

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. O-00-00

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AMONG FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, SHARON TOWNSHIP AND THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

Freedom Township, Bridgewater Township, Manchester Township, Sharon Township and the Village of Manchester find it in their long-term interest to cooperate on planning and zoning issues. A means of achieving this goal is to jointly plan for land use. Therefore, all five governmental units desire to enter into an agreement to establish a joint planning commission pursuant to Public Act 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.131, et seq.), which shall be referred to as the “Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission”. The jurisdictional area of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission shall comprise the corporate limits of Freedom Township, Bridgewater Township, Manchester Township, Sharon Township and the Village of Manchester, all of Washtenaw County, Michigan.

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP ORDAINS:

Chapter __ “Administration”, Article ___ of the Code of Freedom Township is hereby amended to add Section ____, which shall read as follows:

Article ??? Township Planning

Sec.?? Establishment of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission

a. Formation of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission

Freedom Township approves the establishment of a joint planning commission pursuant to Public Act 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.131, et seq.), and shall enter into and adhere to the Agreement Establishing the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission among Freedom Township, Bridgewater Township, Manchester Township, Sharon Township and the Village of Manchester regarding the formation, composition and operation of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission.

b. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance shall for any reason be finally adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment is rendered.

c. Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of Freedom Township inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

d. Saving Clause

The adoption of this Ordinance by Freedom Township will not be deemed to vacate the appointment and responsibilities of the Freedom Township Planning Commission for land use under the applicable planning act until such a time as a Joint Master Plan is approved and adopted by all the legislative bodies of the participating municipalities that are party to the Manchester Community Joint Planning Agreement and such plan takes effect. The adoption of this Ordinance by Freedom Township will not be deemed to vacate the appointment and responsibilities of the Freedom Township Planning Commission for the administration

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of Zoning Ordinances until such a time as a Joint Zoning Ordinance is approved and adopted by all the legislative bodies of the participating municipalities that are party to the Manchester Community Joint Planning Agreement and such ordinance takes effect.

e. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following its adoption and publication pursuant to the procedures outlined in Section 9 of Public Act 226 of 2003 (MCL 125.139).

Township Trustee _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance, which was supported by Township Trustee _____ and thereupon adopted by the Freedom Township Board of Trustees by a roll call vote of the Township Board at the regular meeting, held this _____ day of _____ 2007.

Robert Little, Township Supervisor

Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk

I, Jennifer Alexa, Clerk for Freedom Township, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of Freedom Township, adopted at a meeting of said Township Board of Trustees held on _____, 2007, and the whole thereof now in my custody.

Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk

A copy of the complete ordinance text may be inspected or purchased at the Freedom Township Hall, 11508 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158. The office hours are by appointment. Township Hall telephone number is (734) 428-7545.

Adopted: _____

Published: _____

Effective: _____, subject to PA 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.139).

Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk

Publish: _____