

VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK MOVING CHAPTER 57, "GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE" TO A NEW CHAPTER 92, "SUSTAINABLE RIDGEFIELD PARK," AND CHANGING REFERENCES FROM THE GREEN TEAM TO SUSTAINABLE RIDGEFIELD PARK

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park would like to more accurately define and explain the goals and objectives of the Ridgefield Park "Green Team"; and

WHEREAS, the Village also desires to change the name of the Ridgefield Park Green Team to make a clearer distinction between the Environmental Commission and Sustainable Ridgefield Park (aka Sustainable RP) and the work its members do for the Village.

Section 1. Chapter 57, "Green Team Committee," is hereby renamed "Sustainable Ridgefield Park," and is moved to a new Chapter 92, "Sustainable Ridgefield Park."

Section 2. The New Chapter 92, "Sustainable Ridgefield Park," shall have all references concerning the Green Team changed to Sustainable Ridgefield Park, and shall read as follows:

CHAPTER 92 – SUSTAINABLE RIDGEFIELD PARK

§ 92-1 Establishment.

§ 92-2 Purpose; powers.

§ 92-3 Membership; terms of office.

§ 92-4 Meetings.

§ 92-5 Secretary.

§ 92-1 Establishment.

The Village of Ridgefield Park hereby establishes a Committee known as "Sustainable Ridgefield Park" (hereinafter also referred to as "Sustainable RP" or the "Committee", and which is the successor committee to the Ridgefield Park Green Team), subject to the terms and provisions of this Chapter. The Committee shall serve as a permanent committee to the Ridgefield Park Board of Commissioners.

§ 92-2 Purpose; powers.

The general purposes and powers for the Committee shall include (without limitation) the following:

- A. Pursue and manage Ridgefield Park's participation in and certification by the Sustainable Jersey program (which is a program initiated, established and promoted by the State of New Jersey).
- B. Establish reasonable sustainability goals and Sustainable Jersey program goals for the Village.
- C. Encourage the Village's staff, employees, personnel, volunteers, departments, offices, committees, commissions, boards and agencies to pursue sustainable practices and to implement the Village's sustainability goals and Sustainable Jersey program goals.
- D. Work with and encourage Village organizations and groups to pursue sustainable practices and to implement the Village's sustainability goals and Sustainable Jersey program goals.
- E. Provide suggestions and advice to the Village Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Historic Preservation Commission to assure that sustainability matters are considered in their deliberations and actions.
- F. Solicit and evaluate sustainable ideas and suggestions from the community.
- G. Work jointly with the Environmental Commission on environmental matters which also have sustainability components.

§ 92-3 Membership; terms of office.

- A. The Sustainable Ridgefield Park Committee shall consist of seven members and two alternate members. The members and alternate members shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners and shall serve without compensation. At least five members shall be residents of the Village of Ridgefield Park. At least one alternate member shall be a resident of the Village of Ridgefield Park.
- B. The Sustainable Ridgefield Park Committee shall be a continuation of the "Green Team Committee" previously established by Ordinance of the Village of Ridgefield Park. All members of the Green Team shall be deemed to become members of Sustainable Ridgefield Park upon the establishment of this Chapter. All terms of appointment of members of the Green Team shall carry over to Sustainable Ridgefield Park.
- C. All appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for a full term of three years, to take effect on January 1 of the year of appointment. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the remainder of the prior member's term.

- D. Alternate members shall be designated at the time of appointment as "Alternate No. 1" and "Alternate No. 2" and shall serve during the absence or disqualification of any regular member or members. The term of each alternate member shall be three years commencing on the day of their appointment and ending in the same manner as is set forth for regular members.
- E. An alternate member may participate in discussions of the proceedings but may not vote except in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. A vote shall not be delayed in order that a regular member may vote instead of an alternate member.
- F. Additionally, one member of the Board of Commissioners, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, the Village Clerk, and the Chief of Police shall serve as ex officio members of the Committee. Ex officio members shall not vote. Each aforesaid ex officio member may designate a representative to attend the meetings of the Committee on the ex officio member's behalf.
- G. Additional non-voting associate members may be appointed by the Board of Commissioners for one-year terms. Said associate members need not be residents of the Village of Ridgefield Park.
- H. On an annual basis, the Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

§ 92-4 Meetings.

- A. Sustainable Ridgefield Park shall meet at such times and places as the Committee so determines. However, the Committee shall meet at least five times each year.
- B. The rules of procedure for the Committee shall be Roberts Rules of Order - Revised; or by such other rules of procedure as the Committee may adopt by resolution.

§ 92-5 Secretary.

The Committee shall hire a secretary to take the minutes of all meetings and provide secretarial services for Sustainable Ridgefield Park. The secretary's salary shall be set by the Commissioner who has responsibility for Sustainable Ridgefield Park.

Section 3. Ratification of Prior Actions; No Interruption in Service.

The Village does hereby ratify and reconfirm all prior actions of and appointments to the Green Team, now known as Sustainable Ridgefield Park, taken prior to the adoption of this Ordinance. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as terminating or interrupting any period of service or tenure of any member of the Committee.

Section 4. Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Savings Clause.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed pursuant to this Ordinance, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 6. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective 20 days after adoption and publication as required by law.


Commissioner Gerken


Commissioner MacNeill


Commissioner Olson


Commissioner Portorreal


Mayor Anlian


Village Clerk
Adopted on November 10, 2022