# ORDINANCE NO. 23-41-OA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" SO AS TO CREATE SECTION 2-56, ENTITLED "MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES"

October 16, 2023

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2 of the Township Code of the Township of Berkeley, entitled "Administration," is hereby amended and supplemented so as to create §2-56, entitled "Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities," which shall read as follows:

#### §2-56 MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

### §2-56.1 Establishment

There is hereby established the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities (hereinafter "Committee") which shall serve for the purpose of advising the Mayor and Township Council and making recommendations on ordinances and policies which concern and are of interest to persons with developmental disabilities and their families. The Committee shall also serve to advise the Mayor and Township Council as to prospective and appropriate procedures to provide advocacy on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities in the community. The Committee shall further provide information and referral resources to members of our community who are in need of special services and education; specialized governmental services in the areas of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and related developmental encouraging techniques; specialized equipment, including, but not limited to, walkers, wheelchairs and similar apparatus; health care, transportation, employment, education, recreation, public safety and housing.

## §2-56.2 Membership; term of office

The Committee shall be comprised of no more than 25 members consisting of one representative of each of the following organizations: Berkeley Township School District, Central Regional School District, the ARC of Ocean County, 21 Plus, Childrens' Specialized Hospital Toms River, Community Medical Center, Epilepsy Foundation, and the Ocean County Health Department. The balance of the membership shall consist of adults with developmental disabilities, family members of persons with developmental disabilities and/or individuals with expertise in the field. Members of the Committee need not be residents of Berkeley Township. All Class II members, except organizations, of the

Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice of the Township Council. The Chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting of the calendar year by a majority of Committee members present at the time of the election. The Mayor or his or her designee and one Township Council member shall serve as co-liaisons to this Committee as nonvoting members. The term for all members of the Committee shall be for one year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

CARMEN F. AMATO, JR., Mayor

John Bacchione, Council President (Keith Buscio, Council Vice President

#### **NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, held on October 16, 2023, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the meeting room of the Municipal Building located at 627 Pinewald-Keswick Road, Bayville, New Jersey, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

KAREN STALLINGS, RMC

Township Clerk, Township of Berkeley