HARDING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #07-2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING AMENDING CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING, SPECIFICALLY §7-37.3 ENTITLED "SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE"

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, based upon revisions being made to §225-111 of the Township Code, have determined that it is necessary to amend §7-37.3 of the Township Code to ensure consistency between the two sections and to make other clarifying amendments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT §7-37.3 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS (deletions have strikethrough; additions are bolded and underlined):

SECTION 1. § 7-37.3 Shade Tree Advisory Committee.

A. Establishment. An advisory committee to be known as the "Shade Tree Advisory Committee" is established to assist and advise the Township Committee and Township departments with respect to the planting, care and control of trees and shrubbery in public places owned, leased or managed by the Township. In addition, the Shade Tree Advisory Committee shall assist and advise Township boards and commissions in matters related to plantings on public and private property that may come under the responsibilities of such Township boards and commissions. The Shade Tree Advisory Committee shall also have the duties and responsibilities set forth in Article XXI, entitled "Tree Conservation," of Chapter 225 of this Code and such other duties and responsibilities as shall be conferred by the Township Committee or Township ordinance.

B. Membership.

- (1) The voting membership of the Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the following organizations:
 - (a) The New Vernon Garden Club. The Harding Township Environmental Commission.
 - (b) The Harding Township Historical Society.
 - (c) The Harding Township Environmental Commission. The New Vernon Garden Club.
- (2) In addition, the following individuals shall serve as voting members on the committee:
 - (a) The Township Administrator- or designee.
 - (b) The Superintendent Director of Public Works.
 - (c) One representative from the general population of the Township.

(d) Arborist or other certified tree expert.

(3) A member of the Morris County Shade Tree Commission and/or other qualified experts may also serve as advisory members of the Committee.

C. No change.

SECTION 2. At least three copies of said full Ordinance are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk for public examination and acquisition. Copies are available for inspection or acquisition during regular weekday working hours and arrangements have been made for the publication of said proposed Ordinance in pamphlet or other similar form which will be available for purchase from the Municipal Clerk.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

ATTEST		TOWNSHIP OF HARDING		
Lisa A. Sharp, RMC Municipal Clerk	The		Timothy D. Jones Mayor	M
INTRODUCED: June 20, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION:		ADVERTISED: June 23, 2022 ADVERTISED:		
Vote on Introduction:				
	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN
Ms. Chipperson Dr. Lacz Mr. Platt Mr. Yates Mr. Jones	and 1st			