

ORDINANCE NO. #26

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR A
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION IN THE TOWN-
SHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN AND
TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED By the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, County of Franklin, State of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same that:

Section 1. There is hereby created a Township Planning and Zoning Commission which shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by law and any other powers vested in it by law or ordinance.

Section 2. The Township Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington and who shall serve without compensation except that they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. In the first instance one member of the said Commission shall be appointed for one year, one member for two years, one member for three years, one member for four years, and one member for five years, and, annually thereafter, a member of said Commission shall be appointed for a term of five years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term.

All members of the Commission shall reside within the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The members shall hold no other Township office except that of member of the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Section 3. The Commission shall elect its own Chairman and create and fill such other offices as it may determine necessary. The Commission may make and alter rules for its procedure consistent with the ordinances of the township and the laws of the Commonwealth. It shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations which record shall be a public record. The Board of Supervisors shall appropriate funds in the same manner as other appropriations are made. The Planning Commission, with approval of the majority of the Board of Supervisors, may appoint such employees and staff as it may deem necessary for its work and may contract with planners and other consultants for such technical services as it may require. As an aid to coordination of municipal planning and with the consent of the Township Supervisors, the Planning Commission may enter into joint agreements with county, regional or other planning agencies, covering cooperative relationships as are necessary to attain the objectives of this article. The Planning Commission shall incur only such expenditures as shall be necessary and proper and all such expenditures shall be within

the amount appropriated by the Board of Supervisors or placed at the Commission's disposal from other sources. The Commission may also receive and expend for the purposes of its planning and zoning work any gifts, grants, and appropriations of money from any other source, including Commonwealth, Federal, or local funds. And the Commission shall annually make a report to the Board of Supervisors of their transactions, findings, and determinations.

Section 4. In its capacity as a Planning Commission, the 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 thoroughfares, parkways, bridges, streets and other public ways; for parks, playgrounds and public grounds; for the general location and extent of facilities for water, sewage, light, power, transit and other purposes, whether publicly 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.

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

(b) As the work of preparing the whole 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 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. The Commission shall have the continuing responsibility of maintaining the development plan in an up-to-date condition and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on all Ordinances which pertain to the physical development of the township.

Section 5. The Commission in its capacity as a Zoning Commission, may in pursuance of its duties, prepare or cause to be prepared a Zoning Ordinance for consideration of the Supervisors, to recommend the boundaries of the various regional districts, recommend appropriate regulations to be enforced therein, and hold public hearings on preliminary and final reports

to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission shall have a continuing responsibility to review the Ordinance and make recommendations as to proposed amendments.

Section 6. This Ordinance is passed under authority of the Second Class Township Code, Article XX-A, Sections 2051 to 2057, inclusive, and the Township Planning and Zoning Commission shall have all the powers and duties therein enumerated.

Section 7. The sections and parts of sections included in this Ordinance are hereby declared to be independent sections and parts of sections. If any such section or part of section shall be held invalid, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, nor the context in which such part of section so held invalid may appear.

Section 8. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall go into effect FEB. 7, 1967.
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 2nd day of FEBRUARY, 1967.

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