

ORDINANCE 2014-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9B ENTITLED
"ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE"

§ 9B-1. Establishment and purpose.

Pursuant to the continuing need to explore ways of improving the economic viability by the Township and further pursuant to the ongoing effort to encourage beneficial investment in both existing and new commercial and residential properties within the Township of Barnegat, the governing body hereby creates the Barnegat Township Economic Development Committee, hereinafter referred to as

"EDC." The EDC is a Steering Committee providing advice, guidance and recommendations with options to the Township Committee for their decision process.

The purpose of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) is to advise the Barnegat Township Committee in creating an environment conducive to existing businesses, attracting desirable businesses, and promoting appropriate industries as a key element of the local economy.

§ 9B-2. Number of members. [Amended 5-15-00 by Ord. No. 2000-19]

The Committee created hereby shall consist of seven (7) members together with ~~two (2)~~ four (4) alternate members and shall exist as an advisory committee to the governing body of the Township of Barnegat having the powers hereinafter enumerated. The Community Development Director shall be a nonvoting member for the purposes of advising and discussing matters brought before this Committee.

§ 9B-3. Appointment, term and qualifications of members.

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members and ~~two (2)~~ four (4) alternates who shall be appointed by the Township Committee of the Township of Barnegat in accordance with the provisions set forth below:

A. Three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years, two (2) members for three (3) years, one (1) member for four (4) years and one (1) member for five (5) years. At the expiration of each of the above terms, the new member or members shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years. Alternate #1 and #2 one (1) year and Alternate #3 and #4 for two (2) years. At the expiration of initial appointments as alternates, new member or members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years.

B. Vacancies in the membership of the Committee shall be promptly filled by appointment by the governing body for the unexpired term.

§ 9B-11. Functions.

Any function and purpose of the Economic Development Committee shall be:

A. To inquire into, survey and publicize the extent, advantages and utility of the vacant or occupied lands within the Barnegat Township, whether owned by the Township or otherwise.

B. **The Committee shall make a study of the tax structure with a view to reducing the tax burden of the municipality**

C. To study and analyze various potential sites acceptable for the introduction of commercial, and to the extent deemed appropriate, residential enterprises with Barnegat Township.

D. **By taking advantage of any outstanding reports, records, statistics and other documents made available by the federal, state, county, or local governments or public agencies.**

E. **The Committee shall make a study of where Barnegat is for current year in terms of Economic Development.**

F. To advertise the economic advantages and opportunities of Barnegat Township and the availability of real estate within the township for business, commercial, industrial and residential uses and to encourage and accomplish such settlement with Barnegat Township.

G. To seek out industries and businesses to purchase or lease vacant lands from Barnegat Township.

H. The Committee shall further review and report to the Township Committee on the use of the State of New Jersey Tax abatement program.

I. The Committee shall further review and report to the Township Committee on the use of the State, County and local program(s) and encourage local volunteers.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee of Barnegat Township on first reading at a regular meeting held on the 5th day of May, 2014, and will be considered for second and final adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on the 2nd day of June, 2014, or soon thereafter, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey at which time and place any person wishing to speak on the subject shall be given an opportunity to be so heard.

Sharon L. Auer
Acting Municipal Clerk