

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 2.71.040, BOARD OF ETHICS, CREATED; MEMBERSHIP.

AGENDA OF: October 17, 2017

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted without objection 11-7-17
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MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED *for* **BY JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER:** *[Signature]*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator: BJH for Mayor Halter	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/9/17 <i>[Signature]</i>

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☐ NO ☒
Ordinance Serial No. 17-133 (3 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This legislation is coming forward at the request of Mayor Halter.

In 2009, the Board of Ethics began a complete revision of the Ethics Code, formerly codified at MSB 2.70.

The Board concluded their review in 2011 and forwarded the legislation to the Assembly for consideration. The Board suggested recodifying the ethics code as MSB 2.71.

During the Assembly's review of the ethics code in 2011, it was decided that the board composition would change from 5 seats to 15 seats.

The intent was to have a rotating panel of 5 members each. It was also thought that having 15 seats would encourage more people to apply.

The Mayor and Assembly have requested that staff review all Borough boards, commissions, and committees in the interest of streamlining processes and ensuring that they function more efficiently.

Since the seat composition was changed for the Board, there has never been more than five seats filled, leaving 10 vacancies for this board for the last 6 years. This results in a lot of staff time to process the vacancies for those continually empty seats.

Mayor Halter requests that the seat composition be amended back to 5 members.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION: Adoption of the legislation.