

**BOROUGH OF PROSPECT PARK
COUNTY OF PASSAIC**

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-16

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Prospect Park strive to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally, and socially; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to build a model government which benefits Prospect Park residents now and far into the future with Green Community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to focus on “green” issues, the Mayor and Council have determined to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Prospect Park, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, that it hereby establishes a Green Team Advisory Committee for the purposes of advising and recommending to the Mayor and Council improved municipal operations with green initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Council of the Borough of Prospect Park that the Code of the Borough of Prospect Park is hereby amended to provide for the creation of the Green Team Advisory Committee as follows:

Section 1 Intent

It is the intent of this Ordinance to establish an advisory committee with the responsibility to research potential sustainable practices, including but not limited to, renewable energy, energy conservation, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, cost savings and other environmentally beneficial practices and to report and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

Section 2 Establishment

There is hereby created an Advisory Committee which shall be known as the “Green Team Advisory Committee.” The Green Team Advisory Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, not including the Mayor, who may serve in an ex-officio capacity. Membership of the Green Team shall be as follows: the Borough Administrator; the DPW Superintendent; a Member of the Prospect Park Police Department; a Member of the Prospect Park Fire Department; an employee and/or official of the Prospect Park Board of Education; a Member of the Borough Council; and a resident of the Borough of Prospect Park. The term of the resident membership of the Green Team Advisory Committee shall be for a term of three (3) years to be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Borough Council. The remaining members of the Green Team Advisory Committee shall be appointed annually by the Mayor with the consent of the Council. In the

event, a member of the Green Team Advisory Committee ceases their employment and/or tenure with the Borough of Prospect Park or the Prospect Park Board of Education, their membership on the Green Team Advisory Committee shall be terminated and their position be deemed vacant. In the case of a vacancy on the Green Team Advisory Committee, the Mayor shall appoint with the consent of the Borough Council a replacement.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities

The Duties and responsibilities of the Green Team Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

- A. At its initial meeting and its annual reorganization meeting, designate a Chairperson and a Secretary who shall keep minutes of the Committee's meetings. The Chairperson and Secretary shall serve for a term of one year. The Green Team may elect, from among themselves, other officers it deems fit and shall establish rules and procedures for its members to follow.
- B. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical, environmental and financial sense.
- C. Develop and recommend to the Mayor and Council for implementation sustainable "green" initiatives in municipal operations.
- D. Study and advise the Borough on issues of environmental and energy sustainability and the Sustainable Jersey Program
- E. Collaborate with Borough employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the intent of the Green Team.
- F. Encourage participation of all employees and residents to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
- G. Serve as a liaison and communicate with the public, private agencies and organizations of local, state, and national scope, whose programs and activities have an impact on "green" initiatives.
- H. Shall meet on at least a quarterly basis to discuss and carry out its duties and responsibilities.
- I. Review, evaluate and report to the Mayor and/or Council relating to "green" initiatives. The Green Team shall report annually suggested practices for "green: municipal operations and sources of funding for the potential implementation.
- J. Carry out such other duties as may be assigned to the Green Team Advisory Committee by the Mayor and/or Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that all prior ordinances, or sections of ordinances, inconsistent with the within ordinance are hereby repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

**Introduction and First Reading:
October 16, 2023**

COUNCIL MEMBER	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Hussain		✓	✓			
Artis			✓			
Daghstani			✓			
Ortiz			✓			
Perez						✓
Shah	✓		✓			

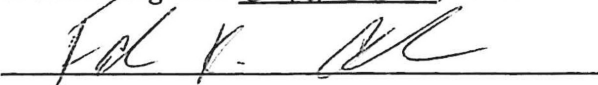
Second and Final Reading of Ordinance Adoption:

December 18, 2023

COUNCIL MEMBER	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Hussain		✓	✓			
Artis						✓
Daghstani			✓			
Ortiz			✓			
Perez			✓			
Shah	✓		✓			


Mohamed Khairullah, Mayor
 Prospect Park, NJ

**This Ordinance was duly passed on second and final reading
 by the Council of the Borough of Prospect Park
 at a meeting held December 18, 2023.**


Fahim K. Abedrabbo
Acting Municipal Clerk