

Chapter 16. Economic Development Advisory Committee

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Byram 10-21-1985. Amendments noted where applicable.]

16-1. Creation.

There is created an Economic Development Advisory Committee.

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Editor's Note: See also Ch. 3, Administration of Government, § 3-49.

16-2. Advisory functions.

[Amended 12-17-2013 by Ord. No. 12-2013]

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be advisory to the Township Mayor and Council and the Township Manager.

16-3. Duties.

[Amended 12-17-2013 by Ord. No. 12-2013]

The duties of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

A.

Development of plans, programs and strategies to encourage the expansion and strengthening of existing business and commercial enterprises in Byram Township, consistent with the best interests of the Township as a whole and conforming to the Township's Master Plan.

B.

Development of plans, programs and strategies for attracting new business and commercial enterprises to the Township of Byram which are in the best interests of the Township as a whole and conforming to the Township's Master Plan.

C.

The investigation, analysis and submission of an annual report to the Township Mayor and Council and Township Manager on any obstacles to the expansion of the industrial and commercial tax base of Byram Township.

D.

Making of recommendations to the Township Mayor and Council and Township Manager regarding any ways or means by which the Township can assist in meeting the needs of any developments deemed appropriate.

E.

Any other studies and/or presentations deemed necessary by the Township Mayor and Council and Township Manager relating to the further economic growth and development of the Township.

16-4. Liaison members; intermunicipal activities.

[Amended 12-17-2013 by Ord. No. 12-2013]

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall establish the following liaisons with other local, regional and state entities, including but not limited to the following:

A.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall designate one of its members to be liaison with the Sussex County Economic Development Commission and the Office of Economic Development.

B.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall designate one of its members to be liaison with the Andover/Byram Chamber of Commerce.

C.

The Byram Township Mayor and Council shall designate one of its members to be liaison with the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

D.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall participate, when authorized by the Township Council or the Township Manager, in appropriate county, regional or state economic development activities.

16-5. Appointment of members; terms.

[Amended 12-17-2013 by Ord. No. 12-2013]

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Township Mayor and Council and shall be comprised of seven regular members, each to serve a term of three years, provided that initial appointments to said Committee may be for a term less than three years for certain of the Committee members in order to ensure that the terms of office of the Committee members shall not all expire on the same date.

16-6. Composition.

[Amended 12-17-2013 by Ord. No. 12-2013]

The membership of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall, if at all possible, represent the broadest cross section of interests in the community and shall be comprised of:

A.

Nine members of the general public, as follows:

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(1)

Three of whom shall own and/or run business interests within the Township, who may be either residents or nonresidents of the Township.

(2)

Three of whom shall have professional planning and/or business development experience, who may be either residents or nonresidents of the Township.

(3)

Three of whom are current Township residents who do not hold an elected position in the Township and who have knowledge of the Township Master Plan, Smart Growth Plan, and Open Space and Recreation Plan.

B.

The Mayor or a member of the Township Council shall be a nonvoting liaison member.

C.

The Township Manager shall be a nonvoting advisory member.

D.

The Township Planner shall be a nonvoting advisory member.

16-7. Organization.

[Amended 12-17-2013 by Ord. No. 12-2013]

The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall organize itself in a manner that shall ensure the most efficient carrying out of its assigned tasks. The EDAC shall elect a Chairman, who shall be a resident of the Township. The Vice Chairman and Secretary shall also be elected from among the members of the Committee.