

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP  
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_ of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP, RENAMING THE WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION TO THE WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, REDEFINING ITS DUTIES AND EXPANDING ITS MANDATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 23, Subchapter B of the Second Class Township Code, 53 P.S. §§ 2321-2329, authorizes the governing body of any municipality to establish, by ordinance, an Environmental Advisory Council to advise on matters dealing with protection, conservation, management, promotion and use of natural resources, including air, land and water resources, located within its territorial limits; and

**WHEREAS**, Willistown Township established an Environmental Sustainability Commission, as set forth in Chapter 46 of the Willistown Township Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township now seeks to amend Chapter 46 of the Code of the Township of Willistown by renaming the Environmental Sustainability Commission and redefining its duties and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 148 of 1973, Willistown Township intends to amend Chapter 46 of the Code of the Township of Willistown governing the Environmental Sustainability Commission.

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, Chester County, as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 46 of the Willistown Township Code of Ordinances, Environmental Sustainability Commission, is hereby renamed "Environmental Advisory Council."

**Section 2.** The Code of the Township of Willistown, Section 46-1, Name, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The name of the body hereby established shall be the "Willistown Township Environmental Advisory Council."

**Section 3.** The Code of the Township of Willistown, Section 46-2, Powers and Duties, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

“The Willistown Township Environmental Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council") shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

The Council shall have the following powers and duties:

1. to identify environmental problems and recommend actionable plans and programs to the Board of Supervisors for the promotion and conservation of natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within Willistown Township.
2. to develop and promote community-based programs designed to educate and inform Willistown residents and encourage their participation in environmental issues within the Township.
3. upon request from the Board of Supervisors, Council may make recommendations related to, and compile documentation involving, open space and natural areas within Willistown Township. Council shall work with the Willistown Township Open Space Review Board to delegate assigned tasks.
4. to implement a recycling program in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors as required by Act 101.
5. to promote public interest in the work of the Council by implementing a public relations program and by other appropriate means.
6. to assist the Board of Supervisors and other Township boards and commissions with environmental related efforts.
7. Any other powers and duties authorized by local, state or federal law.”

**Section 4.** The Code of the Township of Willistown, Section 46-3, Membership; terms of office, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The Council shall be composed of seven persons, each of whom shall be a resident of Willistown Township, and each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Duly appointed Council members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors but, unless otherwise removed by the Board of Supervisors, shall serve for terms of three years each or until their successors are appointed.”

**Section 5.** The word “Commission” in the Code of the Township of Willistown, Section 46-4, Section 46-5, Section 46-6 and Section 46-7 is hereby replaced with the word “Council.”

**Section 6.** Severability.

If any term, condition, or provision of this Ordinance shall, to any extent, be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder hereof shall be valid in all other respects and continue to be effective.

**Section 7.** Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

**ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP**

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Robert T. Lange, Chair

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Molly H.B. Perrin, Vice-Chair

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William R. Shoemaker, Member

ATTEST:

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Shanna Lodge, Township Secretary