

Ordinance No 30-2016

**ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING THE HARRISON
TOWNSHIP GREEN TEAM AS A PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee for a Green Future of the New Jersey League of Municipalities has promulgated and published a municipal certification program and organization called 'Sustainable New Jersey' ("Sustainable Jersey"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Sustainable Jersey is to enlist municipalities in a concerted and organized state-wide effort to improve the environment and promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison Township Committee ("Township Committee") initially supported registration in the Sustainable Jersey program pursuant to Resolution 198-2016; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee now wishes to establish the Greene Team as a permanent advisory committee of the Township of Harrison ("Township").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harrison, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey.

FIRST: Establishment:

The Harrison Township Green Team be and is hereby established as an advisory committee to the Harrison Township Committee.

SECOND: Purpose:

The General Purpose for the Green Team shall include but not limited to:

- (a) Managing Harrison Township's participation in the Sustainable Jersey program;
- (b) Encouraging the Township staff to pursue sustainable practices where possible and implement the Township Committee's environmental goals;
- (c) At the recommendation of the Township Committee, work with the existing groups within the Township whose actions effect environmental issues so as to eliminate duplication and assure that important tasks are covered;
- (d) Coordinate input and provide management for the any website or social media accounts for the Township's Sustainability Program;
- (e) Provide suggestions for further research and action to the Township Committee;
- (f) At the direction of the Township Committee, provide advice and suggestions to the Township Joint Land Use Board and the Township Historic Preservation Commission to assure that environmental issues are considered in their deliberations and actions;
- (g) Create, Manage and organize various ad hoc environmental groups within the Township;
- (h) Solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community;
- (i) Promote the cause of sustainability within the Township;
- (j) To apply for and receive grants and/or donations which shall be utilized to promote sustainability.

THIRD: Membership, Term of Office:

The Harrison Township Committee shall appoint seven (7) Township residents to serve as the Green Team. The Green Team shall elect from among its members a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Initially, three (3) members shall be appointed to a three (3) year term, two (2) members to a two (2) year term and two (2) members to a one (1) year term. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three (3) years. Additionally, a member of the Township Committee and the Township Administrator shall serve as ex officio members of the green Team. Ex officio members shall not vote.

Four (4) alternate members may also be appointed by the Township Committee, and their terms shall be two (2) years each, computed from January 1 of the year of their appointment. They shall be designated by the Township Committee at the time of their appointment as "Alternate No. 1", "Alternate No. 2", "Alternate No. 3" and "Alternate No. 4". Alternate members may participate in discussions with the Green Team, but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member.

A vacancy occurring in either type of membership otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

A vacancy occurring in a member position shall be offered to the individual occupying the position in "Alternate No. 1". If denied or that position is vacant, the position shall be offered to the individual occupying the position in "Alternate No. 2". If denied or that position is vacant, the position shall be offered to the individual occupying the position in "Alternate No. 3". If denied or that position is vacant, the position shall be offered to the individual occupying the position in "Alternate No. 4". If no alternate member accepts the member position, then the Green Team shall interview and appoint a non-member to a member position.

The Green Team may select Township volunteers to work on the Green Team projects.

The names of the Green Team volunteers shall periodically be submitted to the Township and the Green Team committee reports, minutes, etc. shall also be submitted to the Township Committee.

FOURTH: Annual Report to Township Committee:

By December 20th of each year, the Green Team shall submit a detailed written report to the Township Committee. The annual report shall provide an evaluation of the Green Team initiatives and sustainable practices during the prior eleven (11) months. The report may also include recommendations to the Township Committee for sustainable practices in the upcoming year.

FIFTH: Meetings:

The Green Team shall meet monthly.

Additional meetings of the Green Team may be scheduled by the Chair at his/her discretion

SIXTH: Severability

If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SEVENTH: Repeal of Prior Ordinance

Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.

EIGHTH: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication and as provided by law.

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON

**BY: _____
DENNIS CLOWNEY, MAYOR**

ATTEST:

DIANE L. MALLOY, Municipal Clerk

NOTICE

The Ordinance published herein was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Harrison, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, held on November 21, 2016. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing hereon, at a meeting of said Mayor and Committee to be held in the Township's Municipal Building, 114 Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062, in the Township, on December 5, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office at the Municipal Building, 114 Bridgeton Pike, in the Township, to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

DIANE L. MALLOY
Municipal Clerk