Township Council
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Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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2025 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

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2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, CHAPTER 5, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT", PART 3, "DEPARTMENTS", ARTICLE X. "DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE", § 5-64. "ENUMERATION OF DIVISIONS; APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF WELFARE."

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Board of Health **("BOH")** consists of seven members, to be appointed by the Township Council, of which members are identified by seat numbers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3-10 the seven BOH members shall be appointed and hold their respective offices for terms, not exceeding four years, as the township committee or other governing body may by ordinance provide, but the terms of not more than three members shall expire in any one year; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council wishes to define the term lengths of each respective board member so that such terms are consistent with the statute; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council, by separate resolution, is extending the current term end dates of Member Seats 5 and 6 for one year to December 31, 2028 so that no more than three terms expire in the same year. Thereafter, the terms for Seats 5 and 6 will be three years and four years, respectively. **NOW, THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield that § 5-64 A(1) within the Code of the Township of Bloomfield shall be amended as follows:

A. There shall be two divisions within the Department of Health and Welfare, as follows:

(1) Division of Health, which shall consist of a Board of Health of seven members, to be appointed by the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield for the terms provided by this section, consistent with the Charter, this Code and other Township ordinances, as set forth herein; the Local Health Officer and the officers and employees of the Division; and a member of the Township Council of the Township of Bloomfield to serve as municipal liaison. The municipal liaison shall serve as a member of the Board for a period of one year and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board.

(a) Each of the seven (7) members will each be assigned a designated seat number, identified as Seat 1 through Seat 7. Each seat shall carry a fixed term length as established herein in accordance with applicable State requirements. Appointment to the Board, as described in Subsection (1) above, shall be made by seat number, and the

appointee shall serve the term length associated with that seat, regardless of the date of appointment, subject to the provisions outlined below.

(b) The term of each current board member, as of the effective date of this ordinance change, shall remain in effect until the expiration date established. Upon the expiration of each current term, the following transitional terms shall apply on a one-time basis before the standard term cycle is adopted:

- Seat 1: Three (3) years
- Seat 2: Four (4) years
- Seat 3: Two (2) years
- Seat 4: Three (3) years
- Seat 5: Zero (0) years
- Seat 6: Zero (0) years
- Seat 7: Four (4) years

(c) The standard term lengths for each seat following the above transitional term lengths shall be as follows:

- **Seat 1:** Three (3) years
- **Seat 2:** Four (4) years
- **Seat 3:** Three (3) years
- **Seat 4:** Four (4) years
- **Seat 5:** Three (3) years
- **Seat 6:** Four (4) years
- **Seat 7:** Four (4) years

(d) Terms shall commence on January 1 of the year of appointment and shall expire on December 31 of the final year of the term, unless otherwise provided by law or until a successor has been duly appointed and qualified.

(e) In the event of a vacancy in any seat, an appointment shall be made to fill the unexpired term of that specific seat.

(f) Nothing in this section shall preclude reappointment of any member upon expiration of their term.

(g) The assignment of seat numbers is for the sole purpose of identifying term lengths and does not imply any ranking or authority within the Board.

(h) This Section shall remain in effect without the need for amendment unless and until the structure or number of seats on the Board is modified by ordinance or law.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.

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Director of Law-Township Attorney

I hereby certify that the above ordinance was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on July 21, 2025.

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Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

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Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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☐ Not Discussed	Sarah Cruz	☑	☐	☐	☐
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