

**EXPLANATION:** This Ordinance amends Ordinance 2005-06, titled "Business Advocate", to adjust the job description to meet the requirements of the Hillsborough 2009 Economic Action Plan and to provide flexibility for the Township Committee to make the position available on a full time basis.

**ORDINANCE No. 2009-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-06, TITLED "BUSINESS ADVOCATE", TO ADJUST THE JOB DESCRIPTION TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE HILLSBOROUGH 2009 ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN AND TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE POSITION AVAILABLE ON A FULL TIME BASIS.**

**WHEREAS,** during this period of economic crisis when businesses are facing severe fiscal constraints, it is imperative that the Township of Hillsborough continue to work with the business community and encourage the existing business community to remain in the Township, while at the same time attracting new businesses to the Township; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough previously created the position of Business Advocate; and

**WHEREAS,** the Business Advocate has been well received by the business community; and

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary for the Township Committee to maintain maximum flexibility on how it addresses the economic crisis by having the ability to utilize the Business Advocate on a part or full time basis; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Committee desires that the Business Advocate be available part or full time depending on the circumstances.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: Section 73-136 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough, the second full sentence, is amended to delete: "He/she will work on a part-time basis to carry out the functions of the EBDC in a more consistent and concentrated manner", and inserting: "The Business Advocate will work on a part or full time basis as authorized, in its sole discretion, by Resolution of the Township Committee."

Section 2: Section 73-136 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough is amended to add the following duties to the Business Advocate:

- G. The Business Advocate will serve on both the Grants and Shared Services Advisory Commission, and the Regulatory Oversight Working Group.
- H. The Business Advocate will be responsible for identifying; seeking and obtaining benefits of any federal, state or county stimulus program, loan, grant or incentive that assist the business community.
- I. The Business Advocate will be responsible for interfacing between the business community and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the United States Department of Commerce and any other federal, state or county agency established for the purpose of stimulating the economy.

Section 3: Section 73-139 of the Code of the Township of Hillsborough is deleted and replaced with a new Section 73-139 titled "Appointment and Removal from Office":

The Business Advocate serves on a part or full time basis as authorized, in its sole discretion, by Resolution of the Township Committee. The Business Advocate serves at the pleasure of the Township Committee.

Section 4: Severability.

Should any provision of this Ordinance be determined invalid by a court or administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, passage and publication according to law.

**ATTEST:**

**HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kevin P. Davis, Clerk**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Frank DelCore, Mayor**

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