

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
O-5-2017

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, desires to adopt an Ordinance in order to establish an Economic Development Commission within the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee deem it in the best interests of the Township to establish an Economic Development Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey that:

SECTION 1: Establishment.

There is hereby established the Economic Development Commission of the Township of Franklin having the powers and duties hereinafter enumerated.

SECTION 2: Membership; terms.

The Economic Development Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Committee. The members first appointed shall be designated to serve staggered terms: One member shall be appointed for one year, one member for two years and one member for three years, two members for four years and two members for five years. At the expiration of each of the above terms, the new member or members shall be appointed for a term of five years. All appointments shall run from January 1 of the year of appointment. All appointments to fill vacancies shall be promptly filled by appointment by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Township Committee for the unexpired term thereof. Members shall serve for their respective term and until their successors are appointed and qualify.

SECTION 3: Compensation; Officers.

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. The members of the commission shall choose a Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Commission shall appoint a paid Secretary who shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities. The compensation for said Secretary shall be derived from the Commission's budget as set forth below. The Mayor shall be ex officio member of the Commission.

SECTION 4: Powers and duties.

The Commission shall be strictly an advisory commission and shall perform the functions and duties hereinafter enumerated:

- A. To inquire into, survey and publicize the extent, advantage and utility of vacant land within the Township.
- B. To classify such vacant land according to its adaptability to various types of business, professional and industrial enterprises.
- C. To study and analyze various businesses, industries and professions with a view to ascertaining the opportunities for expansion of such businesses and industries within the Township.
- D. Recommend to the Township Committee for advertising the economic advantages and opportunities and availability of real estate in the Township, and encourage and accomplish businesses, industrial and professional establishments within the Township.
- E. Recommend to the Township Committee areas in need of redevelopment located within Franklin Township.

SECTION 5: Expenditure of Funds.

The Township Committee may annually appropriate funds for the use of the Economic Development Commission and such funds may be expended on the authority and approval of the Commission upon submission of proper vouchers.

SECTION 6: Limitation of power; annual report.

The Commission shall not have any powers other than those set forth, and specifically shall have no power to pledge the credit of the municipality or to enter into contracts or to otherwise create debts except as herein authorized and shall operate within the appropriation made by the Township Committee in its annual budget. The Commission shall make an annual report to the municipality during December of each year, setting forth in detail its operations and recommendations covering the preceding 12 months.

SECTION 7: Meeting dates.

The Commission shall meet monthly at the Township of Franklin Municipal Building. The meeting shall be the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon posting, publication and final passage in the manner prescribed by law.

Attest:

Township of Franklin

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, RMC

DONALD KREVETSKI, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara Freijomil, Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at the regular meeting of the Township of Franklin held on January 26, 2017 and thereafter duly advertised in the legal newspaper of the Township at least seven (7) days prior to it being considered for final passage and adoption at a subsequent meeting to be held on February 9, 2017, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BARBARA FREIJOMIL, RMC
Township Clerk

Introduced January 26, 2017

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Vassallo				
Ms. Flaim				
Ms. Petsch-Wilson				
Mr. Deegan				
Mayor Krevetski				

Adopted February 9, 2017

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Vassallo				
Ms. Flaim				
Ms. Petsch-Wilson				
Mr. Deegan				
Mayor Krevetski				