

**TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN,
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "BOARDS,
COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS", OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
MANALAPAN, TO REPEAL ARTICLE V, "SHADE TREE COMMITTEE", AND TO AMEND
ARTICLE VI, "ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION".**

Section One. Chapter 3, "Boards, Committees and Commissions", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, be and the same is hereby amended by the repeal of Article V, "Shade Tree Committee". Article V of Chapter 3 shall be a "Reserved" article for future use.

Section Two. Chapter 3, "Boards, Committees and Commissions", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Article VI, "Environmental Commission", section 3-18, "Membership; terms" shall and is hereby amended and supplemented to read, in full, as follows;

"§3-18. Membership; terms.

- A. The Commission shall consist of seven members and two alternates appointed by the Mayor, one of whom shall also be a member of the Planning Board and all of whom shall be residents of the Township of Manalapan. The members and alternates shall serve without compensation, except as hereinafter provided. The Mayor shall designate one of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission.
- B. The members shall be appointed for terms of three years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors. The alternate members shall be appointed for two-year terms. The Mayor shall designate at the time of appointment one alternate as the first alternate

and the other as the second alternate. Alternate members may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member.

- C. The Mayor may also appoint associate members who shall be residents of the Township of Manalapan. Associate members shall be appointed for two year terms and may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote.
- D. The Mayor or Township Committee may remove any member, alternate or associate member of the Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. A vacancy and the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment."

Section Three. Chapter 3 "Boards, Committees and Commissions", of the Code of the Township of Manalapan, Article VI, "Environmental Commission", Section 3-19, "Powers and duties", be and is hereby amended and supplemented to read, in full, as follows:

""§3-19. Powers and duties.

The Environmental Commission is established for the protection, development or use of natural resources including water resources located within the territorial limits of the Township of Manalapan. The Commission shall have the power to conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the Township and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its purposes. It shall keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas, and may, from time to time, recommend to the Planning Board plans and programs for inclusion in the Master Plan and the development and use of such areas. It shall also advise the Township

Committee concerning the regulation, planting, care and removal of shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery located in any public highway, park or parkway.”

Section Four. All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section Five. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other portion of this Ordinance be adjudged by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section Six. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and approved at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan held on [February 26, 2025](#) and will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing thereon before the Township Committee of the Township of Manalapan during a meeting to be held on [March 12, 2025](#) at the Municipal Complex, 120 Route 522 and Taylors Mill Road, Manalapan, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached,

or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time any and all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The proposed Ordinance in its entirety is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office and copies may be obtained without charge between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday. A complete copy may also be obtained from the Manalapan

Township web-site www.mtnj.org by clicking on the Ordinance title listed on the Agenda posted for the Township Committee meeting of [March 12, 2025](#).

SHARI ROSE, RMC
Municipal Clerk