

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, COUNTY OF SUSSEX,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY BEAUTIFICATION  
COMMITTEE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP**

**Purpose:**

To establish a municipal advisory beautification committee to provide advice and counsel to the Township Council regarding the preservation and improvement of the aesthetics and visual appearances of the Township and to promote projects which will make the Township a more aesthetically beautiful place to live and work.

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Sparta desires to amend Chapter 2, Article IX of the Township Code entitled “Committees; Boards; Commissions,” to establish a Sparta Beautification Committee; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the Sparta Township Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Section 2-37 of the Township Code shall be entitled, “**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**” and is created as follows:

**SECTION 1**

**§ 2-37.1 Establishment; membership; dissolution of certain committees.**

- a. A municipal advisory beautification committee which shall be known and designated as the “Sparta Beautification Committee,” is hereby created and established. The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Township Council, and one member shall be selected from the membership of the Township Environmental Commission. All other municipal committees heretofore functioning in the field of beautification are hereby dissolved.
- b. In addition to the nine (9) members provided for in § 2-37.1(a), the Mayor may appoint a member of the Township Council to serve as liaison between the Committee and the Township Council. The Councilperson appointed to serve as liaison shall have no voting privileges in the deliberations of the Committee and shall serve during the term of the Mayor.
- c. In addition to the nine (9) members provided for in § 2-37.1(a), and the Councilperson designated to serve as liaison as hereinabove provided, the Mayor, during the term of office, shall be an ex officio member of the Committee. The Mayor shall have no voting privileges in the deliberations of the Committee.

**§ 2-37.2 Terms of office.**

All members of the Committee, excepted as otherwise provided for in this Section 2-37, shall be appointed for three-year terms, effective from the date of appointment.

**§ 2-37.3 Vacancies.**

If any vacancy shall occur on the Committee, the Township Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

**§ 2-37.4 Powers and duties.**

The Committee shall:

- a. Seek out, initiate and encourage civic beautification projects.

- b. Obtain and disseminate on a Township-wide basis information pertaining to civic beautification.
- c. Serve as an advisory committee to the Township Council on questions of beautification and related programs and activities beneficial to the Township and shall, from time to time, report its findings and recommendations to the Township Council for its consideration and action. The findings and recommendations of the Committee shall not bind the Township Council.
- d. Institute, foster and support such programs, undertakings and projects as shall cause, within the citizens of the Township of Sparta, a sense of pride in the aesthetic aspects of their community.
- e. Be authorized to raise funds and receive charitable donations, in accordance with all laws, to offset its operational costs. All expenditures shall first be approved by the Township Council and all moneys so raised turned over to the Township's Finance Department.

**§ 2-37.5 Rules of procedure; officers.**

The Committee may, in its discretion, adopt rules of procedure governing the conduct of its meetings and activities and shall elect such officers from among its membership as it may deem necessary.

**§ 2-37.6 Salaries and compensation.**

The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services.

**SECTION 2** If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3** All ordinances or parts of ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 4** This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

**NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Sparta Township Council held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on **October 14, 2025** and will be considered for final passage and adoption at the Special meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey, on **November 13, 2025** at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA.**

**ROXANNE LANDY, RMC**

**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on **October 14, 2025**. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a Special meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held on **November 13, 2025** at 7:00 p.m., at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

**ROXANNE LANDY, RMC**  
**MUNICIPAL CLERK**