

TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD



ORDINANCE

#2685-12

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING CHAPTER 53
OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD
ENTITLED
"ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE"**

"Interpretive Statement"

This ordinance will revise the structure and membership of the Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 53 of the Code of the Township of Maplewood entitled "Environmental Advisory Committee" be amended as follows:

FIRST: Establishment:

The Committee known as the Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee is established for and in the Township of Maplewood ("Township").

SECOND: Purpose:

The general proposes of the Maplewood Advisory Committee shall include but not limited to:

- A. Respond to requests from the Township Committee for advisory support on environmental issues;
- B. Monitor and research local, county, state and federal regulations pertinent to the Township's suburban/urban environmental setting, and at the direction of the Township Committee provide such information to interested parties;
- C. At the direction of the Township Committee, research and prepare written responses (write papers, editorials, letters to political representatives, etc.) on behalf of the Township to pertinent proposed

environmental, solid waste and recycling regulations potentially affecting the community;

- D. Act as a source for information regarding environmental issues which may be of interest to the Township;
- E. Propose reasonable regulations in consultation with the Township Administrator and the Township Recycling Coordinator and subject to the approval of the Township Committee for the Township environmental well being.
- F. Develop necessary educational programs related to environmental issues at the direction of the Township Committee;
- G. Maintain a database of volunteers experienced in various environmental areas of expertise; and
- H. Coordinate all activities in the annual commemoration of Earth Day.

THIRD:

Memberships; Terms of Office:

The Township Committee shall appoint ten (10) residents of the Township to serve as the Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee. The term of office shall be three (3) years. All terms shall expire December 31st of the last year of the person's term. The present appointees shall continue through the end of their term. All new appointees shall serve for terms of three (3) years.

Additionally, a member of the Township Committee, the Maplewood Township Health Officer and the Maplewood Township Director of Public Works or their designees shall serve as ex officio members of the Committee.

Ex officio members shall not vote.

FOURTH:

Meetings:

Meetings of the Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee shall be held quarterly or more frequently as needed.

FIFTH:

Governance:

The Maplewood Environmental Advisory Committee shall annually appoint a Chair from among its members who shall be responsible for scheduling and conducting meetings of the Committee. The Chair shall serve for one (1) year. Ex officio members may not serve as the Chair.

The Chair will participate in the Township Committee Environmental Subcommittee as requested.

SIXTH:

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.

SEVENTH: 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.

EIGHTH: 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 21, 2012, and that Committee met again on March 6, 2012, 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.

ELIZABETH J. FRITZEN, R.M.C.
Township Clerk