

**ORDINANCE NO. 1988**

**AN ORDINANCE THAT CREATES CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE VI OF THE BOROUGH  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD THAT ESTABLISHES  
THE MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE (SPASA)**

**CHAPTER 17**

**ARTICLE XI**

**“SOUTH PLAINFIELD ALLIANCE FOR SUBSTANCE AWARENESS COMMITTEE (SPASA)”**

**§ 17-36. Findings.**

In March 1989, the New Jersey Legislature created the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse and an Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (P.L. 1989, c. 51; N.J.S.A. 26:2BB-1 et seq.).

The Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse is dedicated to a comprehensive and coordinated effort against alcoholism and drug abuse and is a means for implementing policies to reduce alcoholism and drug abuse.

A South Plainfield Borough Municipal Alliance Committee, in consultation with the County Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, shall identify alcoholism and drug prevention, education and community needs; implement programs; become a member of the Alliance effort; and be eligible to receive State funds to assist the programs developed by the South Plainfield Borough Municipal Alliance Committee.

**§ 17-37. Establishment; Membership; Organization.**

The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (SPASA) Committee ("Alliance Committee") is hereby established. The membership of the Alliance Committee for SPASA shall include broad representation of no fewer than four (4) persons from the Borough.

Membership may include, but does not have to have each represented, but shall not be limited to: a Mayoral representative; the Chief of Police or his/her representative; the Superintendent of Schools or his/her representative; a student assistance coordinator; a representative from a Parent Teacher Association; a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, including, but not limited to, local business and industry representatives; representatives of local civic associations; representatives of local mental health agencies and local treatment and prevention providers; a representative of local religious groups; and private citizens, including youth representatives and youth and adults recovering from drug and/or alcoholic abuse.

Members may be appointed by the Mayor for alternately arranged terms of three (3) years. The Mayor shall approve of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary selected by the Alliance Committee from among its members each to serve for one (1) calendar year. Bylaws shall be adopted by the Alliance Committee with the approval of the Mayor and Borough Council. Regular meetings shall be held with a calendar of meetings established in advance. A quorum consisting of a majority of the full Alliance Committee is required for decisions. Minutes shall be taken to serve as a record. Minutes shall be formally approved by the membership of the Alliance Committee. Once minutes are approved by the Alliance Committee a copy is to be submitted to the Municipal Clerk's Office. Standing and ad hoc committees may be established.