

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #16-18 was introduced and passed on first reading on regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 19th day of July, 2016, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 16th day of August, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk
Borough of Westwood

ORDINANCE 16-18
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6
BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS TO ADD
ARTICLE VII SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that Chapter 6 Boards, Committees and Commissions of the Code of the Borough of Westwood be hereby amended to include the following:

Section 1. Chapter 6. Boards, Committees and Commissions

Article VII. Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

§6-35. Establishment.

There is hereby established a Senior Citizen Advisory Committee for the Borough of Westwood, to be known as the “Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) of the Borough of Westwood.

§6-36. Purpose.

The mission of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) is to provide general recommendations to the Governing Body in matters related to Borough services, infrastructure, and social services that are unique to the boroughs Senior Citizen Residents. To promote and encourage seniors to participate in all aspects of community life, to the best of their ability. The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee provides a conduit for information among the Mayor and Council, the senior center and relevant community-based groups. SCAC identifies needs relevant to the senior population such as recreation, transportation, housing, nutrition and medical care, and recommends programs and strategies to implement solutions.

- The purpose of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is to advise the Mayor and Council of senior programs to be implemented as well as their progress and success and to evaluate and make recommendations for any senior citizen

opportunities at the request of the Mayor and/or Council. The goal of the SCAC is to champion issues relevant to the age-friendliness of Westwood.

- The SCAC may modify their mission statement upon the annual reorganization of the Committee and the approval of the Mayor and Council.
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§6-37. Membership; terms of office; vacancies.

A. The SCAC shall be made up of seven full members who made up of no less than five (5) residents (age 55 and older), and two (2) employees or professionals of the Borough of Westwood and the Westwood House. The committee shall also have 2 alternate members (age 55 and older) bring the total number of full and alternate members to nine (9). The members of the SCAC shall be appointed by the Mayor with consent of the council in the following manner: three people shall be appointed for a one year term; three people shall be appointed for a two year term; and three people shall be appointed for a three year term. All appointments thereafter shall be for a three-year term. One Councilmember shall be appointed annually as the committees liaison for a one-year term.

B. Any vacancy occurring for any reason shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Governing Body.

C. The SCAC shall organize annually and from its members elect a Chair and Secretary.

§6-38. Powers and duties; meetings.

A. The duties of the SCAC shall be as follows:

(1) Advise the Mayor and Council regarding issues unique to Senior Citizens within the context of the Committees Purpose and Mission under section **§6-36**.

(2) Recommend solutions to meet the needs of Westwood’s senior and aging residents promoting the ideals and concepts for aging in place..

(3) Review existing programs when necessary to ensure events and programs benefit the changing needs of the Boroughs senior population.

(4) The committee may investigate and research:

a. Subsidies, grants, and/or other aid available from Federal government, the State of New Jersey, the county of Bergen, and non-governmental agencies, sources, individuals, corporations, foundations, etc.; and

b. Programs , services, facilities, and activities for the benefit of Westwood’s senior citizens.

(5) Serve as a conduit of information between the municipal government and the Borough’s senior citizens.

(6) Perform such other duties as may be requested by the Mayor & Council.

(7). Submit an annual report to the Borough Administrator.

B. The SCAC shall meet at least eight times a year and shall comply with the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act and shall furnish copies of its minutes for posting on the Borough website.

§6-39. Records; annual report.

The SCAC shall keep complete and accurate records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the Mayor and Council, and such other reports as may be requested by the Governing Body.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

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. If any section, subsection, part, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction, such section, subsection, part, clause or phrase shall be deemed to be severable from the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted: _____

Approved:

Attest:

John Birkner, Jr., Mayor

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk