



ORDINANCE NO. 2013-0-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

THE WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES

CHAPTER I – ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT

PART 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Warrington has deemed it advisable to approve the following amendments to the Warrington Code of Ordinances; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it ENACTED and ORDAINED and IT IS HEREBY ENACTED and ORDAINED, that the Board of Supervisors of Warrington Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereby amends the Warrington Township Code of Ordinances as follows:

1. Delete Section 204. Governing Act.
2. Add new Section 204 to read as follows:

A Township Planning Department is hereby established in the Township of Warrington, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with Act 247 of 1968, known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. Section 10101, as amended.

3. Add new Section 205 to read as follows:

The Planning Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) (1) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in this act, and present it for the consideration of the governing body.
- (2) Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the planning agency shall be in the possession of the governing body.
- (b) (1) Prepare and, recommend subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations, as set forth in this act.

- (2) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
- (3) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality an environmental study.
- (4) Submit to the governing body of a municipality a recommended capital improvements program.
- (5) Require from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as relates to the work of the planning commission.
- (6) In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations land surveys with the consent of the owner.
- (7) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific area within the municipality.
- (8) When directed by the Board of Supervisors, review and administer the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development, and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land.

4. Add new Section 206 to read as follows:

The Planning Department shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a)
 - (1) Make recommendations to the governing body concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
 - (2) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the governing body on proposed amendments to it as set forth in this act.
 - (3) Do such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by this act.
 - (4) Present testimony before any board.
 - (5) Review and administer the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential

development, and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land.

(6) Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the planning agency shall be in the possession of the governing body.

5. Add new Section 207 to read as follows:

The Planning Department director shall be the chairman of the Board of Supervisors or his/her alternate appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The other Department members shall include a second supervisor appointed by the Board of Supervisors or his/her alternate appointed by the Board of Supervisors, the Township zoning officer, the Township manager and the chairman of the Planning Commission, or his/her designee. The Township Engineer and Solicitor shall be non-voting members. The Department shall hold monthly meetings and additional meetings as necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Ordinance.

6. Add new Section 208 to read as follows:

208 Governing Act.

The functions and operations of the Planning Commission and Planning Department as herein described shall be governed by the appropriate provisions of Act 247 of 1968, known as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code".

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 22nd day of October, 2013.

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


ATTEST:



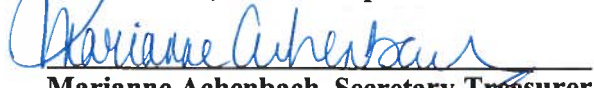
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