



# BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania



## ORDINANCE #21-06

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, PROVIDING OPERATING PROCEDURES AND STATING THE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL.

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deems it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of Tarentum Borough to be advised as to environmental issues within the Borough, the protection and preservation of natural resources within the Borough, possible uses of open land in the Borough, and creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum has the power to make and adopt ordinances necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Borough and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 11501 of the Act of Dec. 21, 1973, P.L. 425, No. 148, Chapter 30C - Environmental Advisory Councils authorizes the governing body of any Borough to establish, by ordinance, an Environmental Advisory Council to advise other local government agencies, including, but not limited to, the planning commission, park and recreation boards and elected officials, on matters dealing with protection, conservation, management, promotion and use of natural resources including air, land and water resources, located within its territorial limits.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Council of the Borough of Tarentum, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of same as follows:

Section 1. An advisory council to be known as the Tarentum Borough Environmental Advisory Council, is hereby created and shall continue to function until this ordinance is revoked.

Section 2. The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of **five** residents of this municipality.

Section 3. Council members shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) All council members shall be appointed by the Governing Body of the political subdivision.
- 2) Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term of office.
- 3) Duly appointed council members shall serve a term of **three** years, except that initial appointments shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership shall expire each year.



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### 4) Whenever possible, one member shall also be a member of the local planning commission.

Section 4. Council members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties.

Section 5. The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to and shall coordinate its activities with the elected officials, planning commission and other such local governmental agencies.

Section 6. The governing body shall designate the chairman of the council.

Section 7. The Environmental Advisory Council shall have the following powers:

- 1) Identify environmental problems.
- 2) Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the area of this municipality.
- 3) Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas of this municipality.
- 4) Promote a community environmental program.
- 5) Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas.
- 6) Advise the appropriate local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal.
- 7) To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by the governing body of this municipality.

Section 8. The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report which shall be made available to Borough Council and the general public. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to the governing body.

Section 9. The governing body of Tarentum Borough may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Council.

### Section 10. Merger of the Shade Tree Commission and repeal of Ordinance 19-05.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Ordinance is duly Ordained and Enacted by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum at a public meeting held this 4th day of May, 2021.



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ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

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Michael L. Nestico, Borough Manager

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Scott Dadowski, President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 4th day of May, 2021.

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David A. Regoli, Esq., Solicitor

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Eric Carter, Mayor

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