

**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
ORDINANCE 2020-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD
TO ESTABLISH A SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND CONSOLIDATE OTHER
ADVISORY BOARDS INTO THE SAME CHAPTER**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it is appropriate to consolidate various Chapters of the Code of the Township of Chesterfield (“Code”), and to create a Shade Tree Advisory Board and an Economic Development Advisory Committee within the consolidated chapter; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:63-7(d) allows a Township Committee to create such advisory councils to the municipality as the governing body may choose, including councils for the functions absorbed by them of any heretofore existing boards, commissions or districts; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee deems it advantageous to the community to seek the advice of residents on a number of issues affecting the municipality, and therefore, to establish advisory boards and committees to assist the Township Committee in its various legislative and administrative undertakings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Article I. Amended Chapters.

- A. Chapter Title. The Code of the Township of Chesterfield is hereby amended by revising Chapter 4, “Agricultural Advisory Board”, to be renamed: “Advisory Boards and Committees.”

B. Chapter 4 shall be further amended to include “Article I Agricultural Advisory Board”, with the existing Code section numbers 4-1 through 4-3 remaining, and to include two new sections, 4-4 and 4-5 to be created and reserved for future use.

C. Chapter 4 shall be further amended to include “Article II. Shade Tree Advisory Board”, which is hereby created and upon creation shall exist in sections 4-6 through 4-11 as follows, and as enumerated and outlined herein:

“Article II. “Shade Tree Advisory Board.”

- “4-6 Shade Tree Advisory Board Established; powers and duties; membership.
- “4-7 Terms of Office.
- “4-8 Powers and Duties.
- “4-9 Officers; Rules and Regulations; Journal; Quorum.
- “4-10 Reserved.
- “4-11 Reserved.

“4-6 Shade Tree Advisory Board established; powers and duties; membership. There is hereby created a Shade Tree Advisory Board (Board) which, pursuant to this chapter, shall exercise the functions, powers and duties prescribed by this chapter. The Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Mayor (except as otherwise provided below), and such members shall be residents of the municipality and shall serve without compensation, except in the case of the municipal staff member of the board who shall be permitted to reside outside the municipality.

“4-7 Terms of office.

“A. First Board Members.

1. The first Board Members shall be appointed annually, and their terms of office shall commence upon the day of their appointment and be for the following periods:
 - a. One (1) member for a two-year term who shall be selected by the Township Committee.
 - b. One (1) member for a two-year term who shall be selected from the Environmental Commission.
 - c. One (1) member for a three-year term who shall be selected from the staff of the Township.
 - d. One (1) member for a four-year term.
 - e. One (1) member for a five-year term.

2. The above terms shall be calculated from January 1, 2021. The term of each appointee shall be designated in the appointing resolution at the time of appointment.

“B. All subsequent appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for a full term of five (5) years, to take effect on January 1st.

“4-8 Powers and Duties.

“A. The Board shall advise and assist the Township Committee with respect to the selection, planting, care, culture, trimming and where appropriate, removal of shade trees in the township. It shall develop and recommend to the Township Committee a suitable shade tree program for the township.

“B. It shall be the responsibility of the Board to study, investigate, develop, and update as-needed and administer a policy for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. Such plan will be presented initially to the Township Committee for consent and approval, and as often as needed when modifications are made to the plan. The Shade Tree Advisory Board, when requested by the Township Committee, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

“4-9 Officers; Rules and Regulations; Journal; Quorum.

“A. The Shade Tree Advisory Board shall designate its own officers who shall, at a minimum, be the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recording secretary, all selected from among its membership. The Board shall make its own rules for conducting meetings of the Board. The Board shall keep a journal or record of its proceedings and actions.

“B. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business.

“4-10 Reserved.

“4-11 Reserved.

D. Chapter 4 shall be further amended to include Article III, “Economic Development Advisory Committee”, which is hereby created and upon creation shall exist in sections 4-12 through 4-17 as follows and as enumerated and outlined herein:

“4-12 Economic Development Advisory Committee

“4-13 Terms of Office.

“4-14 Powers and Duties.

“4-15 Officers; Rules and Regulations; Journal; Quorum.

“4-16 Reserved.

“4-17 Reserved.

“4-12. Economic Development Advisory Committee: Committee established; powers and duties; membership.

There is hereby created an Economic Development Advisory Committee which, pursuant to this chapter, shall exercise the functions, powers and duties prescribed herein. The Committee shall consist of five (5) members who shall be residents of the municipality and shall serve without compensation, and shall be appointed by the Mayor.

“4-13. Terms of Office.

“A. First Committee members.

1. The first committee shall be appointed following adoption of this ordinance, and the terms of office shall commence upon the day of the appointment and be for the following periods:
 - a. One (1) member for a one-year term.
 - b. Two (2) members for two-year terms.
 - c. Two (2) members for three-year terms.

2. The term of each appointee shall be designated in members’ appointments.

“B. All subsequent appointments, except to fill vacancies, shall be for the full term of three (3) years.

“4-14. Powers and duties.

“A. The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall advise and assist the Township Committee with respect to commercial and industrial development which, in addition to the customary uses and industries, which shall also include supporting and development of the agri-commerce & agri-industry business.

“B. It shall be the responsibility of the Economic Development Advisory Committee to conduct research into potential economic development, work within the limits and appropriations provided by the Township Committee to periodically print, publish, and/or distribute such marketing materials which may be used to support and promote the township in the field of market research, and to perform such other duties and functions and may be periodically asked of them by the Township Committee.

“4-15. Officers; Rules and Regulations; Journal; Quorum.

“A. The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall designate its officers from its membership, who shall, at a minimum, be a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and recording secretary.

“B. The committee shall make its own rules of forum for conducting meetings of the committee.

“C. The committee shall keep a journal or record of its proceedings and actions.

“D. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings.

“4-16 Reserved.
 “4-17 Reserved.”

“E. Chapter 4 shall be further amended to adopt existing Chapter 46 of the Code, “Recreation and Community Events Committee”, which shall be incorporated as Article IV of Chapter 4, and shall be enumerated as sections 4-18 through 4-21, and shall include two additional sections, 4-22 and 4-23 to be “Reserved.”

Article II. Repealer, Severability, Effective Date.

A. Repealer. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

B. Severability. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Chesterfield heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

C. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Introduced: November 12, 2020
 Adopted: December 10, 2020

RECORD OF VOTE													
INTRODUCTION							ADOPTION						
TWP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	TWP COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
Dhopte	X						Dhopte	X					X
Koetas-Dale	X					X	Koetas-Dale	X				X	
Panfili	X				X		Panfili	X					
Russo	X						Russo				X		
Liedtka	X						Liedtka	X					
X – Indicates Vote							NV – Not Voting AB – Absent ORD – Motion SEC - Seconded						