

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON
ORDINANCE 2026-15**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP CHARTER OF 1985
AND CHAPTER 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON
TO REFLECT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Section 3 of the Hardyston Township Charter of 1985 (the 'Charter') and Section 3-2 of the Township Municipal Code continue to refer to a three-member Township Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Hardyston are aware that these provisions of the Charter and the Municipal Code no longer reflect the Township's governmental organization and that it is necessary to conform the Charter and Code to the Township's longstanding form of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Section 3 of the Hardyston Township Charter of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

"The municipal council shall consist of five members who shall serve for terms of three years beginning on the first day of January next following their election."
2. Section 3-2 of the Municipal Code of the Township of Hardyston is amended to read:

"The Township Council shall consist of five members who shall be elected at large and by the voters of the Township at the regular municipal election and who shall serve for terms of three years on a staggered basis, pursuant to the Charter, on the first day of January next following their election. Council members shall receive such compensation as may be provided by ordinance and shall be entitled to any expenses of office which they incur."
3. This ordinance is intended to conform the Hardyston Township Charter of 1985 and the Township Municipal Code to the Township's existing governmental organization and longstanding municipal practice.
4. The Mayor, Township Manager, Township Attorney, Township Clerk, and/or such other Township Officials as the law may provide, are hereby authorized to prepare and execute any documents as may be required to effectuate the implementation of this Ordinance.
5. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and they shall remain in full force and effect.
6. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Hardyston, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Stanley J. Kula, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC, Municipal Clerk

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston on August 26, 2026 and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston to be held on September 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building, 149 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston, New Jersey 07419.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC, Municipal Clerk