## The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend

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> Introduced by: Introduction on:

## ORDINANCE 2024-004 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24.08.020(D)(1) OF THE TOWN CODE TO REQUIRE APPEALS FROM THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO BE FILED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE

Mayor Scott Lobdell

Councilman Joshua Mertz, PhD

Councilman Joseph Bangura, PhD

> Councilman Matthew Chapman

Councilman Marcus Suhr

Town Manager Antonina Tantillo, MPA, **WHEREAS**, the Town Code currently states that any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Adjustment who wishes to file an appeal may file an appeal to the Town Council within a reasonable time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to amend such instruction to comply with Delaware State Code Chapter 22, Section 347 which requires appeals to be filed within thirty (30) days to the Superior Court of the State of Delaware.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the by the Town Council of the Town of Townsend, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Section 24.08.020(D)(1). (2), & (3) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Townsend, Delaware, is hereby replaced to read as follows:

Any person or persons, or any taxpayer or any officer, department, board or bureau of the Town aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Adjustment may seek review by the Superior Court of such decision, in the manner provided by the laws of Delaware and particularly by Chapter 3, Title 22, Annotated code of Delaware. Such appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date the Board of Adjustment issues it's written opinion on the matter which is the subject of the appeal.

**SECTION 2:** If any 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 validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** In the event any existing Ordinances or parts of Ordinances are in conflict herewith, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

**SECTION 4:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

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Adopted by at least a majority of the Council members of the Town of Townsend on this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

