

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-29**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VERONA GREEN TEAM  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire amend and clarify the voting rights of the members of the Green Team 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.** Chapter 18 (Sustainable Jersey Green Team) of the Code of the Township of Verona is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 18-1. 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.

**§ 18-2. 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 and social media pages;
  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.

**§ 18-3. Membership, Term of Office:**

- A. The Green Team members shall consist of the following:
1. Township manager or the manager's designee in the absence of the manager (voice, no vote);
  2. A member of the governing body to be appointed by it (voice, no vote);
  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. Seven (7) public members who shall be residents of the Township.
- B. The term of the Township Manager shall expire upon his separation from the position of Township Manager. The Township Manager's designee shall serve at the Manager's pleasure. The full time employees of the Township shall appointed by the Manager and shall serve during their respective employment term at the pleasure of the Manager. 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 and Council and shall serve for terms of one (1) year commencing on July 1 and terminating on June 30. Except for the Township

manager or the manager's designee and the governing body member, all members shall have the ability to vote on any matters that require approval. Only voting members shall be counted when determining if a quorum is present.

- C. Each year the Green Team shall designate one (1) member to serve as Chair of the Green Team.
- D. With the exception of the salaried employees of the Township, the members shall serve without compensation.

**§ 18-4. Meetings:**

- A. The Green Team shall meet at the discretion of the Chair at least once per calendar quarter.
- B. Six (6) voting members shall be considered a quorum for conducting business.
- C. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**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*  
JENNIFER KIERNAN  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**NOTICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE STAR LEDGER, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND CIRCULATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE ISSUES OF JULY 26, 2024 AND AUGUST 9, 2024.**

JENNIFER KIERNAN  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

INTRODUCTION: July 22, 2024  
ADOPTION: August 5, 2024  
EFFECTIVE DATE: August 25, 2024