

# **TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION**

## ***Health Committee***

### **Issue Briefing**

**Topic:** Health Advisory Council Membership Ordinance

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#### **I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:**

Authorize the advertisement of an Ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion Chapter 16, Health Advisory Council (HAC), Section 16-3, Composition, to increase the maximum composition of the Council to eight; alternatively, the Board may appoint two alternate members to serve if needed to create a quorum.

#### **II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:**

The Board of Commissioners must adopt amendments to increase advisory board memberships.

#### **III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable): N/A**

#### **IV. Other Relevant Background Information:**

Chapter 16 (HAC) of the Lower Merion Code establishes the membership requirements for the HAC. The HAC currently has a seven-member board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The HAC has expressed an interest in increasing membership to assist with the numerous projects they are currently working on.

The HAC has recommended maintaining the membership at seven members but adding two alternate members that could fill in when members are not available. The alternates could also serve on the various HAC committees to work on special projects. If the Board of Commissioners would prefer to increase the membership rather than appoint two alternate members, the HAC recommended that only one member be added for a total of eight HAC members.

This ordinance has been drafted with language that includes an increase in membership and alternative language allowing for alternative members. The Board of Commissioners can decide which they prefer prior to authorizing the ordinance and staff will adjust the code language in accordance with the decision by the Board.

V. **Impact on Township Finances:**

This ordinance will have no impact on Township finances.

VI. **Staff Recommendation**

Staff supports adding two alternate members to the HAC as recommended by the HAC.