

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

ORDINANCE 2020-16

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 17A OF THE MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP CODE
ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE"**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 2020-14 the Township Committee of Mansfield Township repealed former Mansfield Township Code Chapter 17A which had established an Environmental Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-27 provides that, after the appointment of the planning board, the mayor may appoint one or more persons as An Environmental Citizens Advisory Committee to assist or collaborate with the Planning Board in its duties; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of Ordinance 2020-5 the Township Committee created a consolidated Land Use Board, whereby, as permitted by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law, the Mansfield Township Planning Board exercises, to the same extent and subject to the same restrictions, all the powers of the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee finds that replacing the Environmental Commission with the Environmental Citizens Advisory Committee to assist the Planning Board and to collaborate with the Planning Board in its duties will further make the processing of land development applications more efficient and provide an appropriate and necessary method for citizen participation in the planning board process, including environmental matters, and is, therefore, in the overall best interests of the Township and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION ONE: Pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-27, the Township Committee hereby creates an Environmental Citizens Advisory Committee to assist or collaborate with the Planning Board in its duties, to be codified as Chapter 17A of the Mansfield Township Code.

SECTION TWO: Pursuant to the statute, the Mayor shall appoint one or more persons to serve on said Environmental Citizens Advisory Committee, and said person or persons shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

SECTION THREE: Pursuant to the statute, the member or members of the Environmental Citizens Advisory Committee shall assist or collaborate with the Planning Board in its duties, but shall have no power to vote or take other action required by the Planning Board.

REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. Any and all Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency
- B. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

CERTIFICATION

I, **LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR**, Township Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of an Ordinance which was introduced on September 30, 2020 and duly adopted on second reading by the by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield on October 21, 2020.

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk

INTRO: 9/30/20 Adopted: 10/21/20