

TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADD AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 3, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT," OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE BY CREATING ARTICLE XXX, "SUSTAINABLE ANDOVER" TO ESTABLISH "SUSTAINABLE ANDOVER" AS A STANDING COMMITTEE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Andover strives to assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially and that will thrive well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Andover wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus attention on "green" issues, the Township established a green committee, "Sustainable Andover"; and

WHEREAS, "Sustainable Andover" considered solar power, access to local food, green buying practices, improving recycling rates, improved stormwater management, water quality improvements and operational changes so that the Township could do their share to lessen the environmental impact of its operations; and

WHEREAS, "Sustainable Andover" has positively benefited the Township since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, "Sustainable Andover" has expressed a desire to be a standing committee of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee would like to establish "Sustainable Andover" as a standing committee in recognition of its achievements within the community.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Andover, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, "Administration of Government" of the Code of the Township of Andover, is hereby amended and supplemented with the addition of Article XXX, "Sustainable Andover" to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXX, SUSTAINABLE ANDOVER

§ 3-108. Establishment of "Sustainable Andover."

There is hereby established the Township of Andover green committee, "Sustainable Andover."

§ 3-109. Mission and Purpose.

- A. The mission of “Sustainable Andover” shall be as follows: “Bringing people, businesses and the community together to develop policies and practices to create a sustainable Andover Township for all to enjoy.”
- B. The purpose and goals of “Sustainable Andover” are as follows:
 - 1. Collaborate with Township employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the Committee;
 - 2. Encourage participation of all employees and residents to solicit ideas on green initiatives;
 - 3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense; and
 - 4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations and address and advise the Township Council accordingly.

§ 3-110. Members.

- A. “Sustainable Andover” shall consist of nine members, who shall be appointed by the Township Committee, upon recommendation by “Sustainable Andover.”
- B. Membership shall consist of:
 - 1. One representative from the Township Committee;
 - 2. Three representatives from the Environmental Commission;
 - 3. One representative from the Open Space Commission; and
 - 4. Four citizen representatives.
- C. Each of the members shall have one vote, except for the Township Committee representative who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting liaison of the Committee.
- D. The Committee shall designate one of its members as “Chair” of “Sustainable Andover.” The Township Committee representative may not serve as the Chair.
- E. All Committee members shall serve without compensation in performance of their duties.

§ 3-111. Terms of Members.

The appointment of the Committee members shall be for one-year terms. A vacancy in the Committee occurring other than by expiration of the term shall be filled by the Township Committee for the unexpired term in the same manner as by original appointment.

§ 3-112. Meetings.

The Committee shall meet at Town Hall or another agreed-upon location within the Township on a monthly basis, or as deemed necessary by the Committee. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee shall forward to the Township Clerk as soon as practicable, a copy of the minutes of the meeting. The Committee shall advise the Township Committee of the Committee's work. The Committee shall retain attendance records of all members.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances of the Township of Andover, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause of 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.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Andover held on June 10, 2013. A public hearing regarding same will be held at a meeting scheduled for June 24, 2013 beginning at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 134 Newton-Sparta Road, Andover Township, NJ, at which time all persons interested both for and against said ordinance shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

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NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Andover held at the Municipal Building on the 10TH day of June 2013. The same came up for final adoption at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Andover held at the Municipal Building on the 24th day of June 2013, and, after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

Vita Thompson, R.M.C.
Clerk/Administrator