

Chapter 12

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Swedesboro 10-20-75. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Land use procedures — See Ch. 21.

§ 12-1. Commission established.

The Borough of Swedesboro Environmental Commission is hereby established pursuant to Chapter 245 of the Laws of 1968 (N.J.S.A. 40:56A-1), as amended by Chapter 35 of the Laws of 1972.

§ 12-2. Composition; compensation; terms; removal; vacancy.

- A. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Borough Council, one (1) of whom shall also be a member of the Planning Board and all of whom shall be residents of the Borough of Swedesboro. The members shall serve without compensation except as hereinafter provided. The Mayor

shall designate one (1) of the members to serve as Chairman and presiding officer of the Commission. The terms of office of the first members of the Commission shall be for one (1), two (2) or three (3) years, to be designated by the Mayor in making his appointments, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years and until the appointment and qualification of their successors. The first members of the Commission shall be appointed for the following terms:

- (1) Two (2) members for the term expiring December 31, 1976;
- (2) Two (2) members for the term expiring December 31, 1977; and
- (3) Three (3) members for the term expiring December 31, 1978.

B. The Mayor or Borough Council may remove any member of the Commission for cause, on written charges served upon the member and after a hearing thereon at which the member shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel. A vacancy on the Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

§ 12-3. Powers and duties.

The Commission is established for the protection, development or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within the territorial limits of the Borough of Swedesboro. The Commission shall have power to conduct research into the use and possible use of the open land areas of the borough and may coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which, in its judgment, it deems necessary for its purposes. It shall keep an index of all open areas publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas and may from time to time recommend to

the Planning Board plans and programs for inclusion in the Master Plan and the development and use of such areas. The powers of the Commission shall be subject to change by the Mayor and Borough Council as permitted by law.

§ 12-4. Acquisition of property by Commission.

The Environmental Commission may, subject to the approval of the Borough Council, acquire property, both real and personal, in the name of the borough by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease for any of its purposes and shall administer the same for such purposes, subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement (including conservation easement), covenant or other contractual right (including a conveyance on conditions or with limitations or reversions) as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the borough.

§ 12-5. Records and monthly reports.

The Environmental Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities and make a monthly report to the Borough Council.

§ 12-6. Appointment of clerks and other employees.

The Commission may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require, provided that the same shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to it by the Borough Council.

