

OFFICIAL**BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS  
ORDINANCE NO. 1107**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, PART 6, OF THE FOREST HILLS BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, TO REPEAL AND RESTATE SECTION 1-621, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, IN ITS ENTIRETY TO REESTABLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH, ITS POWERS, AND DUTIES.

WHEREAS, 53 Pa.C.S. §§2322 *et seq.* (the "General Local Government Code") authorizes the Borough of Forest Hills (the "Borough") to establish an Environmental Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Borough on November 19, 1975, by Ordinance Number 645, codified as Section 1-621 of the Borough of Forest Hills Code of Ordinances, as amended, did establish an Environmental Advisory Council for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor has reviewed the provisions Section 1-621 regarding the Environmental Advisory Council, and has determined it is in the best interest of the Borough to revise the same in accordance with Subchapter B of the General Local Government Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1-621 of Chapter 1 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Administration and Government, is repealed in its entirety and restated as follows:

**§1-621 Environmental Advisory Council.**

1. An Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), to be known as the "Forest Hills Environmental Advisory Council," is hereby established. The Environmental Advisory Council shall maintain the Borough Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary and shall possess all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities and duties provided by the Environmental Advisory Councils Law, 53 P.S. § 2321-2329 as amended.
2. The purpose of the EAC shall be to advise Borough Council regarding improvements and future use, reasonable improvements and maintenance, enhancements, and projects that improve the natural green space and preservation of the bird and wildlife sanctuary, borough arboretums, all parks, borough property and green spaces.
3. The chairperson of the EAC shall serve as liaison to Borough Council.
4. The EAC shall work with other borough committees and groups to enhance, maintain, and preserve all borough owned green space and its members shall be aware of the powers and duties granted to other committees established by council to avoid duplication of effort.
5. The EAC's advice will be taken into consideration by council prior to motions or actions taken involving borough property green space when such advice is available to council.
6. The EAC shall be notified prior to committee discussions and/or council votes which involve borough parks, sanctuaries, arboretums, and green space modification such that the committee has at least one month to consider and advise on any action.
7. EAC Members are encouraged to attend council meetings and shall receive via email the agendas of borough property and council meetings which involve the listed borough properties and green space already mentioned.
8. The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of not less than three nor more than seven persons, all of whom shall be residents of the Borough. Council shall give preference to those with relevant experience and expertise in environmental advocacy and knowledge. Appointments of the

members of the Environmental Advisory Council shall be made by motion of the Borough Council for a term of three years.

9. The Environmental Advisory Council shall meet at least monthly, at its discretion and shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make a written report annually to the Borough Council at its regularly scheduled public meeting during September.
10. The EAC shall elect its officers annually from among its members. A chairperson and secretary of the committee shall be elected.
11. The EAC shall establish bylaws and reasonable rules and regulations for administration of its business, which bylaws, rules and regulations shall become effective upon approval thereof by Borough Council.
12. Borough Council may appoint at least one, but no more than three residents of the Borough to serve as alternate members of the Environmental Advisory Council. Appointments of alternate members of the Environmental Advisory Council shall be made by motion of the Borough Council for a term of three years.
13. If, by reason of absence or disqualification of a member, or members, a quorum or a full complement of members is not reached, the Chairperson of the Environmental Advisory Council shall designate as many alternate members to sit on the Environmental Advisory Council as may be needed to provide a quorum or a full complement of members. Any alternate member shall continue to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council only so long as deemed necessary by the Chairperson. When seated pursuant to the provisions of this section, an alternate shall be entitled to participate in all proceedings and discussions of the Environmental Advisory Council to the same and full extent as provided by law for Environmental Advisory Council members, including specifically the right to cast a vote as a voting member and shall have all the powers and duties set forth in this section and as otherwise provided by law. Any alternate may participate in any proceeding or discussion of the Environmental Advisory Council but shall not be entitled to vote as a member unless designated as a voting alternate member by the Chairperson pursuant to this section.
14. Vacancies during a term shall be filled by an alternate member selected by the Chairperson upon approval made by motion of the Borough Council. If an alternate member is not willing to fill a vacancy, the Borough Council shall appoint a resident of the Borough to fill the vacancy.
15. The Environmental Advisory Council will review Environmental impact statements submitted to the Zoning Officer. All environmental impact statements required by this Code of Ordinances and other Borough ordinances or regulations (i.e., conditional use applications, planned residential development applications, and subdivision and land development applications) shall be reviewed by the Environmental Advisory Council according to the procedures set forth in § 22-315.

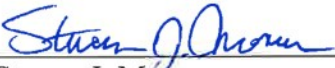
**SECTION 2.** All prior ordinances are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

**ORDAINED and ENACTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, by the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills in lawful session duly assembled.

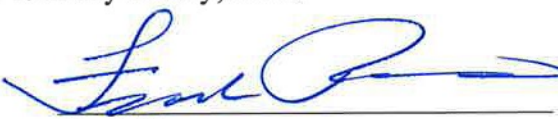
ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS

  
 Steven J. Morus  
 Borough Manager  
 (Seal)

By:   
 Markus Erbedinger  
 President, Borough Council

**EXAMINED and APPROVED** this 19th day of July, 2023.

  
 Frank Porco  
 Mayor