

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE

# 2657-11

AN ORDINANCE  
TO  
CREATE THE  
MAPLEWOOD ARTS COUNCIL

*"Interpretive Statement"*

*This ordinance will (a) create the Maplewood Arts Council; (b) to dissolve ArtsMaplewood; (c) amend various sections of the Maplewood Township Code to reflect the creation of the Maplewood Arts Council.*

WHEREAS, the Maplewood Township Committee desires to provide a focused emphasis on the arts in the Township of Maplewood ("Township"); and

WHEREAS, the Maplewood Township Committee has determined that the creation of the Maplewood Arts Council would best achieve this goal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

FIRST:

A. Establishment:

The Maplewood Arts Council ("MAC") is hereby established.

B. Purpose:

The purpose of the Maplewood Arts Council shall be to advise the Township Committee and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs ("Recreation

Department") on arts in the Township, and shall work with the Township Committee and the Recreation Department on the following goals:

- \$ To improve the quality of life in the Township of Maplewood by helping the arts to flourish;
- \$ To further the understanding of and involvement in arts and culture by the citizens of the Township;
- \$ To establish and support arts programs that are artistically, financially and operationally successful as well as organizations that are diverse and accessible to all Maplewoodians;
- \$ To support a respected and valued community of Maplewood artists encouraged to achieve their best and be broadly connected to community life in ways that make full use of their creativity and talents;
- \$ To promote expanded public participation in and support for the arts;
- \$ To maintain a network of people, businesses, organizations, institutions and communities working in partnership to advance the arts and the arts' contributions to Maplewood's community life;
- \$ To create and foster high quality arts education for all Maplewoodians;
- \$ To help to build a local economy whose community and economic development strategies, plans and resource allocations at all jurisdictional levels feature the arts and culture.

C. Members:

The MAC shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Maplewood Township Committee.

Initially, three (3) members shall be appointed to a one (1) year term, two (2) members shall be appointed to a two (2) year term

and two (2) members shall be appointed to a three (3) year term.

Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years.

D. Chairperson:

The MAC shall meet at least once each year and shall appoint a chairperson and other officers as it deems necessary.

E. Cooperative Efforts:

Through the Recreation Department the MAC shall undertake projects that advance its mission. Such projects may be originated by the MAC, Recreation Department or the Township Committee.

G. Reporting:

No later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, the MAC shall make an annual report to the Maplewood Township Committee on its activities and progress towards its goals, as well as providing suggestions for future activities.

H. Cooperation With Other Community Organizations:

The MAC shall endeavor to ensure full cooperation and coordination of activities and plans with all other organizations within the Township dedicated to the pursuit of artistic, cultural, dance, dramatic, historical, musical, poetic and other activities of interest that may benefit the residents of the Township.

SECOND:

Sections 14-10 through 14-19 of the Code of the Township of Maplewood which relate to ArtsMaplewood be and are hereby dissolved.

THIRD:

The following Code Sections relating to the Recreation Department shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-25.1. - Maplewood Arts Commission:

A. Within the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs ("Department"), there shall be an Advisory Committee known as "the Maplewood Arts Council".

B. Section 6-26. - Duties of the Department:

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs shall:

(a) Administer, maintain and operate playgrounds, parks, fields and facilities for indoor and outdoor athletic, cultural, recreational and sports activities and programs for the residents of the Township and, where authorized by law and the Township Committee, charge and collect on behalf of the Township a reasonable fee for each person and/or group participating in programs and activities or utilizing the Township facilities.

(b) Use public school property, by agreement with the Board of Education, to the extent that such property may be adaptable and available for recreational and cultural affairs programs and the propose of the Department.

(c) Maintain existing park, playground and open space areas and work with the Township Committee to recognize, plan and develop additional public recreational activities and facilities for recreation and cultural affairs.

(d) Cooperate with other municipal departments, service clubs and other organizations in furthering recreational and cultural interest within the Township.

(e) Oversee the use of the Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts and the 1978 Maplewood Arts Center.

C. Section 6-28. - Duties of the Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs:

- (a) Administer the work of the Department with the assistance of such policy guides as may be provided..
- (b) Conduct studies of the present and future park and recreational needs of the Township and develop immediate and long range plans.
- (c) Within the limits of the Township Budget, be responsible for the recruitment, selection, employment and discharge of all part-time and seasonal personnel necessary for the implementation of all programs.
- (d) Maintain such records as may be required to control Department receipts, property and personnel, and provide information to the Township Administrator for budgeting and financing of recreational programs.
- (e) Be responsible to the Township Committee for the proper custody and preservation of the books, papers, records and property under his/her control and be answerable to the Township Committee for the faithful performance of his/her duties.
- (f) Upon request, submit to the Township Committee and the Township Administrator reports as to the conduct and progress of the Department.
- (g) Meet with Township advisory committees as necessary to formulate recommendations on the activities of the Department.
- (h) Oversee the expenditure of funds consistent with the budgetary process and account for all funds received by the Department.

(i) Supervise and direct the maintenance, upkeep and renovation of all playing fields and open space recreation areas within the Township.

FOURTH:

Severability:

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

FIFTH:

Repeal of Prior Ordinances:

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

SIXTH:

Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, held on February 15, 2011, and that Committee met again on March 1, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 574 Valley Street, Maplewood, New Jersey, at which time and place the Committee proceeded to consider the said Ordinance on second reading and final passage.

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Township Clerk