

Egg Harbor Township

Ordinance No. 5

2026

An ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, entitled “Boards and Commissions,” specifically § 6-140 “Members,” relating to the Environmental Commission

WHEREAS, the Township of Egg Harbor has established an Environmental Commission pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to ensure the continued ability of the Environmental Commission to conduct business in the event of member absences, vacancies, or disqualifications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds it to be in the best interest of the Township to amend the Township Code to formally establish alternate member positions by ordinance in order to promote continuity, quorum availability, and effective operation of the Environmental Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Egg Harbor, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 6 of the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, entitled “Administration of Government,” be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the Code of the Township of Egg Harbor, **Section 6-140, “Members,”** is hereby **deleted in its entirety and replaced** as follows:

§ 6-140 Members.

A. Composition; Appointment; Organization; Terms.

The Environmental Commission shall consist of seven (7) regular members, all of whom shall be appointed by the governing body and shall be residents of the Township.

One (1) regular member shall be a member of the Planning Board, who shall serve as the Planning Board Liaison to the Environmental Commission. The Planning Board Liaison shall be designated annually by the governing body from among the members of the Planning Board.

The members of the Environmental Commission shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided. The Environmental Commission shall organize annually and shall elect a Chair and such other officers as it deems necessary from among its regular members.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms of office of the regular members shall be for three (3) years, and appointments shall be made so as to provide, to the extent practicable, for staggered terms. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor.

B. Alternate Members.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1, the governing body may, by ordinance, provide for the appointment of not more than two (2) alternate members of the Environmental Commission.

Alternate members shall be appointed by the governing body and shall be designated at the time of appointment as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2." Alternate members shall meet the same qualifications as regular members.

The terms of the alternate members shall be for two (2) years, except that the terms of the alternate members first appointed shall be two (2) years for Alternate No. 1 and one (1) year for Alternate No. 2, so that the term of not more than one alternate member shall expire in any one year. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled by the appointing authority for the unexpired term only.

An alternate member shall not be permitted to act on any matter in which the alternate member has, either directly or indirectly, any personal or financial interest. An alternate member may, after public hearing if requested, be removed by the governing body for cause.

Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings of the Environmental Commission but shall not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member. In the event that a choice must be made as to which alternate member shall vote, Alternate No. 1 shall vote first.

C. Removal; Vacancies.

The Mayor or Township Committee may remove any member of the Environmental Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel.

A vacancy on the Environmental Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EGG HARBOR, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2026, AND WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SAID TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL, IN SAID TOWNSHIP ON MARCH 4, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

Dated: February 18, 2026

Attest:

Laura Pfrommer, Mayor

Janice F. Hughes, RMC
Township Clerk