

**TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS  
MORRIS COUNTY – NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 25-21**

AMENDING CHAPTER 9 ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES", ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AS ARTICLE X ENTITLED "SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris as follows:

SECTION ONE: There is hereby created a new article in Chapter 9 to be known as Article X entitled "Senior Citizens Advisory Committee"

§ 9-55. Establishment.

**The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is hereby established to be known as "the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee of the Township of Morris" (hereafter referred to as "the Committee"). The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members.**

§ 9-56. Purpose and responsibilities.

**Purpose and responsibilities:**

- A. To make recommendations to the Township Committee regarding the needs of senior citizens and assist in fulfilling those needs; in the areas of recreation, transportation, housing, medical care, Meals on Wheels, and related issues affecting seniors.
- B. The Committee will provide information to the Township Committee on these special needs.
- C. The Committee will submit a report to the Township Committee at the end of each calendar year concerning ongoing activities. In addition, the Committee shall regularly circulate to the Township Committee copies of its meeting minutes. All records, reports, and data shall be available to the Committee for inspection at any time.
- D. The Committee will hold a minimum of four public meetings annually which shall be open to the public pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act<sup>1</sup> and shall take place at the Morris Township Municipal Building unless otherwise noted. There shall be an annual meeting for Committee organization to be held during January of each year.

**1. Editor's Note: See N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.**

§ 9-57. Membership.

- A. Membership shall consist of 9 members. All members of the Committee shall serve without compensation. The Committee shall be comprised of the following persons appointed by the Township Committee:
  - (1) One (1) liaison member of the Township Committee (ex officio).
  - (2) Seven (7) regular members who are residents of the Township.
  - (3) President or President's Designee of the Morris Township Seniors Club.
- B. The Township Committee shall have the right to appoint nonvoting advisory

members with special abilities and expertise beneficial to the Committee's objectives.

§ 9-58. Voting powers, quorum, and limitation of powers.

- A. A majority of the voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- B. The Committee is specifically prohibited from exercising any power of condemnation or eminent domain, from pledging the credit of the municipality, and from creating any debt against the municipality.
- C. The Committee shall have no authority to expend any money, incur any expense, or commit the Township of Morris to the expenditure of any money unless and until the same shall have been specifically authorized and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris.

§ 9-59. Township departmental assistance.

- A. General. Subject to limitations as may hereinafter be determined by the Township Committee, in so far as may be practicable, the employees and professional staff of the Township of Morris, including the Township Attorney, shall be available to assist the Committee in the performance of its duties.
- B. Procedure. All requests for employee or professional staff assistance shall be made to the Township Administrator. Any project that requires substantial assistance from the Township staff and professionals shall be reviewed by the full Committee and said assistance shall be approved by the Township Committee prior to commencement of the project.

§ 9-60. Terms of office.

- A. The Township Committee liaison shall serve annually.
- B. The seven (7) resident members shall serve for a term of one calendar year.
- C. The President of the Morris Township Seniors Club shall, for the duration of their term with the Morris Township Seniors Club, have the authority each year to either personally serve on the Committee or appoint a designee. The President shall make this one-year appointment at the beginning of each calendar year.
- D. The Township Committee shall, initially, designate one of the members as Chairperson, and the Committee shall select a Secretary to record minutes. Thereafter, in subsequent years, the Committee shall annually select by majority vote a Chairperson and Secretary. The Chairperson shall call the initial meeting of the Committee within 90 days of the adoption of this chapter. Thereafter, the Committee shall establish its meeting schedule, which shall be duly published.

§ 9-61. Vacancies.

**Any vacancy occurring by reason of the death, resignation, or removal of any member shall be filled for the unexpired term by means of an appointment by the Township Committee Pursuant to Chapter 9, Article VI of the Township Code.**

§ 9-62. Reporting responsibilities.

**The Committee shall submit an annual report to Township Committee.**

§ 9-63. Conflict of interest.

- A. Disclosure of interest. No Committee member shall have or shall acquire any interest, direct or indirect, personal or financial, in any project which the Committee is promoting or in any contract or proposed contract for materials or services or in any lease, mortgage, sale, or contract of any nature whatsoever relating to any such project or to the Committee without forthwith making written disclosure to the Committee of the nature and extent of the interest. Such disclosure shall be entered in writing upon the minutes of the Committee.
- B. Voting. No Committee member having an interest as described herein shall vote on matters directly relating to such interest.

SECTION TWO: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION THREE: All ordinances of the Township of Morris which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR: This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication thereof as provided by law.

INTRO: 08-18-2021

ADOPTED: