

BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

ORDINANCE NO. 1132-2023

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-45 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE ENTITLED HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND CREATING CHAPTER II, SECTION 2-51 ESTABLISHING AN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone previously enacted Chapter II, Section 45 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough and thereby created the Peapack and Gladstone Historic Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe it to be in the best interests of the residents and more efficient government to replace the Historic Preservation Commission with an Historic Preservation Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone that the Code of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1

Chapter II, Article 45 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 2

Chapter II, Article 51 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE is hereby established and shall consist of the following:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE.

§ 2-51.1 Committee Established; Purpose.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:60-4 and 40:60-6 et seq, there is hereby established in the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone an Historic Preservation Committee to be known as the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Historic Preservation Committee. Said Committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members, all of whom shall be residents of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone and shall serve without compensation. The Mayor shall appoint the members of the Historic Preservation Committee, with the advice and consent of the Council. In addition to the Historic Preservation Committee members, the Mayor shall serve on the Committee.

§ 2-51.2 Terms of Office

Appointment of the citizens of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone to the Historic Preservation Committee shall be for a term of one (1) year and said members shall hold office until their successors have been duly appointed. If a vacancy shall occur otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled as provided by appointment of the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Governing Body for the unexpired term.

§ 2-51.3 Organization.

The Committee shall organize immediately upon its appointment and elect from its members a Chairman and Secretary at its annual organizational meeting. The Committee shall have quarterly meetings or meet on other occasions as it shall determine. The Secretary shall keep minutes and records of all meetings, including voting records and attendance. Minutes of meetings shall be forwarded to the Borough Clerk for the Mayor and Council. All such material shall be public record.

A quorum for the transaction of all business shall be a majority of members.

No Committee member shall be permitted to act on any matter in which he or she has, either directly or indirectly, any personal or financial interest.

§ 2-51.4 Purpose.

a.

Encourage the continued use of historic resources and facilitate their appropriate reuse.

b.

Safeguard the heritage of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone by preserving the resources within the Borough which reflect elements of its cultural, social, economic and architectural history.

c.

Maintain and develop an appropriate and harmonious setting for the architecturally significant buildings, structures and sites within the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone.

d.

Foster civic beauty.

e.

Promote appreciation of the historic and architectural resources for the education, pleasure and welfare of the citizens of the Borough and its visitors.

f.

Spur beautification and private reinvestment.

g.

Encourage the proper maintenance and preservation of historic and architectural settings and landscapes.

h.

Promote the conservation of historic and architectural resources and invite voluntary compliance.

§ 2-51.5 Powers and Duties Generally.

a.

To research and record pertinent data relating to the history of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone.

b.

To document, list and mark, where appropriate, historic buildings and sites within the Borough.

c.

To make recommendations to the Governing Body and Land Use Board for the preservation or acquisition of historic sites.

d.

To advise residents of the Borough and the public, from time to time as to points of interest of its historical heritage.

e.

To develop programs relating to the history of the Borough.

f.

Assist other public bodies in aiding the public in understanding historic resource significance and methods of preservation.

g.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone may authorize the expenditure of funds by specifying such expenditures in the annual Borough budget. The Committee may secure the voluntary assistance of the public. Within the limits of the budget established by the Borough for the Historic Preservation Committee, the Committee may retain consultants and experts and incur expenses to assist the Historic Preservation Committee.

h.

Cooperate with local, county, State or national historical societies, governmental bodies and organizations to maximize their contributions to the intent and purpose of the Committee.

i.

Advise and assist the Land Use Board during preparation of a historic preservation plan element of the Master Plan.

SECTION 3

If any subsection, paragraph or provision of this ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

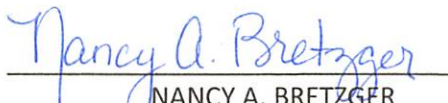
SECTION 4

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Introduced: November 21, 2023

Adopted: December 19, 2023

ATTEST:



NANCY A. BRETZGER
BOROUGH CLERK



MARK A. CORIGLIANO
MAYOR