

**Borough of Lansdowne  
12 E. Baltimore Avenue  
Lansdowne, PA 19050**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1315**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LANSDOWNE CREATING  
AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, PROVIDING  
OPERATING PROCEDURES AND STATING THE POWERS OF  
THE COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Lansdowne deems it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the 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; creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 11501 of the Act of Dec. 21, 1973, P.L. 425, No. 148, Chapter 3-C – Environmental Advisory Councils – authorizes the governing body of any borough to establish t, by ordinance, an Environmental Advisory Council to advise other local governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, the planning commission, park and recreation boards, and elected official, 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 the Borough Council of the Borough of Lansdowne as follows:

**Section 1. Creation of Environmental Advisory Council.** The Code of the Borough of Lansdowne is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 25 to be entitled “Environmental Advisory Council; which shall read as follows:

**Chapter 25: Environmental Advisory Council**

§ 25-1. **Purpose.**

The purpose of the Environmental Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as "EAC") shall be to advise Lansdowne Borough Council and the Borough of Lansdowne's committees, and to educate the citizens of the Borough of Lansdowne on matters that affect the quality of the environment in the Borough, including those relating to the protection, conservation, management, promotion, and use of natural resources, including air, land and water resources located within the Borough of Lansdowne territorial limits.

§ 25-2. **Membership; terms; compensation.**

**A.** The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) shall be composed of five residents of the Borough of Lansdowne.

**B.** EAC members shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

**(1)** All members shall be appointed by the Lansdowne Borough Council.

**(2)** Members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term of office.

**(3)** Appointed members shall serve a term of three years, except that initial appointments shall be staggered so that two members shall be appointed for a one-year term, two for a two-year term and one for a three-year term. The Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council shall promptly notify the Borough Council concerning vacancies, and such vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.

**(4)** The Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council shall be designated by the Borough Council.

**(5)** One member of the Environmental Advisory Council shall be a liaison to the Planning Commission.

**(6)** EAC members and associate members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties within the limit of appropriations approved by Borough Council.

§ 25-3. **Powers; duties.**

The Environmental Advisory Council shall have the following powers subject to the following limitations:

**A.** Identify environmental problems that affect the air, land, water and other natural resources in the Borough of Lansdowne.

**B.** Recommend plans and programs to Borough Council and Borough of Lansdowne Committees/Boards for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment in the Borough of Lansdowne.

**C.** Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas in the Borough of Lansdowne.

**D.** Promote a community environmental program.

**E.** Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including flood-prone areas, swamps and other unique natural areas.

**F.** Advise Borough Council, Borough of Lansdowne committees/boards, including the Planning Commission and Recreation Board, in the acquisition of both real and personal property by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, easement, devise or lease, in matters dealing with the purposes of this chapter.

**G.** Undertake such environmental tasks as requested by Lansdowne Borough Council.

§ 25-4. **Records; reports.**

The EAC shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to Borough Council. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to the Borough Council.

§ 25-5. **Funding.**

The Lansdowne Borough Council may, from time to time, appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Environmental Advisory Council.

**Section 2. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance nor the application of such clause, sentence, paragraph or part to other persons or circumstances, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such provisions not been included or such persons or circumstances been expressly excluded from their coverage.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2018.**

**LANSDOWNE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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Michael Schleigh, President of Council

**APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2018.**

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Anthony Campuzano  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Barbara A. Henry  
Secretary