BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, MONMOUTH COUNTY

ORDINANCE 2021-4

AN ORDINANCE DELETING AND RESERVING ARTICLE VIII: "QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE" IN CHAPTER 24: "COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES" OF THE BOROUGH'S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, since the beginning of 2020, the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach (the "Borough") have invested heavily in zoning enforcement, code enforcement, and public works projects to improve the quality of life and beauty of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough previously relied upon the Quality of Life Committee to voluntarily, through citizen participation, identify and resolve certain quality of life issues within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Borough's augmentation and improvement of its zoning and code departments with additional personnel, training, resources, and technology, the Borough is now able to independently inspect, monitor, and ensure compliance with Borough's Ordinances in the ordinary course; and

WHEREAS, given recent expansions to potential liability on the part of the Borough with respect to citizen participation in the enforcement of the Borough's Ordinances, the Borough finds it prudent to ensure the proper routing of citizen complaints through its new technology systems and sworn Borough officials charged with enforcing its Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Mayor & Council express their sincere appreciation to all past and current members of the Quality of Life Committee for their service to the Borough, and hope that said members are willing to serve in new roles as the Borough moves toward strategic planning and COVID-19 recovery objectives and will require citizen volunteers in new efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach, County of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Article VIII entitled "Quality of Life Committee" of Chapter 24 entitled "Commissions and Committees" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bradley Beach is hereby deleted and reserved as follows:

Article VIII: Quality of Life Committee (RESERVED)

§ 24-43 Purpose.

Borough of Bradley Beach hereby enacts the Quality of Life Committee, dedicated to educating and informing citizens of the codes and ordinances established for the Borough of Bradley Beach, which set minimum requirements and standards regarding property and structures to promote and protect the public health, safety, convenience, order and general welfare of all of our citizens. These standards are designed to preserve and improve the quality of life and provide a sense of community to our residents and all of our visitors to the Borough of Bradley Beach.

§ 24-43 Scope.

The Quality of Life Committee is comprised of six resident volunteer members appointed by the Mayor. The Quality of Life will work as a cooperative initiative working together to promote education of local ordinances and zoning laws as well as other ordinances generally under the enforcement of the Police and Code Departments.

§ 24-44 Enforcement.

The Police Department and Code Officer will be responsible for the enforcement of local ordinances in the event complaints result in the necessity of the issuance of a summons. These duties shall not interfere with employees' regular assignments and duties.

§ 24-45 Appointment/membership.

- A. The Quality of Life Committee shall be comprised of six resident volunteer members.

 The members are appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Council, and whose terms shall be staggered as provided herein.
- B. The initial appointments to the committee shall be as follows:
 - (1) Two Committee members for an initial term effective October 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017 (one year term).
 - (2) Two Committee members for an initial term effective October 1, 2016, through December 31, 2018 (two-year term).
 - (3) Two Committee members for an initial term effective October 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019 (three year term).
- C. Subsequent appointment terms shall be for a three-year period commencing on January 1-through December 31.
- D. All Committee members shall serve until their successors are appointed or they resign or their terms are otherwise vacated as set out herein.

§ 24-46 Term limitation.

Excluding the initial term appointment, no Committee member shall serve in that capacity for more than two consecutive terms unless the Mayor and Council deem it necessary.

§ 24-47 Meetings.

The Quality of Life Committee may hold up to 12 meetings annually at the discretion of the Committee.

§ 24-48 Council and working staff liaisons.

A. One member of Borough Council and three members of the working staff shall be appointed as "nonmember status" to oversee and assist the Quality of Life Committee.

B. These appointments shall be made January 1 by the Mayor.

SECTION 2. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bradley Beach are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

<u>SECTION 4.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SO ORDAINED as aforesaid.

ERICA KOSTYZ

Municipal Clerk

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Mayor

Introduced: February 9, 2021

Date of Hearing and Adoption: February 23, 2021