



ORDINANCE 1749

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

A. Establishment.

There being a need to support the Borough of Glen Ridge's efforts to build and maintain a sustainable community which preserves and protects the air, land, water, working and living environments which our residents desire and expect, both for now and for future generations the Mayor and Council have determined that it is appropriate and necessary to establish and continue a committee as hereafter set forth. The Committee shall be known as the Environmental Advisory Committee. The Committee shall be a recognized member in good standing of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions and the dues for said membership shall be provided in the Borough budget on an annual basis.

B. Membership.

1. The Committee shall be comprised of seven members, one of whom shall be a member of the Borough Council. All members shall be residents of the Borough.
2. Terms of appointment shall be as follows:
 - a. The Council member shall be appointed on a yearly basis.
 - b. The remaining public members shall each be appointed for a three-year term, same having been staggered at the time the Committee was initially formed in 2021.
3. Members who are not Council members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council. The Council member shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws set forth in the Borough Administrative Code. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as appointments are made.
4. The chair of the Committee shall be chosen by the committee.

C. Duties and responsibilities. The committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

1. Obtain and provide to the Mayor and Council information concerning those causes and effects constituting potential hazards to the environment and its ecology including but not limited to noxious fumes, chemical waste, pesticides, noise, litter and such other matters as the committee determines may qualify as a potential environmental hazard.
2. Enquire into environmental programs of the Federal, State and County governments and of other municipalities and apprise the Mayor and Council of such programs which may apply to or may be adopted by the Borough.
3. Monitor the Borough's existing programs and efforts which relate to the preservation and improvement of the environment and sustainability and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning same.
4. Recommend new or additional programs which may supplement existing Borough programs to the Mayor and Council.
5. The EAC will consult with the Borough staff on programs of education, including dissemination of printed matter, videos and other sources, utilizing news media and enlisting volunteers or other support.
6. Gather and present to the Mayor and Council facts and statistics that may be of value to the Borough or as requested by the Mayor and Council.
7. Report to the Mayor and Council the need for remedial action of suspected violations of any federal, state or local law relating to environmental issues.

8. Institute, foster and support programs, undertakings and projects that shall assist the residents of the Borough relating to matters affecting the environmental health and sustainability of the Borough and its residents and enlist the active participation and support of residents in a continuing effort to protect, preserve and improve the environment of the Borough and its ecology.

9. Make recommendations to the Borough Administration and governing body regarding all matters established in items 1 through 8. The Committee shall report to the governing body at least once yearly regarding issues relating to their duties and responsibilities.

Ordinance Introduction: Monday, June 14, 2021

Ordinance Adoption:

ATTEST:

Stuart K. Patrick
Mayor

Tara Ventola
Municipal Clerk