

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-21

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 39-33 THROUGH
39-40 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE REGARDING POLITICAL
CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Chapter 39, Officers and Employees, of the Revised general Ordinances be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

On April 3, 2023, Governing Phil Murphy signed into law the New Jersey Elections Transparency Act which overhauled the State of New Jersey campaign finance law. As part of the Election Transparency Law, the State repealed the portion of the existing campaign finance law which authorized municipalities and local governments to adopt their own local campaign finance or “pay to play” laws that could be more stringent than the state’s campaign finance law. As a result, any local ordinances that govern campaign finance or require disclosure under local “pay to play” law are preempted by the state statute and were considered expired as of the effective date of the Election Transparency Act. The purpose of this ordinance is to repeal the provisions of the Chesterfield Township Municipal Code requiring disclosures of campaign contributions for contractors who enter into agreements with the Township. These contractors are still required to provide such disclosures under state law, but the Township’s provisions under the Municipal Code are now preempted by state law and need to be repealed to avoid any future confusion.

II. CHAPTER 39, SECTIONS 39-33 THROUGH 39-40 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS REPEALED AND DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that:

1. All ordinances or portions of ordinances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be repealed as to their inconsistencies only.
2. If any provision or paragraph of this Ordinance shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the provisions or paragraphs so declared invalid shall be separable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

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 Introduced: December 14, 2023  
 Adopted: December 28, 2023  
 Effective Date: January 3, 2024

| RECORD OF VOTE 2023-21                                                                 |     |     |    |    |     |     |               |     |     |    |    |     |     |
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| INTRODUCTION                                                                           |     |     |    |    |     |     | ADOPTION      |     |     |    |    |     |     |
| TWP COMMITTEE                                                                          | AYE | NAY | NV | AB | ORD | SEC | TWP COMMITTEE | AYE | NAY | NV | AB | ORD | SEC |
| B. Blazic                                                                              | X   |     |    |    |     |     | B Blazic      | X   |     |    |    |     |     |
| S Dhopte                                                                               | X   |     |    |    | X   |     | S Dhopte      | X   |     |    |    |     | X   |
| J Liedtka                                                                              | X   |     |    |    |     |     | J Liedtka     | X   |     |    |    | X   |     |
| M Litt                                                                                 | X   |     |    |    |     | X   | M Litt        | X   |     |    |    |     |     |
| D Koetas-Dale                                                                          | X   |     |    |    |     |     | D Koetas-Dale | X   |     |    |    |     |     |
| X – Indicates Vote    NV – Not Voting    AB – Absent    ORD – Motion    SEC - Seconded |     |     |    |    |     |     |               |     |     |    |    |     |     |

I, Caryn M Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance to be a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on December 28, 2023 at which a quorum was present.

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 Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC  
 Township Clerk