

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-3

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE VERONA GREEN TEAM AS
A PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayors' 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 Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona initially created the Green Team by Resolution No. 31 of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now wish to establish the Green Team as a permanent advisory committee of the Township of Verona.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Verona, County of Essex, New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a Chapter 45 (Sustainable Jersey Green Team) of the Code of the Township of Verona to read as follows:

§ 45-1. Establishment:

There is hereby established a Sustainable Jersey Green Team in the Township of Verona as an advisory committee for the purposes set forth in this Chapter.

§ 45-2. Purpose:

- A. The General purposes for the Green Team shall include but not be limited to:
1. Managing Verona's participation in the Sustainable Jersey program;
 2. Encouraging the Township residents and employees to pursue sustainable practices where possible and implement the Township's environmental goals;
 3. 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;
 4. Coordinate input for the Sustainable Verona webpage;
 5. Provide suggestions for further research and actions;
 6. Provide advice and suggestions to the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Environmental Commission, Historic Preservation Commission and the Shade Tree Commission to assure that environmental issues are considered in their deliberations and actions;
 7. Manage and organize various ad hoc environmental groups within the Township;
 8. Solicit and evaluate environmental ideas and suggestions from the community;
 9. Promote the causes of sustainability within the Township.

§ 45-3. Membership, Term of Office:

- A. The Green Team shall consist of fifteen (15) members including the

following:

1. Township manager or the manager's designee in the absence of the manager;
 2. A member of the governing body to be appointed by it;
 3. A member of the Environmental Commission to be appointed by it;
 4. A member of the Shade Tree Commission to be appointed by it;
 5. Three (3) full time salaried employees of the Township;
 6. Eight (8) public members who shall be residents of the Township.
- B. The term of the Township Manager, the full time employees of the Township shall correspond to their respective tenure or if the member is the respective official's designee in the absence of the respective official, the designee shall serve at the pleasure of the official during the official's tenure. The term of the governing body member, the member of the Environmental Commission and the member of the Shade Tree Commission shall be for one year or terminate at the completion of their respective terms of office, whichever occurs first. The Public members shall be appointed by the Mayor & Council and shall serve for terms of one (1) year commencing on July 1 and terminating on June 30.
- C. The Mayor and Council shall designate one (1) of the members to serve as Chairman of the Green Team.
- D. With the exception of the salaried employees of the Township, the members shall serve without compensation.

§ 45-4. Meetings:

- A. The Green Team shall meet at the discretion of the Chairman at least once per calendar quarter.

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of this 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.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

ATTEST:


JENNIFER KIERNAN
TOWNSHIP CLERK

NOTICE

I hereby certify that the aforementioned ordinance was published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times, a newspaper published in the County of Essex and circulated in the Township of Verona, in the issue of February 9, 2017 and March 2, 2017.

JENNIFER KIERNAN
TOWNSHIP CLERK

INTRODUCTION: February 6, 2017
ADOPTION: February 21, 2017
EFFECTIVE DATE: March 22, 2017