

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
ORDINANCE 2026-08**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE  
TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Delran recognizes the importance of engaging young residents in local government and fostering civic responsibility, leadership development, and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council recently received a presentation from youth members of the community proposing the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee to provide input on issues affecting young residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to create a formal mechanism through which youth may participate in local government, contribute ideas, and assist in strengthening the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee will provide an opportunity for youth to engage in public service, develop leadership skills, and serve as a liaison between Township leadership and the youth population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council finds that it is in the best interests of the Township to establish a Youth Advisory Committee to advise the Mayor and Council on matters impacting youth and to promote community engagement;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Delran, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1. Creation**

There is hereby established a Youth Advisory Committee (“YAC”) for the Township of Delran to serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Township Council on matters affecting youth within the Township.

**SECTION 2. Purpose**

The purpose of the Youth Advisory Committee shall be to:

- a. Provide input and recommendations to the Mayor and Township Council on policies, programs, and initiatives impacting youth;

b. Promote civic engagement, leadership development, and community service among youth residents;

c. Serve as a communication bridge between Township leadership and young residents.

### **SECTION 3. Membership**

a. The Committee shall consist of not fewer than ten (10) nor more than fifteen (15) members;

b. Members shall be residents of the Township of Delran;

c. Members shall generally be students in grades 8 through college freshman level;

d. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with advice and consent of the Township Council;

e. The Mayor or Township Council may appoint: One (1) adult liaison (Mayor or Council designee) and One (1) staff advisor (Township employee).

### **SECTION 4. Terms**

a. Members shall serve two (2) year terms, unless otherwise specified at the time of appointment;

b. Initial appointments may be staggered to ensure continuity;

c. Members may reapply for additional terms.

### **SECTION 5. Officers**

The Committee shall annually select from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Chair shall preside over meetings and coordinate agendas with the advisor.

### **SECTION 6. Meetings**

a. The Committee shall meet at least monthly;

b. A majority of appointed members shall constitute a quorum;

c. Meetings shall be held at a municipal facility unless otherwise designated;

d. The Committee shall comply with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) where applicable.

## **SECTION 7. Duties and Responsibilities**

The Youth Advisory Committee may:

- a. Provide feedback on Township initiatives and programs;
- b. Identify issues impacting youth, including but not limited to safety, recreation, and mental health;
- c. Present recommendations to the Mayor and Council;
- d. Organize and support youth-focused community events;
- e. Participate in Township events;
- f. Conduct surveys or forums to gather youth input;
- g. Engage in community service projects.

## **SECTION 8. Conduct**

Members shall: Act respectfully and professionally; Attend meetings regularly; Participate actively; and Represent the Township positively.

## **SECTION 9. Advisory Nature**

The Youth Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall have no independent authority to bind the Township.

## **SECTION 10. Administration**

The Township may establish application procedures, selection criteria, and operational guidelines consistent with this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 11. Severability**

If any section, subsection, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 12. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

### **Notice of Pending Ordinance**

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Delran, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on April 14, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Delran Municipal Building, 900 Chester Avenue, Delran, New Jersey 08075 on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Township Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Jamey L. Eggers, Township Clerk