

**TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
ORDINANCE 26-05**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AMENDING CHAPTER 3
OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REMOVE HEALTH BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY
FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, in 2004, the Township of North Brunswick enrolled in the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program ("SHBP"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 04-37, the Township amended Chapter 3, *Administration of Government*, Article II, Township Council, Section 3-4(B), and Article IV, Mayor, Section 3-21(B), to permit Council members and the Mayor to be given the option to receive employee benefits, including but not limited to health, dental, major medical, hospitalization, and prescription plans; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State Health Benefits Program revised eligibility requirements to provide that appointed or elected officials must work a minimum of thirty-five (35) hours per week in order to qualify for coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council desire to amend the Township Code to ensure consistency with current SHBP eligibility requirements and applicable State guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further desire to clarify that current and future elected officials serving the community in a part-time capacity are not eligible to receive health benefits through the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

Section 1. Chapter 3, *Administration of Government*, Article II, Township Council, Section 3-4(B), *Election; Term; Compensation*, is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety the provision permitting Council members to receive employee benefits, including but not limited to health, dental, major medical, hospitalization, and prescription plans.

Section 2. Chapter 3, *Administration of Government*, Article IV, Mayor, Section 3-21(B), is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety the provision permitting the Mayor to receive employee benefits, including but not limited to health, dental, major medical, hospitalization, and prescription plans.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.