

ORDINANCE NO. 198

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP CONCERNING THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by Ordinance Number 118 duly adopted on February 13, 2001, created the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Council (the "EAC Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township ("Board") by Ordinance Number 126 duly adopted on April 13, 2004 and Ordinance Number 122 duly adopted on February 11, 2003, amended the EAC Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Springfield Township to revise certain sections of Chapter 32 of the Codified Ordinances to reconstitute and define the duties of the Environmental Advisory Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 32.20 through Section 32.27 are deleted and replaced with the following:

§ 32.20 CREATION.

An advisory council, to be known as the Springfield Township Environmental Advisory Council, is hereby created and shall continue to function until this subchapter is revoked.

(Ord. 118, passed 2-13-2001; Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.21 COMPOSITION.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of five residents of the municipality.

(Ord. 118, passed 2-13-2001; Ord. 122, passed 2-11-2003; Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.22 APPOINTMENT.

Council members shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures.

(A) All Council members shall be appointed by the governing body of the political subdivision.

(B) Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term of office.

(C) Duly appointed Council members shall serve a term of three years, except that initial appointment shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership shall expire each year.

(Ord. 118, passed 2-13-2001; Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.23 COMPENSATION.

Council members shall receive no compensation for their services, but may be reimbursed for the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties, upon prior authorization of the Board of Supervisors.

(ord. 118, passed 2-13-2001; Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.24 ADVISORY IN NATURE.

The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to, and shall coordinate its activities with the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Historical Commission, Parks and Land Preservation Board and other such local governmental agencies.

(Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.25 DUTIES.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall have the following duties:

(A) Research and recommend actions to the Board of Supervisors (or other Township boards and commissions) to address environmental issues identified as affecting the Township including those issues brought to the attention of the Council by Township residents and those that may require regulatory action;

(B) Recommend and promote plans, programs and initiatives for the conservation of natural resources, and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment, within the area of this municipality and the greater region where plans, programs and initiatives are transboundary in nature;

(C) At the request of the Township Manager and the Board of Supervisors (or other Township boards and commissions in coordination with the Township Manager) to review and provide advice on any decisions that have potential environmentally sensitive aspects, including but not limited to, new and existing ordinances, plans, resolutions and zoning or planning applications; and

(Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.26 RECORDS.

The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and

activities.

Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to the governing body.

An annual report shall be presented to the governing body which shall be made known and available to the public.

(Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

§ 32.27 APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

The governing body of this municipality may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Council. Funds raised by the Council will be accounted for separately and available for legal expenditure related to Council activities.

(Ord. 126, passed 4-13-2004)

SECTION 2: Section 32.28 is hereby deleted.

SECTION 3: *Repealer.* This Ordinance hereby repeals any provision inconsistent with the Code of Ordinances now in effect, to the extent of such inconsistency. All other provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Springfield Township, not inconsistent herewith, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: *Severability.* The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: *Effective Date.* This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this 25th day of May, 2021.

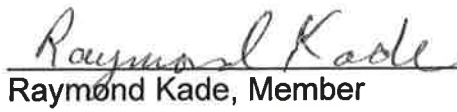
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