

ORDINANCE 06-2020

BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES", ARTICLE XVI: ENTITLED "COMPLETE STREETS", SECTION 7-99, ENTITLED "CREATION," AND SECTION 7-100, PREVIOUSLY RESERVED, CODIFYING THE EATONTOWN COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S POWERS AND DUTIES.

WHEREAS, a "Complete Street" as defined by the New Jersey Department of Transportation policy, is defined as a means to provide safe access for all users of roadways by designing and operating a comprehensive, integrated, connected, multi-model network of transportation options; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 12-2019, the Borough of Eatontown ("Borough") adopted a Complete Streets Policy.

WHEREAS, Complete Streets implementation enhances access to local businesses, transit, housing and recreation amenities, encourages community reinvestment, increases property values and employment which provides neighborhoods with economic vitality and livability; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets policies support the goals of the Borough of Eatontown's Master Plan and supporting elements such as the need to incorporate sustainable Green Street design elements including stormwater infrastructure, traffic calming treatments, shade trees, and the use of recycled materials, thus protecting and creating a healthier natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to provide safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation for all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, transit vehicle users, residents of priority communities and those who cannot afford a car or who choose to reduce their car usage; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is federally designated as a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Focus State due to high numbers of pedestrian/bicycle-involved fatalities, and though New Jersey's pedestrian fatality rate continues to significantly exceed the national average, the Borough of Eatontown believes that traffic crashes are preventable and the only acceptable number of traffic deaths of the Borough is zero,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and the BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EATONTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that Chapter 7, Article XVI of the Borough Code is hereby amended to amend Section 7-99 and to add Section 7-100, previously reserved, entitled "Complete Streets Advisory Committee", as follows:

Section 7-99 CREATION

~~[The governing body of the Borough of Eatontown, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, created the Complete Streets Committee by way of Resolution 99-2018 on April 25, 2018, hereby established as Chapter 7, Article XVI.]~~

There is hereby created an advisory committee, which shall be known as the Complete Streets Advisory Committee.

Section 7-100 COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Compensation, Funding and Clerical Assistance

The members of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation for their services. The Borough's governing body may, in its discretion, allow the employment of clerical assistance for the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and annually appropriate funds for compensation and/or expenses for said clerical assistance (if so assigned by the governing body). Funding for the operations of the Committee shall be appropriated by the Borough Council and expenses financed through ordinary budgetary means.

B. Powers and Duties

The Complete Streets Advisory Committee shall have the power to:

- 1) Investigate and analyze issues affecting pedestrian and bicycle safety;
- 2) Recommend to the Mayor and Council initiatives and policies designed to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety;
- 3) Collaborate with Borough Boards/Committees, residents, volunteers, employees, governmental agencies etc. to share resource information and ideas consistent with the purpose of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee;
- 4) Encourage participation in Complete Streets projects and undertake factual investigation to determine the need to create, continue and expand Complete Streets initiatives, which shall include but not limited to walking and bicycling programs to encourage individuals to be more physically active and to connect our community's parks and recreational amenities.
- 5) Participate in annual training to research and analyze methods, trends and studies so as to incorporate the best approaches to Complete Streets for a healthier and safer environment for the residents and travelers of the Borough of Eatontown;
- 6) Develop strategies to create and expand upon the benefits of Complete Streets and to make the Borough more walk and bike friendly;
- 7) Maintain communication with the public, private agencies and organizations of local, state, and national scope, whose programs and activities may have an impact on, and are compatible with, the Complete Streets initiatives, and can be of assistance to the Complete Streets Advisory Committee
- 8) Review and submit comments regarding the finished Complete Streets Checklists that are submitted to the Planning and Zoning Board and Borough Professionals in accordance with Ordinance 12-2019.
- 9) Carry out other such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Borough Council and or Business Administrator.
- 10) Create and disband subcommittees as they deem appropriate or as requested by the Borough Council.
- 11) Encourage and seek participation of other residents of the Borough in their activities.

C. Membership, Terms

- 1) The Complete Streets Advisory Committee shall consist of eight (8) Regular Members and three (3) Advisory Members.
 - a) Regular Members shall consist of:
 - i. One (1) member of Beautify Eatontown
 - ii. One (1) member of the local Board of Education
 - iii. One (1) member of the Environmental Commission or Green Team
 - iv. One (1) member of the Historical Committee
 - v. One (1) member of the Shade Tree Commission
 - vi. One (1) member of the Traffic Advisory Committee
 - vii. Two (2) Members at Large who represent the mission and advocacy of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee or Priorities Communities as defined by the Department of Transportation's Complete and Green Streets For All Model Policy and as incorporated in Ordinance 12-2019.
 - b) Advisory Members shall consist of:
 - i. The Borough Administrator or their designee
 - ii. The Director of Recreation
 - iii. The Zoning Officer/Land Use Official
- 2) Regular Members who represent other Borough Committees shall be appointed by the Borough's Governing Body. The Member from the Board of Education shall be selected by the local Board of Education. To reflect the long-term planning involved with Complete Street initiatives, subject to subsection 3, terms of Regular Members shall be three years or expire earlier if the member is no longer a member of their respective Borough Committee or the local Board of Education. Subject to subsection 4, Advisory Members serve an annual term.
- 3) The original Regular Members shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this article and shall serve for a term expiring on December 31, 2023. All subsequent appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for a full-term of three years beginning January 1 of the first term year.

4) The original Advisory Members shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this article and shall serve for a term expiring December 31, 2021. All subsequent appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for a full-term of one year beginning on January 1 of the term year.

D. Officers and Records

The Complete Streets Advisory Committee shall meet annually to reorganize and determine when it shall meet and how often, however the committee shall meet quarterly, at least four times per year. At its annual meeting or reorganization meeting, shall designate amongst its members a Chairperson, who shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The Complete Streets Advisory Committee may re-elect the same individual as Chairperson on an annual basis. At any annual meeting of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee, its members shall elect, from among themselves, all officers and establish rules and procedures for its members to follow. The Complete Streets Advisory Committee shall keep accurate minutes of its meetings and transmit to the Borough Clerk their minutes when approved. They shall file an annual report with the Borough Council which shall cover the activities and work of the Complete Streets Advisory Committee and include recommendation as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Ordinance and Ordinance 12-2019.

E. Intent

This chapter shall be deemed an exercise of the powers of the Borough Council to establish a committee with the responsibility to research connections that will create a safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation options for all users within the Borough including pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, transit vehicle users, residents of priority communities and those who cannot afford a car or who choose to reduce their car usage.

F. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

DATE INTRODUCED: May 13, 2020

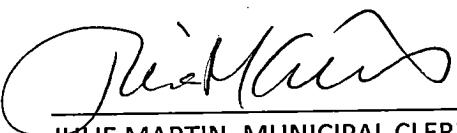
DATE ADOPTED: June 10, 2020

APPROVED:



ANTHONY TALERICO, JR., MAYOR
Date: 6-12-2020

ATTEST:



JULIE MARTIN, MUNICIPAL CLERK
Date: 6-12-2020