

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Township of West Deptford believes there is a need to promote the advantages of the Township; to analyze its economic potential; and to mobilize and assist in the development of resources and economic conditions within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the aforementioned goals and objectives, the Township Committee determined it is necessary to establish an Economic Development Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford as follows:

The Economic Development Commission is hereby constituted.

1. **Creation and membership.**
 - A. Creation. There is hereby established an Economic Development Commission in the Township of West Deptford with powers and duties hereinafter enumerated.
 - B. Membership and terms of office. The Economic Development Commission of the Township of West Deptford shall consist of the Mayor, including his/her designee in the event the Mayor is absent, the Planning Board Chairperson and five (5) members, appointed by the Mayor. Of the original appointees, one member shall be appointed for one year, two members for two years, and two members for three years. At the expiration of each of the aforementioned terms, the new member or members shall be appointed for a term of three years. All appointments to fill vacancies shall run from January 1 of the year of appointment. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be promptly filled by appointment by the Mayor for the unexpired term thereof. Members shall serve for their respective terms and until their successors are appointed and qualify.
 - C. Removal. The Township Committee may remove any member of the Commission 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.
 - D. Officers. The members of the Economic Development Commission shall choose annually from among their members a Chairperson or President and such other officers as they may deem necessary. The Mayor, and his/her designee in case of the Mayor's absence, and a Planning Board Chairperson, shall be ex officio members of the Commission.
2. **Powers and duties.**
 - A. To inquire into, survey and publicize the extent, advantages and utility of vacant land within the Township, and to classify such vacant land according to its adaptability to various types of business, professional and industrial enterprise.
 - B. To study and analyze various businesses, industries and professions with a view to ascertaining the opportunities for expansion of such business and industries within the Township.
 - C. To work with existing township businesses in order to aid in their development and expansion.
 - D. To work with other local, county, state and federal economic development entities, by communications through the Mayor, his/her designee or the Township Administrator on behalf of the Economic Development Commission, in order to advance West Deptford's economic plan.

- E. Recommend to the Township Committee advertising the economic advantages and opportunities and availability of real estate in the township, and encourage and accomplish business, industrial and professional settlement within the Township.
- F. The Commission shall make an annual report to the Mayor and Township Committee, setting forth in detail, its operations and transactions for the preceding 12 months. The Commission shall keep complete and accurate records of its accounts and shall not exceed its budget; and moneys received from the Township of West Deptford shall be expended only for the purposes for which they have been appropriated.

3. Duties of Township Committee.

- A. General. The Township Committee shall have financial duties with reference to the Commission. Said Committee shall annually review the budgetary request and records of said Commission and in general maintain financial control of its operation.
- B. Appropriation. The Township Committee may appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Commission. 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.

4. Limitation of powers; annual report.

The Commission shall not have any powers other than those set forth, and specifically shall have no power to pledge the credit of the municipality or to enter into contracts or to otherwise create debts except as herein authorized; and shall operate within the appropriation made by the Township Committee in its annual budget. The Commission shall make an annual report to the municipality during December of each year, setting forth in detail its operations and recommendations covering the preceding 12 months.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By: 
Raymond Chintall, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy Lesó, RMC, Township Clerk

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Ordinance of the Township of West Deptford was passed on second reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, held on the 9th day of October, 2014, held at the Municipal Building located at 400 Crown Point Road, West Deptford, New Jersey, after a public hearing was held thereon. Copies of the Ordinance are available for inspection in the Office of the Township Clerk.



AMY LESO, RMC Township Clerk