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Introduced by: Mayor Jermaine D. Hatton  
Introduced on: February 17, 2016

## ORDINANCE NO. 16-02

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND CONCERNING TOWN ELECTIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein):

**Section 1.** Amend Ordinance No. 23, Section 1, Town of Townsend, Delaware by striking the following language:

“as provided from/by the New Castle County, Department of Elections.”

and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

“as provided from the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office.”

**Section 2.** Amend The Code of Ordinances, Section 22.1, Town of Townsend, Delaware by striking in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

“It shall be the responsibility of the Council to keep a list of registered voters as provided by the Department of Elections, New Castle County Office. Council may delegate this responsibility to the Town Clerk.”

**Section 3.** Amend the Code of Ordinances, Section 22.3, Town of Townsend, Delaware by striking in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

“All Town of Townsend residents are required to register to vote, or update their address, with the Delaware Department of Elections no later than two weeks prior to the Town Municipal Election; which is held the first Saturday in May.”

**Section 4.** Amend The Code of Ordinances, Section 22.4, Town of Townsend, Delaware by striking in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

“The Delaware Department of Elections, follows State and Federal law in registering citizens where they reside at the time of registering to vote, not if or whether they own property within the incorporated Town limits.

However, the Town, shall reserve the right to deny those names of voters from the registration list who have either moved from the Town, no longer own property within the incorporated Town limits or are otherwise disqualified from voting.”

**Section 5.** If any provision of this Act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

**Section 6.** This Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage into law.

### SYNOPSIS

*This Act provides the correct name of the registering agency with the State and the requirement to provide agency with updated address information two weeks prior to the Town Municipal Election.*

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