

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE NO. 650
(Duly Adopted December 21, 2017)

**AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REVISING CHAPTER 37,
PLANNING COMMISSION, OF THE CODE OF LOWER PROVIDENCE
TOWNSHIP ESTABLISHING BOTH THE NUMBERS OF MEMBERS
AND THE QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE LOWER
PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION AND
ESTABLISHING THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS POWERS AND
DUTIES**

ARTICLE I. Planning Commission

Sections 37-1 through 37-6 of Chapter 37 of the Code of the Township of Lower Providence are hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Chapter 37: Planning Commission

§37-1 Creation.

The Planning Commission is hereby created and established in accordance with the Act of July 31, 1968, Act 247, known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code with all of the powers and duties as permitted by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code as set forth herein.

§37-2 Membership.

The Planning Commission of Lower Providence Township shall consist of seven (7) members. All members of the Planning Commission shall be residents of the Township, who shall serve without compensation, but who may be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses as may be provided from time to time by the Board of Supervisors. At least five (5) members of the Planning Commission shall be designated as citizen members and shall not be officers or employees of the Township.

§37-3 Appointments; terms of office; vacancy.

All current members of the Planning Commission whose terms do not expire on December 31, 2017 shall continue in office until the end of his or her term. Each member thereafter shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for the term of four (4) years or until his or her successor

is appointed and qualified. The chairman of the Planning Commission shall promptly notify the Board of Supervisors concerning any vacancy on the Commission and such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in accordance with this chapter.

§37-4 Organization; Records and Reports.

The Commission shall select its own chairperson and vice-chairperson and fill such other offices as it may determine. Officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The Commission may make and offer by-laws and regulations to govern its procedures consistent with the ordinances of the Township and the laws of the Commonwealth. The Commission shall keep a full record of its business and shall annually make a written report by March 1st of each year of its activities to the governing body. Interim reports shall be made as often as may be necessary or as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

§37-5 Powers and duties.

- A. Planning Commission's powers and duties shall include those powers and duties set forth at Section 290.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended (53 P.S. §10290.1).
- B. The Planning Commission may, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by the County, the Commonwealth, or the Federal Government; or their respective agencies; or from private sources.

§37-6 Removal.

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

ARTICLE II. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE III. Severability

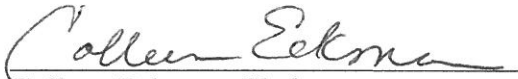
If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

ARTICLE IV. Effective Date


This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

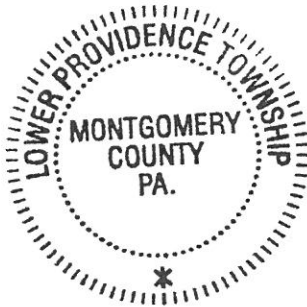
SO RESOLVED, at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township conducted on this 21st day of December, 2017.

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

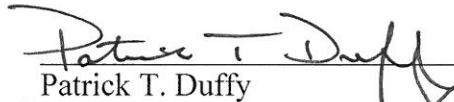

Colleen Eckman, Chair

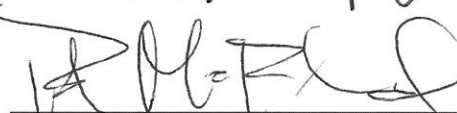
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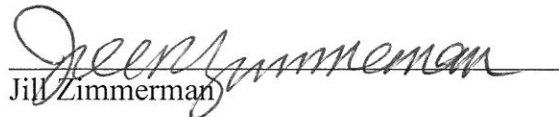

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