

TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY

ORDINANCE # 01-21-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANBURY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, adopted Resolution # R-06-20-077 on June 8, 2020, establishing an ad hoc Economic Development Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee reviewed the year-end report of the ad hoc Economic Development Advisory Committee and determined their efforts to be insightful and valuable;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee continues to recognize that the Township of Cranbury has a strong business presence which can be made stronger with the formal input of the Township's business leaders;

WHEREAS, Section 2-8 of the Cranbury Township Code enables the Township Committee to establish standing committees for various purposes, and requires that the powers and duties of any such committees be set forth in the Cranbury Township Code;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to formalize and codify the Economic Development Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 42, entitled "Economic Development Advisory Committee," shall be added to the Cranbury Township Code, as follows:

§ 42-1 Establishment. The "Economic Development Advisory Committee" is hereby established to advise the Township Committee on issues related to economic development in the Township.

§ 42-2 Purpose.

- A. Maintain a baseline snapshot of the current state of Cranbury's businesses and industries.
- B. Explore ways to stimulate sustainable economic growth in the Township of Cranbury.
- C. Study and analyze various businesses, industries and professions with a view toward ascertaining the opportunities for expansion of such businesses and industries within the Township.

- D. Collaborate with local business associations and the Middlesex County Office of Economic Development and Business Engagement.
- E. Research the availability of and prepare applications for grants and/or funding, subject to the approval of the Township Committee, which would help facilitate economic development.
- F. Report semi-annually to the Township Committee on the state of the Township's business community with recommendations for improvement.

§ 42-3 Membership; terms; vacancies.

- A. The Cranbury Economic Development Advisory Committee shall consist of seven persons, each of whom shall be a Cranbury Township resident and/or a business owner in the Township of Cranbury, to be appointed by the Township Committee. At least one member shall also be a member of the Cranbury Business Association. The members shall be appointed for terms of two years, except that three of the seven members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee first appointed shall serve one year terms.
- B. The Township Committee shall designate one of its members to act as one of the seven members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, who shall also serve as the Committee's chairperson.

§ 42-4 Meetings; bylaws; quorum.

- A. The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall meet at the request of the chairperson.
- B. All meetings of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be informal and shall not require a quorum or notice.
- C. The advice, work product or decisions of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall not be binding and shall be provided to the Township Committee on a strictly advisory basis.
- D. No formal record or minutes of the Economic Development Advisory Committee are required, but may be kept at the request of the chairperson.
- E. The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall have the authority, in its discretion, to request information from outside sources, including residents and members of the business community, provided that no cost shall inure to the Township as a result.

§ 42-5 Semi-Annual Report. The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall report on a semi-annual basis to the Township Committee on its works and the extent to which it is carrying out the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

Section 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction,

such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption in any publication as required by law.

This Ordinance was introduced on First Reading on January 11, 2021 at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Cranbury, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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MUNICIPAL CLERK