

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE NO. 8-2026

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

Article III – Cultural Committee of the City of Northfield

§ 6-20. Creation.

There is hereby created and established a Committee to be known as the "The City of Northfield Cultural Committee." The Committee shall consist of a minimum of (3) and a maximum of eleven (11) members including the City Council Liaison in charge of overseeing the Committee.

§ 6-21. Appointment of members; terms; vacancies; qualifications.

- A. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the governing body. Each member shall be a Northfield resident or an individual with a demonstrated commitment to the cultural, artistic, or historical vitality of the City.
- B. One (1) member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, one (1) member for a term of two (2) years, with the balance of members appointed for terms of three (3) years. At the expiration of each of the above terms, the new member or members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Vacancies in the membership for any cause shall be filled by the governing body for the unexpired term thereof. Members shall serve for their respective terms and until their successors are thereafter appointed and qualified. The City Council Liaison shall serve as an ex officio member of the Committee.

§ 6-22. Oath of office.

Each member and officer of the Committee shall, before assuming office, take and subscribe an oath that he will honestly, faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his or her office.

§ 6-23. Conflict of interest.

It shall be deemed to be a conflict of interest for any member, officer or employee of the Committee to have any financial interest, directly or indirectly, in any business of the Committee.

§ 6-24. Compensation.

The members and officers of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

§ 6-25. Officers; quorum.

The members of the Committee shall choose annually from among its members a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary, and such other officers as they may deem necessary. The President of City Council may choose a representative from the Council to serve as an ex officio liaison/member of the Committee. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.

§ 6-26. Bylaws; employee qualifications and compensation.

The Committee shall adopt suitable bylaws for the management of its affairs, shall determine the qualifications and duties of its members.

§ 6-27. Powers and duties.

- A. Recommend and organize cultural programs, events, and exhibitions for the City of Northfield.
- B. Seek grants, sponsorships, and partnerships to fund cultural initiatives (subject to City Council approval).
- C. Serve as a liaison between residents, local artists, schools, businesses, and City officials.
- D. Encourage the preservation of Northfield's historical and cultural heritage.
- E. Submit an annual report of activities, goals, and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

SEVERABILITY

If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey held on March 10, 2026, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final adoption at a meeting of said Council held March 24, 2026, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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