

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
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**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES TO BE KNOWN AS THE GREEN TEAM.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Section 2-44 entitled “(Reserved)” of Article V entitled “Boards, Committees, and Commissions” of Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” of The Code of the Borough of Watchung is hereby supplemented and amended to establish and codify the Borough’s advisory committee on sustainable practices known as the “Green Team” to read as follows:

Chapter 2. Administration.

Article V. Boards, Committees, and Commissions

§2-44. ~~(Reserved)~~ Green Team Advisory Committee

§2-44.1. Purpose; Established.

In order to assist the Borough of Watchung to be more environmentally and “green” friendly, and preserve and promote the Borough’s sustainable and “green” practices, economically, socially and environmentally, there is hereby established and created an advisory committee on sustainable and “green” practices to be known as the “Green Team Advisory Committee” of the Borough of Watchung.

§2-44.2. Appointments; Membership; and Qualifications.

- A. The Green Team Advisory Committee so created shall consist of seven (7) total members, who shall be employees and/or residents of the Borough. All members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Borough Council. Each member shall be chosen with consideration to their qualifications and fitness for service with regard to sustainable practices and environmental preservation.
- B. The terms of membership 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. Initially appointments to the Green Team Advisory Committee shall be staggered so that no more than 3 members are to be appointed/reappointed in any year.
- C. In January of each year, the Green Team Advisory Committee shall select from its members one member to serve as its Chairperson, one member to serve as its Vice

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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 Green Team Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.
- F. The Mayor may elect a liaison from the Borough Council, with the advice and consent of the Council, to the Green Team Advisory Committee.

§2-44.3. Powers and Duties.

- A. The Green Team Advisory Committee shall perform the following functions and duties:
 - 1. Review and advise the Mayor and Borough Council on green initiatives and environmental impacts to the community from ordinances, zoning, regulations and administrative functions of the Borough government;
 - 2. Make recommendations for changes to Borough ordinances and/or policies that would assist with the Borough's economic, social and environmental sustainability, and advise of the best practices that promote such activity;
 - 3. Conduct community and educational programs studies to promote sustainable energy and responsible waste management practices;
 - 4. Assist the Borough in achieving certifications from Sustainable Jersey, including any and all required registration with Sustainable Jersey or other similar State program;
 - 5. Advise the Mayor, Borough Council, and administration on the availability of grant programs and economic initiatives relating to sustainable practices; and
 - 6. Make recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council with regard to any purchase or contract for the promotion of sustainable practices within the Borough, with the final decision whether to enter or award such purchase or contract being at the sole discretion of the governing body;
 - 7. Carry out other related duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Borough Council.
 - 8. Make an annual report to the Mayor and Borough Council during December of each year setting forth, in detail, its operations and recommendations covering the preceding twelve (12) months.

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- B. The Green Team 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 Borough or enter into contracts on behalf of itself or the Borough.

§2-44.4. Meetings.

- A. As an advisory committee, meetings of the Green Team 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. The Green Team Advisory Committee shall keep accurate minutes of its meetings and activities; and approved minutes shall be filed with the Borough Clerk.
- C. A majority of the membership of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the holding of a meeting of the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that in the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of Watchung, 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 Borough of Watchung are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the County of the Borough of Watchung that within five (5) days after its adoption by the Council, this Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for his approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of

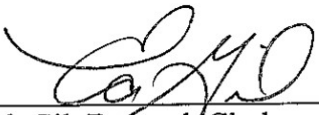
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receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d). If the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance with either his approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to him, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Watchung that this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law; and approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5(d).

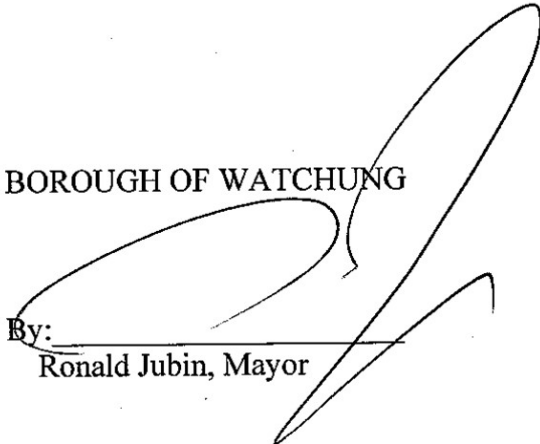
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CC: GREEN TEAM, W. HANCE,
GENERAL CODE

ATTEST:



Edith Gil, Borough Clerk

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By: _____
Ronald Jubin, Mayor