**BOROUGH OF SUSSEX**
**COUNTY OF SUSSEX**
**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION, CONFIRMATION, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF COUNCIL LIAISONS AND MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Sussex in the County of Sussex, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2, entitled "Administration" of the Code of the Borough of Sussex is hereby amended by adding Section 2-4.1, entitled "Designation of Council Liaisons and Members of Standing Committees", which shall read as follows:

§ 2-4.1. Designation of Council Liaisons and Members of Standing Committees.

A. Mayoral Nomination: At the annual Reorganization Meeting held each January, and/or as vacancies occur during the calendar year, the Mayor shall submit nominations to the Council for Council members to serve as Liaisons to municipal departments and to boards, commissions, authorities, advisory committees, agencies and the Sussex Fire Department and to serve as members of standing committees established by the Council in accordance with Section 2-2.3.

B. Advice and Consent of Council: All nominations for liaison and standing committee appointments submitted by the Mayor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Borough Council and shall require approval pursuant to paragraph E of this section in order for the proposed appointment to take effect.

C. Council Member Right of Refusal: Any individual Council member nominated to serve as a Liaison or member of a standing committee retains the right to formally decline or refuse the nomination on the record. No Council member shall be required to serve as a liaison or member of a standing committee without that member's explicit consent. Before the Council shall vote on a proposed nomination, the proposed nominee shall advise the Council whether he or she is willing to accept the appointment.

D. Rejection and Resubmission Procedure: In the event that a proposed liaison or standing committee nomination is declined by majority vote of the Council or formally declined by the nominated Council member, the nomination shall fail. The Mayor shall thereafter submit an alternative nomination for the applicable position for Council consideration and vote at the next regular or special meeting.

E. Voting Threshold and Tie Votes: Confirmation of liaisons and standing committee members shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the full membership of the Council present. In the event of a tie vote among Council members, the Mayor may cast the deciding vote pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:60-5.

F. By majority vote of the full membership of the Council present, with the ability of the Mayor to cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote among the Council members, a person appointed to serve as liaison or member of a standing committee may be removed from that position.

**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 ordinances of the Borough are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Attest:

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Antoinette Smith, Borough Clerk Robert Holowach, Mayor