

ORDINANCE No. 2010-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN ESTABLISHING
THE OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP PLANNER AND
AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown deems it appropriate and advantageous to the Township to establish the Office of Township Planner; and

WHEREAS, the Township Code provides for the terms and conditions of various Township Offices and officials, and sets forth the duties and responsibilities of such offices, and the terms by which such officials shall serve the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown, as follows:

1. Chapter 2 of the Township Code is amended as follows:

Chapter 2.34 is added to the Township Code, to read as follows:

Chapter 2.34 Township Planner

Sections: 2.34.010 Appointment - Term - Compensation - Duties

2.34.010 Appointment-Term-Compensation-Duties

- A. There shall be a Township Planner, who shall be appointed by a majority vote of the members of the Township Committee. He or she shall be a licensed Professional Planner of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 45:14A-1 et seq., and/or pursuant to a license issued by the New Jersey State Board of Professional Planners. He or she shall receive such compensation as the Township Committee shall from time to time fix by ordinance. He or she shall perform such duties as are prescribed by general law, ordinance, and/or resolution of the Township Committee, which duties include, but are not limited to, the following:
 1. Develop and review information and plans, provide recommendations on complex planning problems related to a variety of land uses involving conflicting factors, economic growth, and the social and cultural welfare of communities;
 2. Plan and prepare comprehensive planning studies that are used as the basis for administrative or budget planning;

3. Study the financial and economic implications and community impact of various projects and proposals;
 4. Conduct studies relating to the development of specific projects;
 5. Organize and coordinate planning programs for the Township;
 6. Provide assignments and instruction to professional and other staff and review work performance, as appropriate;
 7. Confer with public officials to interpret state, county, and municipal planning and zoning enabling acts
 8. Prepare planning and related reports, studies, and surveys.
 9. Review applications for development, develop field investigative reports and expert reports, and provide expert testimony for the Township Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Adjustment, with payment for Township Planner's services on such matters to be paid on a reimbursable basis by applicants to those Boards through escrow accounts that are established by each such Board, pursuant to the applicable requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.2(a) et seq. In that regard, Chapter 16 of the Township Code is hereby amended accordingly, to authorize payment to the Township Planner on such basis for those services.
 10. Provide technical and planning advice and assistance to other Township departments as needed.
- B. All papers, documents, memoranda, reports and other materials relating to the administration of engineering duties of the Township Planner shall be and remain the property of the Township. Upon the termination of his or her services with the Township, the Township Planner shall forthwith surrender to any successor and/or the Township all such property.
- C. The Township Committee may employ or contract for the services of planning, or technical experts or consultants to assist the Township Planner in conjunction with the specific tasks or projects, and it shall be the duty and responsibility of the Township Planner to review the need for and to advise the Township Committee with regard to the employment of or contracting with planning or technical experts or consultants.

INTRODUCED: FEBRUARY 1, 2010
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 22, 2010