

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2000 - 02

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ORANGE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORD WITH ARTICLE II OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED as follows by the Board of Supervisors of Orange Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, by authority of and pursuant to the provisions of the Second Class Township Code, Act 69 of May 1, 1933, P. L. 103, reenacted and amended by Act 60 of November 9, 1995, P. L. 350, as amended; and Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247 of July 31, 1968, P. L. 805, as reenacted and amended by Act 170 of December 21, 1988, P. L. 1329, as amended;

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Section 1 Planning Commission Created

Pursuant to the provisions contained in Article II of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, and in order to carry the said provisions into effect, there is hereby created in Orange Township a Planning Commission which shall have all the powers vested in it by law or Ordinance, and which shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2 Membership and Terms; Residency; Compensation; Residency; Removal

A. Membership and Terms

The Township Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The members of the Planning Commission shall serve for a term of four (4) years, and terms shall expire on December 31st or until a successor is appointed and qualified. The terms of the members first shall be so fixed that no more than two (2) shall be reappointed or replaced during any future calendar year. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term.

B. Residency

All members shall be citizens of Orange Township.

C. Compensation

Members shall serve without compensation except that they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out their commission duties.

D. Removal

Any member of the Planning Commission once qualified and appointed may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office or for other just cause by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors taken after the member has received fifteen (15) days' advance notice of the intent to take such a vote. A hearing shall be held in connection with the vote if the member shall request it in writing. Any appointment to fill a vacancy created by removal shall be only for the unexpired term.

Section 3 Conduct of Business; Annual Report; Funding

A. Conduct of Business

The Township Planning Commission shall prepare, adopt and amend as necessary, by-laws and rules and regulations governing the operation and conduct of the business of the Commission.

B. Annual Report

By March 1st of each year, the Commission shall make a written annual report to the Board of Supervisors of its activities.

C. Funding

As authorized by the Board of Supervisors, the Commission may receive and expend for the purposes of its planning work, any gifts, grants and appropriations of money from any other source, including Commonwealth, Federal or local funds, and may contract with governmental or private agencies or individuals with respect thereto.

Section 4 Planning Commission Responsibilities

The Planning Commission shall have the powers and duties conferred to it by the Board of Supervisors in accord with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC). All actions of the Planning Commission shall in all respects comply with the authorizations and requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. In accord with Section 209.1 of the MPC, the Planning Commission shall at the request of the Board of Supervisors have the power and shall be required to;

- A. Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the Township as set forth in the MPC and present it for the consideration of the Board of Supervisors.
- B. Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the planning commission shall be in the possession of the Board of Supervisors.
- C. Make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.

- D. Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on proposed amendments to it.
- E. Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
- F. Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
- G. Do such other acts or make studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the MPC.
- H. Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors an environmental study.
- I. Submit to the Board of Supervisors a recommended capital improvements program.
- J. Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a water survey, which shall be consistent with the State Water Plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
- K. Promote public interest in, and understanding of , the comprehensive plan and planning.
- L. Make recommendations to governmental, civic, and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- M. Hold public hearings and meetings.
- N. Present testimony before any board.
- O. Require from other departments and agencies of the Township such available information as relates to the work of the Planning Commission.
- P. In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and land surveys with the consent of the owner.
- Q. Prepare and present to the Board of Supervisors a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the Township
- R. Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development and such ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no las requently than it

reviews the comprehensive plan.

ENACTED and ORDAINED this 4th day of May, 2000.

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