

**BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on the 20th day of October, 2009, 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 24th day of November, 2009 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 regarding same.

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk
Borough of Westwood

ORDINANCE NO. 09-23

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Westwood wishes to duly establish the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) by adopting an appropriate ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Westwood, that Chapter 2.65 of the Code of the Borough of Westwood be and hereby is established so as to provide as follows:

Chapter 2.65 - Advisory Committees

I. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Establishment. There is hereby established an Environmental Advisory Committee for the Borough of Westwood to be known as the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Borough of Westwood.

B. Purpose. The EAC shall generally make recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding sustainability research, initiatives and funding opportunities, as well as technological advances that will assist the Borough in implementing energy conservation and efficiency measures. The EAC will also make recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding open space preservation, protection of wetlands, water resources and watershed property, management, air pollution control, solid waste management, recycling, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance and protection of flora and fauna.

C. Appointment; Membership. The EAC shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents, employees or professionals of the Borough of

Westwood. The members of the EAC, shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to Council approval, in the following manner: one person shall be appointed for a one-year term; two persons shall be appointed for a two-year term; three persons shall be appointed for a three-year term; all appointments thereafter shall be for a three-year term. One Councilmember shall be appointed annually for a one-year term. In addition, there may be up to two (2) student members who shall be advisory members appointed annually for one-year terms in the same manner as regular members.

Any vacancy occurring for any reason shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Mayor, subject to Council approval.

The EAC shall organize annually and from its members elect a Chair.

Powers and Duties. The duties of the EAC shall be as follows:

a. Make recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding sustainability research, initiatives and funding opportunities, as well as technological advances that will assist the Borough in implementing energy conservation and efficiency measures.

b. Conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the Borough;

c. Study and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding open space preservation, protection of wetlands, water resources and watershed property, management, air pollution control, solid waste management, recycling, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance, and protection of flora and fauna;

d. Coordinate with the activities of unofficial bodies at the local, State and Federal levels organized for similar purposes;

e. Advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets as may be required, subject to funding by the Mayor and Council for such purposes.

f. The EAC shall meet at least eight (8) times a year and comply with the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act and furnish copies of its minutes to the Mayor and Council.

Records; Annual Report. The EAC 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.

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.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law, however no funds shall be expended until funding is provided via the 2010 budget process.

Approved:

Attest:

John Birkner, Jr., Mayor

Karen Hughes, Borough Clerk