

**O-2014-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD  
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON THE DISABLED**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and the Township Committee recognize the special needs of persons with disabilities and the challenges they face as they go about their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Township Committee wish to establish an entity of local government that will work towards increasing this acceptance of disabled persons and foster participation in all aspects of our community's life by all men, women and children with physical or mental disabilities,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford as follows:

That this Committee on the disabled is hereby constituted.

1. **Creation and membership.**

A. **Creation.** There is hereby established a Committee on the Disabled in the Township of West Deptford to work towards increasing this acceptance of disabled persons and foster participation in all aspects of our community's life by all men, women and children with physical or mental disabilities.

B. **Membership.** The Committee on the Disabled of the Township of West Deptford shall consist of five (5) members and two alternates, a majority of which shall be disabled or have special knowledge or experience with the realities facing disabled individuals, all of whom shall be residents of the Township of West Deptford, and all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor shall designate one (1) of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission until the Committee is organized. All members of the Committee on the Disabled shall serve without compensation.

C. **Terms of office.** The terms of office of the first Committee members shall be as follows: Two (2) of the Committee members shall be appointed for three-year terms, two (2) of the Committee members for two-year terms and one (1) of the Committee members for one-year term. The two (2) alternates will be appointed yearly to one year terms. The Mayor shall designate the term of each Committee member appointed, making his appointments for the first time. Successors shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years and until the appointment and qualification of their respective successors.

D. **Removal.** The Township Committee may remove any member of the Committee for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel.

E. **Vacancies.** A vacancy on the Committee occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

2. **Powers and duties.**

A. **General.** The Committee on the Disabled shall be charged with, among other tasks, the development and implementation of a Community Partnership Program in association with the National Organization on Disabilities that seeks both the removal of barriers, as well as the creation of opportunities for disabled persons to participate in the community's life to the fullest extent possible.

In addition, the Township Committee may, by ordinance or resolution, assign to the Committee further powers and duties relating to Disabled persons as may be permitted by law.

B. Duties; records and reports. The Committee shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make quarterly reports to the Township Committee.

C. Upon organization of the Committee, the Committee shall prepare an annual budget, by-laws and rules of the committee to be submitted to the Township Committee for review and approval.

3. Duties of Township Committee.

A. General. The Township Committee shall have financial duties with reference to the Committee on the Disabled. Said Committee shall annually review the budgetary request and records of said Committee and in general maintain financial control of its operation.

B. Appropriation. The Township Committee may appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Committee. The Committee may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require and as shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to it.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect

immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

**INTRODUCED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on January 16, 2014.

**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on February 20, 2014.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By:   
Raymond Chintall, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amy Leso/RMC, Clerk

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Ordinance of the Township of West Deptford was passed on second reading by the Township Committee at its meeting on February 20, 2013, held at the Municipal Building located at 400 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey, after a public hearing was held thereon. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.



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AMY LESO, RMC Township Clerk