TOWNSHIP OF MAPLEWOOD

ORDINANCE

 # 2696 -12

AN ORDINANCE
TO ESTABLISH
THE MAPLEWOOD GREEN TEAM
AS A PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"Interpretive Statement"

This ordinance will establish the Maplewood Green Team as a permanent advisory committee.

WHEREAS, the Mayors' Committee for a Green Future of the New Jersey League of Municipalities has promulgated and published a municipal certification program and organization called "Sustainable New Jersey" ("Sustainable Jersey"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Sustainable Jersey is to enlist municipalities in a concerted and organized state-wide effort to improve the environment and promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Maplewood Township Committee ("Township Committee") initially created the Green Team pursuant to Resolution No. 100-09; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee now wishes to establish the Green Team as a permanent advisory committee of the Township of Maplewood ("Township").

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

FIRST: **Establishment**:

The Maplewood Green Team be and is hereby established as an advisory committee to the Maplewood Township Committee.

SECOND: **Purpose**:

The General purposes for the Green Team shall include but not be limited to:

(a) Managing Maplewood's participation in the Sustainable Jersey program;

(b) Encouraging the Township staff to pursue sustainable practices where possible and implement the Township Committee's environmental goals;

(c) At the recommendation of the Township Committee, work with the existing groups within the Township whose actions effect environmental issues so as to eliminate duplication and assure that important tasks are covered;

(d) Coordinate input and provide management for the maplewoodisgreen.org website;

(e) Provide suggestions for further research and action to the Township Committee;

(f) At the direction of the Township Committee, provide advice and suggestions to the Township Planning Board, the Township Board of Adjustment and the Township Historic Preservation Commission to assure that environmental issues are considered in their deliberations and actions;

(g) Manage and organize various *ad hoc* environmental groups within the Township, including Maplewood Green Day and the Green Drinks Committee;

(h) Solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community;

(i) Promote the causes of sustainability within the Township.

THIRD: **Membership, Term of Office**:

The Maplewood Township Committee shall appointment seven (7) Township residents to serve as the Green Team. The Green Team shall elect from among its members a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Initially, three (3) members shall be appointed to a three (3) year term, two (2) members to a two (2) year term and two (2) members to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three (3) years. Additionally, a member of the Township Committee and the Township Administrator shall serve as ex officio members of the Green Team. Ex officio members shall not vote.

The Green Team shall select Township volunteers to work on Green Team projects. The names of the Green Team volunteers shall periodically be submitted to the Township and the Green Team committee reports, minutes, etc. shall also be submitted to the Township Committee.

FOURTH: **Meetings**:

The Green Team shall meet monthly.

Additional meetings of the Green Team may be scheduled by the Chair at his/her discretion.

FIFTH: **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.

SIXTH: **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.

SEVENTH: **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 June 5, 2012, and that Committee met again on June 19, 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