TOWNSHIP OF LOWER PROVIDENCE

ORDINANCE NO. 675

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER PROVIDENCE, CHAPTER 11A [ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL], TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO CHANGE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNCIL IS APPOINTED

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of LOWER PROVIDENCE Township is duly empowered by the Second Class Township Code, *et seq.*, to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety welfare of the residents of LOWER PROVIDENCE Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of LOWER PROVIDENCE Township desires to create a healthy and sustainable environment in which the community has access to well-conceived outdoor spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of LOWER PROVIDENCE Township has adopted an ordinance establishing the Environmental Advisory Council in accordance with the provisions of 53 Pa.C.S.A. §§2321-2329 relating to Environmental Advisory Councils as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of LOWER PROVIDENCE Township have determined that certain amendments to the Environmental Advisory Council ordinance are required for the further advancement of environmental and sustainability goals of LOWER PROVIDENCE Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the LOWER PROVIDENCE Township Board of Supervisors that the Township's Code is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Chapter 11A [Environmental Advisory Council], to increase membership and to change the process by which the Chairperson of the council is appointed.

The Code of the Township of LOWER PROVIDENCE, [Administrative Legislation], Chapter 11A [Environmental Advisory Council], is amended with the following, with the stricken text indicating the deleted portions of the code and the underlined text indicating the added portions of the code:

§ 11A-2 - Membership and terms

The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of <u>five seven</u> residents of Lower Providence Township. Council members shall be appointed according to the following procedures:

C. Council members shall serve a term of three years, except that initial appointments shall be staggered so that two members serve three year terms, two members serve two year terms, and one member serves a one year term no more than three members' terms expire each year.

§ 11A-5 - Officers

The Environmental Advisory Council will have a Chairperson who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township elected by Council membership annually during the first meeting of each calendar year. All other officers shall <u>likewise</u> be elected by Council membership.

SECTION 2. Repeal and Ratification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the Township's Code unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and affect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

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This Ordinance shall become effective 5 days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 3rd day of January 2023, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of LOWER PROVIDENCE.

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER PROVIDENCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Attested by:

E.J. Mentry

Township Manager & Secretary