

TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE No. 24-8

An Ordinance of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, amending and updating *The Code of the Township of Raritan* to establish new Chapter 15 to be entitled “Business Development Advisory Committee.”

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** Part I entitled “Administrative Legislation” of *The Code of the Township of Raritan* is hereby supplemented and amended to add new Chapter 15 to be entitled “Business Development Advisory Committee” to read as follows:

**Chapter 15. Business Development Advisory Committee.**

**§15-1. Purpose.**

In order to make the Township of Raritan more business-friendly and promote commercial activity and growth within the Township; to analyze methods and programs to promote business and commercial development; and to advise the governing body on how to accomplish such goal, there is hereby established and created by this Chapter an advisory committee to be known as the “Business Development Advisory Committee of the Township of Raritan.”

**§15-2. Appointments; Membership; and Qualifications.**

- A. The Business Development Advisory Committee so created shall consist of two (2) Township Committee persons to be nominated and appointed by the Township Committee; the Township Planner, and two (2) to six (6) representatives of the business community in the Township to be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Committee. Representatives of the business community shall include business owners or corporate officers of businesses that are located and/or headquartered within the physical limits of the Township of Raritan. Each member shall be chosen with consideration to their qualifications and fitness for service in the commercial business and industry, and shall be conversant with the business climate of the Township of Raritan. The number of representatives of the business community members of the Committee is at the discretion of the Mayor.
- B. The terms of membership of the Township Committee and Township Planner members shall be for a term one (1) year. The terms of membership for the representatives of the business community shall be for a term of three (3) years. All terms shall begin as of January 1 of the year of their appointment and expire on December 31 of the last year of their term.

- C. In January of each year, the Business Development Advisory Committee shall select from its members one member to serve as its Chairperson, one member to serve as its Vice Chairperson, and one person to serve as its Secretary, who shall all served for a period of one year.
- D. Vacancy. Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of the term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment for such member.
- E. All members and officers of the Business Development Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.

**§15-3. Powers and Duties.**

- A. The Business Development Advisory Committee shall perform the following functions and duties:
  - 1. Review and advise the Township Committee on impacts to businesses and the business environment from ordinances, zoning, regulations and administrative functions of the Township government;
  - 2. Review and consider land use issues, zoning regulations and ordinances that may contribute to the financial success of local businesses;
  - 3. Make recommendations for changes to Township ordinances and/or policies that would assist businesses to be successful and grow within the Township;
  - 4. Conduct studies and analyze the business needs within the Township, including the surrounding municipalities, advise of the best practices that promote commercial activity;
  - 5. Monitor unused, vacant or underutilized commercial properties within the Township and investigate economically-advantageous uses for such properties;
  - 6. Advise the Township Committee and administration on the availability of grant programs and economic initiatives; and
  - 7. Make recommendations to the Township Committee with regard to any purchase or contract for the promotion of business development within the Township, with the final decision left to the sole discretion of the Township Committee; and
  - 8. Make an annual report to the Township Committee during December of each year setting forth, in detail, its operations and recommendations covering the preceding twelve (12) months.
- B. The Business Development Advisory Committee shall not have any powers or authorities other than those set forth herein. Specifically, the Committee shall not have the power or authority to expend public funds, pledge the credit of the Township or enter into contracts on behalf of itself or the Township.

**§15-4. Meetings.**

- A. As an advisory committee, meetings of the Business Development Advisory Committee is not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act; however, is encouraged to obtain input from the public in a manner as the Committee deems appropriate for the circumstances.
- B. A majority of the existing membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the holding of a meeting of the Committee.

**Section 2.** If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

**Section 3.** In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Raritan, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern, and the inconsistencies of the prior ordinance are hereby repealed. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Township of Raritan are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon: (i) adoption; and (ii) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

**CERTIFICATION**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the attached Ordinance was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey on second reading at their meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822 on April 16, 2024.

Donna Kukla, RMC  
Raritan Township Clerk