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TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH Effective: 5/25/16

**ORDINANCE NO. 1778**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH CHAPTER II  
ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH SECTION 2-21 THEREOF ENTITLED THE  
ACCESS FOR ALL IN MAHWAH COMMISSION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, Bergen County, New Jersey that Chapter II of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township be and hereby is amended so as to establish Section 2-21 thereof entitled The Access for All In Mahwah Commission as follows:

***Section 1.***

**2-21.1 Creation.**

There is hereby established within the Township The Access for All in Mahwah Commission.

**2-21.2 Purposes.**

The Access for All in Mahwah Commission shall consider, deal with and provide advice and counsel to the Mayor and Council of the Township of Mahwah as to the concerns of disabled or access challenged persons, barrier-free facilities, recreational opportunities, employment practices and the like and general and specific compliance with the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act and any appropriate legislation dealing with the subject matter thereof. The Commission shall explore, develop and coordinate educational and social activities within the Township in partnership with other organizations and municipalities, that are considered beneficial for residents with disabilities

**2-21.3 Functions and Duties.**

(a) The Access for All in Mahwah Commission shall be constituted to meet at least quarterly, shall by a majority vote select a chairman to serve for a one-year period, such selection to be made each year and shall act pursuant to by-laws to be created by

the Commission and adopted by a majority vote thereof within ninety (90) days from the formation of The Access for All in Mahwah Commission and approved by the Township Council.

(b) The record of proceedings of commission meetings shall be kept, and such record as well as any recommendations or advice of the Commission to the Mayor and Township Council, which shall be provided to the Mayor and Township Council no later than sixty (60) days after each meeting.

(c) All actions of the Commission shall be passed by a majority vote of all members.

#### **2-21.4 Members.**

(a) Twenty (20) voting members, of which at least one (1) shall be from the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works, Emergency Service, the Director of the Department of Human Services, a member of the Housing Commission and a member of the School Board in addition to residents of the Township with disabilities, or parents of a child with a disability or a resident family member who is the caregiver of a person with a disability. Appointments shall be made by the Mayor with the consent of Council.

(b) The specific appointments to the aforesaid Commission shall be made by the Mayor with the consent of the Township Council for three-year terms. Initial terms shall be staggered as follows:

- Seven (7) members shall be appointed to a one-year term
- Seven (7) members shall be appointed to a two-year term
- Six (6) members shall be appointed to a three-year term

(b) The Commission shall have the right to appoint volunteer, non-voting members. The Commission may appoint as many of these members as is deemed appropriate.

#### **2-21.5 Solicitations.**

The Commission shall have the right to solicit corporate sponsors to underwrite programs. All sponsorships and associated details shall be approved by the Council.

Funds raised through solicitations must be earmarked for specific purposes and the Commission must provide a full annual accounting of same.

**Section 2.** All other sections of Chapter II not revised herein remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** Should any part, portion or provision of this ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

**Section 4.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and final passage according to law.