BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK County of Somerset

ORDINANCE No. 2016-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK ESTABLISHING THE BOUND BROOK ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter II, <u>Administration</u>, Article VI, "Boards, Commissions, Committees and Agencies," of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Bound Brook is hereby amended to add a new Subsection 2-36 creating the Architectural Review Advisory Committee, as follows:

2-36 ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2-36.1 Committee Established.

The Architectural Review Advisory Committee is hereby established to promote the general welfare by preserving the exterior architectural heritage of the Borough of Bound Brook, specifically by:

- A. Encouraging the rejuvenation and maintenance of all structures of historical significance located in the Borough, in concert with the Historical Preservation Committee.
- B. Stabilizing and improving property values.
- C. Fostering civic pride and beauty.
- D. Encouraging the private sector's involvement with restoring and preserving certain traditionally significant structures.
- E. Providing advisory architectural reports pertaining to new exterior construction.
- F. Providing advisory architectural reports to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

2-36.2 Members; Terms.

- A. The Borough Council shall appoint an Architectural Review Advisory
 Committee consisting of five (5) residents of the Borough, one of whom shall be a
 member of a business association or the owner or operator of a commercial
 business located in the Borough, and one of whom shall be a member of the
 Bound Brook Historic Preservation Commission. Each member shall serve for a
 term of three (3) years commencing January 1 of each year and until their
 successors are appointed and qualified. In January of each year, the Architectural
 Review Advisory committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from
 its members and elect a Secretary who may or may not be a municipal employee.
- B. A member of the Borough Council shall be appointed by the Council as liaison to the Architectural Review Advisory Committee for a one-year term.
- C. Initial appointments shall be staggered so that two (2) citizen members shall be appointed for three-year terms, two (2) citizen members shall be appointed for two-year terms, and one (1) citizen member shall be appointed for a one-year term.
- D The Architectural Review Advisory Committee shall adopt by-laws.
- E. The Architectural Review Advisory Committee shall annually elect a Chairperson and a Secretary. The Secretary shall keep meeting minutes, which minutes may be provided to the Planning Board to convey the Architectural Review Advisory Committee's comments on each application it reviews.

2-36.3 Advisory Report to Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Architectural Review Advisory Committee shall review any construction, addition or alteration to any building, or to any part thereof, or to any physical structures, including signs, which affect exterior features visible from a public street, way or place. All applications to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be referred to the Architectural Review Advisory Committee, which Committee shall make a report within the time prescribed by the Planning Board's or Zoning Board of Adjustment's referral schedule. The report of the Architectural Review Advisory Committee shall be advisory, with no authority over any land use, zoning or planning decisions. If no such report is received within 35 days of referral by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, such Boards' referral obligation hereunder shall be deemed satisfied. For any construction, additions or alterations to any building, or to any part thereof, or to any physical structures, including signs, which affect exterior features visible from a public

street, way or place and that do not require application to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Architectural Review Advisory Committee shall have 15 days to review and make a recommendation.

SECTION 2. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 3. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the ordinances of the Borough are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconstant with the terms hereof.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect, following adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Donna Marie Godleski

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Borough Clerk

Robert Fazen

Mayor