

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP, SETTING FORTH THEIR PURPOSE AND DUTIES AND FURTHER CONFERRING ON THE COMMISSION THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A ZONING COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XX-A, SECTIONS 2051 TO 2057, INCLUSIVE, OF THE SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE, AS AMENDED.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Middletown, County of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. A Commission known as the Township Planning Commission is hereby created and established for the Township of Middletown, County of Susquehanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. The Township Planning Commission which is hereby created and established shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by law and any other powers vested in it by this Ordinance or any subsequent ordinance duly enacted.

SECTION 3. The Township Planning Commission shall consist of six members who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Middletown Township. The members of the Commission shall be residents of the Township of Middletown. The initial appointments shall be for two members of said Commission to serve for two years, two members for three years, two members for four years, and annually thereafter appointments to expired terms shall be for a period of four years. In the event of a vacancy in the membership of said Commission by reason of the death, resignation or incapacity of any member of said Commission said Board of Supervisors shall fill said vacancy by appointment for the unexpired portion of the terms so becoming vacant.

SECTION 4. The members of said Commission shall make and alter rules and regulations for their own organization and procedure, consistent with the ordinances of the Board of Supervisors and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. They shall serve without compensation, but will be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses and shall make annually to the Board of Supervisors a report of their transactions. They may employ engineers and other persons, whose salaries and wages and other necessary expenses of the Commission where approved by the Board of Supervisors, shall be provided for through proper appropriation of the Board of Supervisors. They may contract for professional planning services, the costs and the expenses of which, when approved by the Board of Supervisors, shall be provided through proper appropriation by the Board of Supervisors. The commission may also receive and expend for the purposes of its planning work, any gifts, grants and appropriations of money from any source, including Commonwealth, Federal or local funds, and may contract with government or private agencies or individuals with respect thereto. The Township Planning Commission shall keep all records of its resolutions, transactions, stating their determinations which record shall be a public record.

SECTION 5. The Planning Commission shall prepare and adopt a plan of development for the township. The plan, with accompanying maps, charts, drawings and descriptive matter, shall show the Commission's recommendation for the development of the township. It may show the commission's recommendations for the most desirable use of land for agricultural, residential, recreational, commercial, industrial and other purposes; for the most desirable

density of population in the several parts of the township; for a system of principal throughfares, parkways, bridges, streets and other public ways; for airports, parks, playgrounds and public grounds; for the general location and extent of facilities for water, sewage, light, power, transit and other purposes, whether public or privately owned; for the general location, character and extent of community centers and neighborhood units; and for the replanning of blighted and slum areas; for the extent and location of public projects; and for such other things as, in the opinion of the commission, are of public concern.

The development plan shall be based on studies of the physical, social, economic and governmental conditions and trends, and shall be designated to promote with the greatest efficiency and economy the coordinated development of the township and the general welfare and prosperity of its people.

As the work of preparing the new development plan progresses, the commission may from time to time adopt parts thereof, any such part to cover one or more major sections or divisions of the township or one or more of the functional matters to be included in the plan. The planning commission may from time to time amend, extend or add to the development plan. The planning commission shall, wherever possible, cooperate with the county planning commission. It shall be the duty of the commission to file a copy of all maps and plans and amendments thereto adopted by the Commission with the county planning commission within Thirty (30) days of the completion of such maps or plans.

SECTION 6. The planning commission shall have power to make or cause to be made from time to time surveys for the exact location of the lines of new, extended, widened or narrowed streets, the newly proposed or changed outer limits of parks, playgrounds, freeways and parkways, in the whole or any portion of the township, and to certify to the Board of Supervisors a plat or plats of the areas thus surveyed on which are indicated the location of the lines recommended by the planning commission as the mapped boundaries of future public areas, for placing on the official map of the township.

SECTION 7. To the extent that it is authorized so to do by law, as now existing or as may hereafter be enacted, said Commission shall also have authority, subject to the final approval and ratification of the Township Board of Supervisors to cooperate with one or more adjoining municipalities in the exercise and performance of the powers, functions and duties of said Commission and of carrying into effect provisions of the law now or hereafter enacted relating to said subjects which are common to all such municipalities and which each may, under laws now or hereafter enacted separately exercise and perform.

SECTION 8. The Township Planning Commission shall also serve as a zoning commission and shall, in pursuant of its duties, prepare or cause to be prepared a zoning ordinance for consideration of the Board of Supervisors. The said Planning Commission shall have all of the powers and duties of a zoning commission, as conferred upon a zoning commission by ARTICLE XX, of the Township Code. The commission shall have a continuing responsibility to review the zoning ordinance and make recommendations as to proposed amendments.

SECTION 9. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall become effective Five (5) days after its adoption.

ENACTED, ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township
of Middletown, County of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, this
day of 9/5/78, 1978.

Thomas W. Young Jr.
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Rep. Miko Sec.
Secretary of the Board of
Supervisors