AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2. "ADMINISTRATION", ARTICLE IX. "COMMITTEES; BOARDS; COMMISSIONS", SECTION 2-39, "ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission was established as an advisory board of the Township to provide advice, information and guidance on the protection, development and use of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission was established in 1978, over forty-five years ago; and

WHEREAS, the current work of the Commission calls for modification to its scope and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Sparta was amended on or about September 7, 2023 so as to include a Student Liaison on the Environmental Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Sparta Township Council desires to further amend Section 2-39, "Environmental Commission" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Sparta to establish the unique term of office for the Student Liaison as reflected within this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sparta Township Council, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 2. "Administration", Article IX. "Committees; Boards; Commissions", Section 2-39, "Environmental Commission" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Sparta is amended as follows:

Section 1: Section 2-39.2. "Membership; Terms", subpart "f" is repealed and replaced as follows:

- f. The Commission may, in its discretion, nominate a Student Liaison member from one of the high schools serving Sparta Township. The Student Liaison shall be:
 - i. Preferably be a member of the environmental or ecology club at their high school;
 - ii. An uncompensated volunteer;
 - iii. A Sparta resident;
 - iv. A non-voting member;
 - v. 16 years of age or older;
 - vi. Appointed by the Mayor; and
 - vii. Serve for no longer than one (1) year.

The term of membership for the Student Liaison shall be for one year, from September 1 to August 31.

The Commission's Chairperson shall determine the process for the student liaison submission and selection, along with such other applicable details.

Section 2: Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey, held on January 23, 2024. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, in the Township of Sparta, on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M., and during the preceding week copies of the ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building to members of the general public.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC MUNICIPAL CLERK

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on January 19, 2024. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

ROXANNE LANDY, RMC MUNICIPAL CLERK