

**TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH  
ORDINANCE NO. 1949**

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH, COUNTY OF  
BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 2,  
ADMINISTRATION, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO ESTABLISH A  
MUSIC, FILM AND ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to establish a Music, Film and Arts Advisory Committee (“Committee”); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Committee would be to promote the Township as a premier location for filming movie, television and music productions, arts programs and to encourage producers to portray the many positive aspects of the Township of Mahwah, including its residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, filmmaking, music production, and arts programs within the Township would support local businesses, employ our residents, and invite members of the public who visit, travel, or conduct business in Mahwah to learn about and enjoy the Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Mahwah, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 2, Administration, of the Township Code is hereby amended to establish new § 2-32, Music, Film and Arts Committee, to read as follows in its entirety:

**§ 2-32.1. Establishment.**

There is hereby established in the Township of Mahwah a Music, Film and Arts Advisory Committee (“Committee”).

**§ 2-32.2. Members; composition; compensation.**

- a. The Committee shall consist of nine voting members as follows: one Township Council Member to be appointed by the Council; six members and two alternate members to be nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Council.
- b. Of those voting members, six shall be Township residents. The two alternate members may be non-Township residents.
- c. At least two members of the Committee shall be scholars and/or persons with professional film acumen.
- d. All Committee members shall serve without compensation.

**§ 2-32.3. Terms of members; appointment; vacancies.**

- a. All appointments, except for the Council member, shall be for a full term of two years. The Council member shall serve for a one-year term.
- b. The Township Council shall appoint a Council member to the Commission on January 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as appointments are made. The Council shall fill two vacancies on January 1 of each odd-numbered calendar year, or as soon thereafter as appointments are made. The Council shall fill three vacancies on January 1 of each even-numbered calendar year, or as soon thereafter as appointments are made. Any vacancies occurring by reason of death or by resignation shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

**§ 2-32.4. Organization.**

The Committee shall organize annually, within 30 days of January 1, by the election of one of its members as President and one of its members as Secretary.

**§ 2-32.5. Duties.**

The Committee shall have the following duties:

- a. Recommend to the Mayor and Council any and all projects that the Committee has determined to be in the best interests of the Township for the promotion of filmmaking, the promotion of film programming in the public schools, music production, arts programs and the promotion of the history of Township.
- b. Recommend to the Mayor and Council the operation of film, music and arts festivals.
- c. Recommend to the Mayor and Council means by which funds may be raised toward the Committee's major goal of promoting filmmaking, music production, arts programs and the history of the arts in the Township.
- d. Recommend to the Mayor and Council means by which artifacts and the heritage of Township filmmaking, music production, and the arts may be preserved and promoted.
- e. Make findings upon and recommendations to the Mayor and Council concerning utilizing Township resources to promote filmmaking, music production, the arts and the heritage of the arts in the Township.
- f. Undertake any and all actions authorized by the Mayor and Council with respect to the promotion of filmmaking, operation of film festivals, music festivals, arts festivals, and raising of funds and preservation of the heritage of the arts in the Township.

- g. To meet at least six times each year.
- h. Any and all other and further duties and/or powers that may be delegated by the Mayor and Council.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** In case, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect any other section or provision of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared unconstitutional or invalid shall be severed from the remainder or any portion thereof.

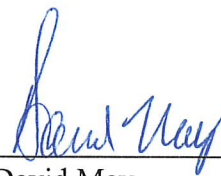
**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days following final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

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Dated: 1/12/22

Attest



David May  
Council President



Kathrine G. Coviello  
Municipal Clerk

I, Kathrine G. Coviello, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mahwah, hereby certify that the within Ordinance was passed and adopted at a meeting of the Township Council held on the 23rd day of September, 2021.



Kathrine G. Coviello, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk