

**ORDINANCE 2306**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 17 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield titled Boards, Commissions and Committees be amended as follows:

Amend Section 17-2(c) to substitute “may” for “shall” in the first sentence of said Subsection;

Add Section 17-7, Green Team; Members.

The Environmental Advisory Committee shall establish a Green Team and appoint members to develop plans, implement programs, and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a community sustainability program.

A. The Green Team shall consist of the Mayor or his designee; the Borough Administrator; a Council liaison; a school board member appointed by the Board of Education; and up to two members of the Environmental Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Chairperson.

B. The Chairperson may appoint with the advice and consent of the Committee advisory members which may include, but is not limited to a Zoning Board or Planning Board member; a local business member; a Recreation Commission member; the Public Works Director or his designee; a youth representative; and up to two concerned citizens.

C. The term of appointment for each Green Team member shall be for one year.

D. The general purposes for the Green Team shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

1. Management of South Plainfield participation in the Sustainable Jersey Program;
2. Encouraging the Borough administration to pursue sustainable

practices where possible and implement the environmental goals of the Mayor and Council;

3. At the recommendation of the Mayor and Council, work with existing groups within the Borough whose actions affect environmental issues so as to eliminate duplication and insure that important tasks are completed;

4. Provide suggestions to the Mayor and Council for further research and action in pursuit of the goals and functions of the Green Team;

5. Provide advice and suggestions to the Planning Board and Zoning Board to assure that environmental issues are considered in the deliberations and actions if requested by the Mayor and Council;

6. Upon obtaining approval of the Mayor and Council, solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community; and

7. Upon obtaining approval of the Mayor and Council, promote the causes of sustainability within the Borough.

D. The Green Team shall meet at a designated time and place scheduled by the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Board or their designee at their discretion.

Renumber all sections as necessitated by the addition of Section 17-7.

Revise current Section 17-27, Establishment, Membership and Terms; Compensation as follows:

17-28

A. There is hereby established a Human Relations Committee for the Borough of South Plainfield that shall consist of up to nine members, including up to six advisory members. The membership of the committee shall include a member from Borough agencies as follows:

1. One member of the South Plainfield Board of Education to be designated by the President of the Board of Education;

2. One member of the Council of the Borough of South Plainfield who shall act as a liaison to be designated by the Mayor;

3. One member of the South Plainfield Police Department to be designated by the Chief of Police; and

4. Advisory members who must be 18 years of age and residents of South Plainfield. They shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Borough Council. Each member shall serve for a term of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successor, except that the initial term of the advisory member shall be as follows: up to two advisory members for a term of three years; up to two advisory members for a term of two years; and up to two advisory members for a term of one year. The initial appointment of advisory members shall be done at the annual reorganizational meeting of the Mayor and Council next following the adoption of this Ordinance.

Retitle Article XI to be titled Cultural Arts Committee and reference the Cultural Arts Committee in all sections of this Article which currently reference Cultural Arts Commission; and

Delete the last sentence of 17-53(A), which current reads "In the event of a tie vote, the Council liaison shall act as a tie breaking vote".

Add to Section 17-53(E) at the end of said section "In the event of a tie vote, the Council liaison shall act as the tie breaking vote".

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.