



BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

## **ORDINANCE 17-02**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS GREEN TEAM 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 governing body of the Borough of Highlands initially created the Green Team pursuant to Resolution No. 10-094; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands now wishes to establish the Green Team as a permanent advisory committee of the Borough of Highlands.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, as follows:

#### **SECTION I. Establishment**

The provisions of Chapter 2 are hereby modified, and amended by the addition of a new section. Said Section, Chapter 2, Section 46 shall read as follows:

The Borough of Highlands Green Team be and is hereby established as an advisory committee to the Borough of Highlands governing body.

#### **SECTION II. Purpose:**

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

- (a) Managing the Borough of Highlands participation in the Sustainable Jersey program;
- (b) Encouraging the Borough staff to pursue sustainable practices where possible and implement the governing body's environmental goals;
- (c) At the recommendation of the governing body, work with the existing groups within the Borough whose actions affect environmental issues so as to eliminate duplication and assure that important tasks are covered;

- (d) Coordinate input and provide management for the Green Team section of the Borough website;
- (e) Provide suggestions for further research and action to the governing body;
- (f) At the direction of the governing body provide advice and suggestions to the Borough Land Use Board and the Environmental Commission to assure that environmental issues are considered in their deliberations and actions;
- (g) Solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community;
- (h) Promote the causes of sustainability within the Borough.

**SECTION III. Membership, Term of Office:**

The Governing Body shall appoint nine (9) Borough residents to serve as the Green Team. One (1) member must be on the Land Use Board; one (1) member must be on the Environmental Commission; one (1) member must be a Highlands Business Owner; one (1) member must be a Department of Public Works Employee and one (1) member must be a Recreation Department Employee. 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, three (3) members to a two (2) year term and three (3) members to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three (3) years. Additionally, the Mayor and a member of the governing body shall serve as ex officio members of the Green Team.

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

**SECTION IV. Meetings:**

The Green Team shall meet monthly.

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

**SECTION V. SEVERABILITY.**

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 remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION VI. REPEALER.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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