

## ORDINANCE O.2271-2026

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, “BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES,” OF CHAPTER 2, “ADMINISTRATION,” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Edison (hereinafter referred to as the “Township”) is a public body corporate and politic in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has observed that various boards, commissions, committees and agencies are duplicative and no longer serve their original intended purpose,

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to enact an ordinance repealing such duplicative and unnecessary boards, commissions, committees and agencies,

**WHEREAS**, the Township concludes that the enactment of this ordinance will streamline the municipal code and make governance of the Township more efficient and effective.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that § 2-109, “Cable Television Advisory Committee,” § 2-110, “Citizen’s Award Committee,” and § 2-113, “Abilities Advisory Committee,” of Article V, “Boards, Commissions, Committees and Agencies,” of Chapter 2 “Administration,” are hereby repealed and the Code is amended to read as follows:

Deletions are noted by ~~strike throughs~~

Additions are indicated in **bold underline**

Language that remains unchanged is not highlighted in any way

### SECTION I

~~§ 2-109. CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

~~§ 2-109.1. Committee Established.~~

~~a. There is established within the Township the Cable Television Advisory Committee which shall be solely comprised of eleven (11) Edison Township residents.~~

~~All members shall serve on a staggered basis for a term of three (3) years. Each of the present members currently serving on the Committee shall continue without need for reappointment until expiration of their respective current term.~~

~~b. All members shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed with the advice and consent of the Township Council. Council Liaison shall be annually designated at the reorganization meeting of the Township by the members of Township Council and shall serve ex officio, but without vote. Vacancies other than by the expiration of the term shall be filled in the manner prescribed herein but only for the balance of the unexpired term.~~

~~e. All committee members will be selected from the following areas:~~

~~1. A representative recommended by the youth council;~~

~~2. A representative recommended by the board of education;~~

~~3. A representative recommended by the Township administration;~~

~~4. A representative recommended by the Township Council;~~

~~5. A representative recommended by the Township library board;~~

~~6. A representative recommended by the Township senior citizens clubs;~~

~~7. Four representatives from the general public;~~

~~8. A member of the Township television production staff.~~

~~§ 2-109.2. Terms, Organization and Meetings:~~

~~a. Members of the Cable Television Advisory Committee shall serve for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors are appointed, with the exception that the terms of the existing and new members shall be so constituted as to provide that three (3) members are replaced or reappointed each year.~~

~~b. All members shall serve without financial compensation.~~

~~c. The members of the Committee shall organize annually and adopt bylaws and regulations for the conduct of the business of the Committee. The Committee shall elect members as chair and such other officers as it is deemed advisable for a one (1) year term.~~

~~d. The Committee shall meet once a month, or no less than eight (8) times in a calendar year, and at such other times as the presiding officers, as or a two thirds vote (five) of the committee members, shall direct.~~

~~e. A clerk or secretary may be appointed by the Committee, compensation at a sum to be determined by the Township Council.~~

~~§ 2-109.3. Duties and Responsibilities:~~

~~The Committee shall:~~

~~a. Have the power to establish, amend and supplement its own bylaws, to govern its structure, operations and activities to the extent not inconsistent with this chapter, or any other local, State or Federal regulation or law. The Committee shall make recommendation to the Mayor and Council and to other Township agencies with respect to any matters relating to cable television or telecommunication and video facilities within the Township or County of Middlesex. The Committee shall make an annual report of its activities with recommendations to the Township Council and, at such times as the Township Council shall request or the Committee shall deem desirable. The Committee shall act as liaison between the Township Council and other entities involved in cable or telecommunications in the community;~~

~~b. Review the CATV system franchise in the Township and see to the compliance thereof by the franchise holder;~~

~~c. Encourage and promote the full utilization of the CATV system resources by various public bodies, citizen organizations and the general public;~~

~~d. Encourage and coordinate the use of all available technical equipment and expertise needed by the public and private organizations and private individuals to produce CATV programs;~~

~~e. Examine all possible means of attracting public and private funding which would enhance the public's opportunity to fully benefit from the use of the CATV system;~~

~~f. Apply for and receive public and private funds for the purpose of performing responsibilities under this section. The Committee may disburse, with advice and consent of the Township Council, such stipulated funds as may be donated to the Township for the advancement of specific projects or the general purpose of the Committee;~~

~~g. Propose appropriate procedures to the CATV franchise holder regarding the scheduling and programming of public access, municipal government and educational channels. Any procedures should be so designated as to facilitate the free and open use of these channels, and shall not be in conflict with any existing or future local, State or Federal regulations regarding the public use of the CATV system;~~

~~h. Serve as an advisory body to the Township Council and to the CATV system franchise holder in resolving disputes and citizen complaints relating to the service and the use of public access, municipal or educational channels of the CATV system;~~

~~i. Prepare an annual operation report to the Township Council in cooperation with the franchise holder as to the status and progress of the CATV system for the previous twelve (12) months;~~

~~j. Recommend any changes and improvements in the franchise ordinances, provided that such changes are acceptable to the Township Council, as well as the franchise holder;~~

~~k. Report regularly to the Mayor and Township Council regarding the committee's performance of its responsibilities.~~

#### ~~§ 2-110. CITIZEN'S AWARD COMMITTEE.~~

##### ~~§ 2-110.1. Committee Established.~~

~~There is hereby created the Citizen's Award Committee which shall consist from year to year of four (4) members, namely, the Mayor or his designee, the Chief of Police, Director of Health and a member of the Township Council chosen by the Council.~~

##### ~~§ 2-110.2. Purpose and Function.~~

~~The purpose and function of the Citizen's Award Committee is to tangibly recognize the efforts made by the members of the public at large in law enforcement efforts, specifically the control of illegal dumping and water and air pollution.~~

##### ~~§ 2-110.3. Meetings.~~

~~The Citizen's Award Committee shall meet not less than four (4) times a year to review applications and nominations for recognition of citizen participation in a law enforcement effort.~~

##### ~~§ 2-110.4. Eligibility.~~

~~Any citizen providing information leading to the successful apprehension and prosecution of any person, partnership or corporation for a violation of the graffiti, anti-pollution, sanitation, anti-dumping or littering statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations of the Federal, State, County or municipal government units shall be eligible for recognition by the citizen's award committee.~~

##### ~~§ 2-110.5. Awards.~~

~~Awards voted by the Citizen's Award Committee shall be paid from appropriations made for that purpose, and shall not exceed fifty (50%) percent of the fine or penalty collected, taking into account the seriousness of the offense detected, the difficulty in the apprehension of the violator, the consequences of the offense or prevention thereof, and such other factors as may be appropriate.~~

~~No award shall be made to any individual until a successful prosecution has been completed. For purposes of this section, successful prosecution shall include a voluntary plea of guilty to the offenses charged and the collection of any fine or penalties imposed.~~

#### ~~§ 2-113. ABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE.~~

##### ~~§ 2-113.1. Creation.~~

~~The Edison Township Abilities Advisory Committee is hereby established.~~

##### ~~§ 2-113.2. Purpose.~~

~~The Advisory Committee is established for the purpose of assisting the Township, Mayor and Council, in ensuring that all disabled citizens of the Township are afforded the benefits of the Americans with Disabilities Act, including making recommendations as to how the Township and businesses operating within the Township may better implement the Act.~~

##### ~~§ 2-113.3. Members; Compensation; Terms; Vacancies.~~

~~The Advisory Committee shall consist of nine (9) members appointed by the Mayor. All of the members shall be residents of the Township of Edison. At least one-half (1/2) of the members shall be disabled citizens; one (1) member shall also be a member of the Township Council; the members shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided. The Advisory Committee shall designate a member to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Advisory Committee. The initial terms of the members shall be for one (1), two (2) or three (3) years. The initial appointments shall be made in~~

~~such a manner so that the terms of one third (1/3) of the members shall expire each year. A vacancy on the Advisory Committee occurring otherwise than expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.~~

~~§ 2-113.4. Appropriations.~~

~~The Advisory Committee may incur such expenses as it may from time to time require, after approval by the Business Administrator, providing the same shall be within the limits of funds, if any, appropriated to it by the Township Council or otherwise available to it, and there shall be established in the municipal budget a line item for this Advisory Committee.~~

~~§ 2-113.5. Records and Annual Reports; Meetings.~~

~~The Edison Township Abilities Advisory Committee shall keep records of its meetings and activities and report to the Mayor and Township Council as the Advisory Committee deems advisable and/or as the Mayor and Township Council shall request. The meetings of the Edison Township Abilities Advisory Committee shall be open to the public.~~

**SECTION II**

**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 III**

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

**SECTION IV**

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon this passage and publication in accordance with the law.

**FIRST READING            January 14, 2026**  
**FINAL READING         January 28, 2026**