AN ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 61 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, ENTITLED “PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, that there shall be created a Chapter 2, Section 61 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange, which shall provide as follows:

2-61 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

2-61.1 Purpose

The Township of West Orange has established a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board to serve as a volunteer advisory committee to the Mayor and Council with regard to issues affecting pedestrian safety.

2-61.2 Membership

The Board shall be comprised of the following eleven (11) members, each of whom shall be a bona fide resident of the Township of West Orange, and each of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor:

1. A representative of the Downtown West Orange Alliance;
2. A representative of the Pleasant Valley Civic Association;
3. A representative of the Township Council;
4. A representative of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park;
5. A superintendent of the Board of Education or Designee;
6. The Township Engineer, or his or her representative; and
7. Police Chief or Designee;
8. Appointment by the Mayor;
9. Appointment by the Mayor;
10. Appointment by the Mayor;
11. Township Planner;

2-61.3 Term

All members of the Board shall serve until a successor is appointed and each member of the Board shall serve for a term of three (3) years. Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term only.
2-61.4 Organizational Structure

a. The Board may adopt bylaws to govern its general operation provided that the bylaws are approved in advance by resolution of the Township Council.
b. The Board shall meet at least quarterly.
c. Minutes of each meeting of the Board shall be taken to serve as a public record.

2-61.4 Staff Assistance

The Board shall have no budget, but shall be assisted and advised from time to time, as directed by the Mayor, by the Township, the Township Planner, and/or any individual or entity by the Township to perform grant writing services.

2-61.6 Functions

The functions of the Board shall be as follows:

1. Investigation and analysis of issues affecting pedestrian safety;

2. Recommendations to the Mayor and Council regarding initiatives and policies designated to enhance pedestrian safety;

3. Participation when authorized by the Mayor, in appropriate regional pedestrian safety activities; and

4. Annual meeting to inform the Mayor, Township Council and the general public of the Board’s activities and progress.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the remainder of Chapter 2 shall remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by the courts to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision so adjudicated, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with law.

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Karen J. Carnevale,  
Municipal Clerk  

Jerry Guarino,  
Council President

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Robert D. Parisi, Mayor

Introduced:  April 28, 2015

Adopted:  May 12, 2015
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

This legislation is designed to create a eleven (11) member Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board for the purpose of advising the mayor and Township Council on issues affecting pedestrian safety. Members of the board will serve on a voluntary basis for the terms of three (3) years.

The Board, which shall meet at least quarterly, will investigate and analyze pedestrian safety issues, present recommendations regarding new initiatives and policies, and participate in appropriate regional pedestrian safety activities when authorized to do so. In discharging these functions, the Board will in appropriate instances be assisted by the Township Engineer, Township Planner, Police Chief and/or any entity employed by the Township to perform grant writing services.