Section 1 shall take effect with terms commencing on January 5, 2026.

Section 3. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The Council of Lower Saucon Township hereby declares that it would have passed the ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases are declared unconstitutional, illegal, or otherwise invalid.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 5. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption.

ENACTED and **ORDAINED** this _____ day of _____, 2024, by the Lower Saucon Council in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Cathy Gorman, Acting Township Manager

By _____
Priscilla DeLeon, President