

TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM  
RESOLUTION NO. 214-2020

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CREATION OF THE  
EVESHAM HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, diversity when it is accepted and respected, is a tremendous strength and asset for any community. It encompasses an understanding that each individual is unique and valuable to the welfare of the community. It recognizes and celebrates the differences amongst individuals and capitalizes on the strengths resulting from these differences. Diversity works best when a community explores these differences in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, since 2010 the Township has experienced further growth in residential housing and growth in population that has only further expanded the diversity of Township residents from many different backgrounds and cultures; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to promote further dialogue and education regarding living in a diverse community and address any problems of intimidating or violent acts, which may be committed because of the group to which citizens may belong or identify with; and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Township Council desires to form a volunteer group of residents and public officials who will cooperate with, and make recommendations to the governing body to educate, encourage, develop, promote, and strengthen respect for the human rights of the citizens of Evesham Township no matter their backgrounds, including, but not limited to, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, age, disability, or socioeconomic status - so they may achieve their highest possible level of success; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020 the Township Council passed Resolution 212-2020 creating the Evesham Human Rights Advisory Council ("Council"), and now based on feedback from community members, desires to amend Resolution 212-2020 concerning the formation and structure of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that Resolution 212-2020 creating the Evesham Human Rights Advisory Council ("Council") is hereby amended as follows;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Council shall meet at least four times per year and its membership shall consist of thirteen (13) members to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Council, unless otherwise denoted below, from the following categories:

- 1 member being the Mayor of the Township or his or her designee to run concurrent with the Mayor's 4-year term;
- 1 member being the Chief of Police of the Township Police Department, to serve for a 1-year term;
- 1 member being a representative of the Evesham Township School Board, for a 3-year term concurrent with their term on the School Board;
- 1 member being a chaplain from the ETPD Chaplain program as designated by the Township Manager who may serve less than a one year term and/or serve in rotation amongst other chaplains in the program;
- 1 member being representative of an organized youth athletics program associated with a school district serving the Township or the Township residents generally, to serve for a 1-year term;
- 8 residents of the Township of Evesham for staggered 4-year terms

Upon initial appointment and organization, the resident members appointed will be staggered so that two members will initially serve for one year, two members will serve for two years, two members will serve for three years and two members will serve for four years. Upon expiration of those terms the appointment or reappointment of a resident member will be for a term of 4 years.

The Evesham Township Human Rights Advisory Council shall have a Chair to preside over its meetings who will be designated by the Mayor upon reorganization or as may be necessary from time to time due to vacancy or other inability to serve in such capacity. The Council may elect a Vice Chair at its discretion to preside over meetings in place of the Chair during temporary absence of the Chair for short periods. The Council may also choose to elect a Secretary from its membership to keep minutes, send and receive correspondence from and to the Council, or in the alternative, the Council may request that the Township Clerk or Deputy Clerk serve in the capacity of Secretary, but in such event, the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk shall be an ex officio member without voting rights; and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that terms of the aforementioned members shall be counted in the normal course annually on a January 1 through December 31 basis, but for purposes of their initial appointment upon its creation, each members' first year shall be considered concluded on December 31, 2020. Thereafter the Council shall meet the first Monday following January 1st of each year for purposes of reorganization. The agenda at this meeting should include election of officers, appointment of committees, adoption of bylaws or rules of procedure, fixing the date and place of meetings and such other business as shall properly come before the Evesham Township Human Rights Advisory Council at the annual reorganization meeting, and it is,

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Evesham Township Human Rights Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings, activities and finances and may be requested by the Mayor to make an annual or regular reports to the Township Council of Evesham Township.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at its meeting held in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex at 984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, New Jersey 08053 on June 23, 2020.

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Mary Lou Bergh, Township Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE						
COUNCIL MEMBER	INTRODUCED	SECONDED	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COOPER						
D'ANDREA						
DIENNA						
HANSEN						
MAYOR VEASY						