

**EAGLE TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE TO CONFIRM THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ordinance No. 01-2023

An ordinance to confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Eagle Township Planning Commission; provide for the composition of that planning commission; provide for the powers, duties and limitations of that planning commission; and repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF EAGLE, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1: Scope, Purpose and Intent

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to the township board under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq, to establish a planning commission with the powers, duties and limitations provided by those Acts and subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and any future amendments to this ordinance.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide that the Eagle Township Board shall hereby confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Eagle Township Planning Commission formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq.; to establish the appointments, terms, and membership of the planning commission; to identify the officers and the minimum number of meetings per year of the planning commission; and to prescribe the authority, powers and duties of the planning commission.

Section 2: Establishment

The township board hereby confirms the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Eagle Township Planning Commission formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq. The Eagle Township Planning Commission shall have five members. Members of the Eagle Township Planning Commission as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall, except for an ex officio member whose remaining term on the planning commission shall be limited to his or her term on the township board, continue to serve for the remainder of their existing terms so long as they continue to meet all of the eligibility requirements for planning commission membership set forth within the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq. and this ordinance.

Section 3: Appointments and Terms

The township supervisor, with the approval of the township board by a majority vote of the members elected and serving, shall appoint all planning commission members, including the ex officio member.

The planning commission members, other than an ex officio member, shall serve for terms of 3 years each. A planning commission member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Planning commission members shall be qualified electors of the township, except that one planning commission member may be an individual who is not a qualified elector of the township. The membership of the planning commission shall be representative of important segments of the community, such as the economic, governmental, educational, and social development of the township, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the township, such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry, and commerce. The membership shall also be representative of the entire geography of the township to the extent practicable.

One member of the township board shall be appointed to the planning commission as ex officio members. An ex officio member has full voting rights. An ex officio member's term on the planning commission shall expire with his or her term on the township board. No other elected officer or employee of the township is eligible to be a member of the planning commission.

Section 4: Removal

The township board may remove a member of the planning commission for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing.

Section 5: Conflict of Interest

Before casting a vote on a matter on which a planning commission member may reasonably be considered to have a conflict of interest, the member shall disclose the potential conflict of interest to the planning commission. Failure of a member to disclose a potential conflict of interest as required by this ordinance constitutes malfeasance in office.

For the purposes of this section, conflict of interest is defined as, and a planning commission member shall declare a conflict of interest and abstain from participating in planning commission deliberations and voting on a request, when:

- (a) An immediate family member is involved in any request for which the planning commission is asked to make a decision. "Immediate family member" is defined as a spouse, mother, father, sister, brother, son, or daughter, including an adopted child; or
- (b) The planning commission member has a business or financial interest in the property involved in the request or has a business or financial interest in the applicant's company, agency or association; or
- (c) The planning commission member owns or has a financial interest in neighboring property. For purposes of this section, a "neighboring property" shall include any property falling within the notification radius for the application or proposed development, as required by the zoning ordinance or other applicable ordinance; or
- (d) There is a reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by a majority vote of the remaining members of the planning commission.

Section 6: Compensation

The planning commission members may be compensated for their services as provided by township board resolution. The planning commission may adopt bylaws relative to compensation and expenses of its members for travel when engaged in the performance of activities authorized by the township board, including, but not limited to, attendance at conferences, workshops, educational and training programs and meetings.

Section 7: Officers and Committees

The planning commission shall elect a chairperson and a secretary from its members, and may create and fill other offices as it considers advisable. An ex officio member of the planning commission is not eligible to serve as chairperson. The term of each office shall be 1 year, with opportunity for reelection as specified in the planning commission bylaws.

Section 8: Bylaws, Meetings and Records

The planning commission shall adopt bylaws for the transaction of business.

The planning commission shall hold at least 4 regular meetings each year, and shall by resolution determine the time and place of the meetings.

Unless otherwise provided in the planning commission's bylaws, a special meeting of the planning commission may be called by the chairperson or by 2 other members, upon written request to the secretary. Unless the bylaws otherwise provide, the secretary shall send written notice of a special meeting to planning commission members at least 48 hours before the meeting.

The business that the planning commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261, et seq.

The planning commission shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a planning commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

Section 9: Annual Report

The planning commission shall make an annual written report to the township board concerning its operations and the status of the planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the township board related to planning and development.

Section 10: Authority to Make Master Plan

Under the authority of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., and other applicable planning statutes, the planning commission shall make a master plan as a guide for development within the township's planning jurisdiction.

Final authority to approve a master plan or any amendments thereto shall rest with the township board unless the township board passes a resolution asserting otherwise.

Unless rescinded by the township, any plan adopted or amended under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq., need not be readopted under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq.

Section 11: Zoning Powers

Except where the township board elects to adopt a township zoning ordinance, the Clinton County zoning ordinance shall remain in full force and effect except as otherwise amended or repealed by the County Board of Commissioners. The planning commission shall not possess any zoning powers except as may be granted by subsequent amendment to this ordinance or a township zoning ordinance.

Section 12: Subdivision and Land Division Recommendations

The planning commission may recommend to the township board provisions of an ordinance or rules governing the subdivision of land. Before recommending such an ordinance or rule, the planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance or rule. The planning commission shall give notice of the time and place of the public hearing not less than 15 days before the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the township.

The planning commission shall review and make recommendation on a proposed plat before action thereon by the township board under the Land Division Act, Public Act 288 of 1967, MCL 560.101, et seq. Before making its recommendation, the planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plat. A plat submitted to the planning commission shall contain the name and address of the proprietor or other person to whom notice of a hearing shall be sent. Not less than 15 days before the date of the hearing, notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be sent to that person at that address by mail and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township. Similar notice shall be mailed to the owners of land immediately adjoining the proposed platted land.

Section 13: Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 14: Repeal

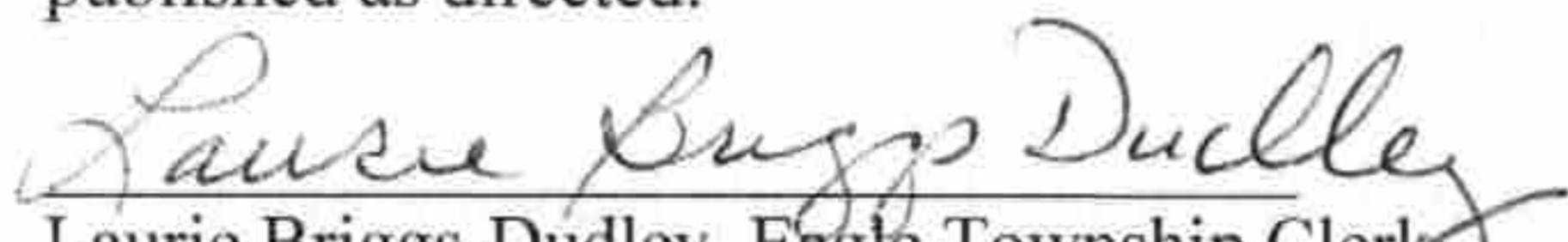
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. The resolution or ordinance establishing the Eagle Township Planning Commission under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq., is hereby repealed.

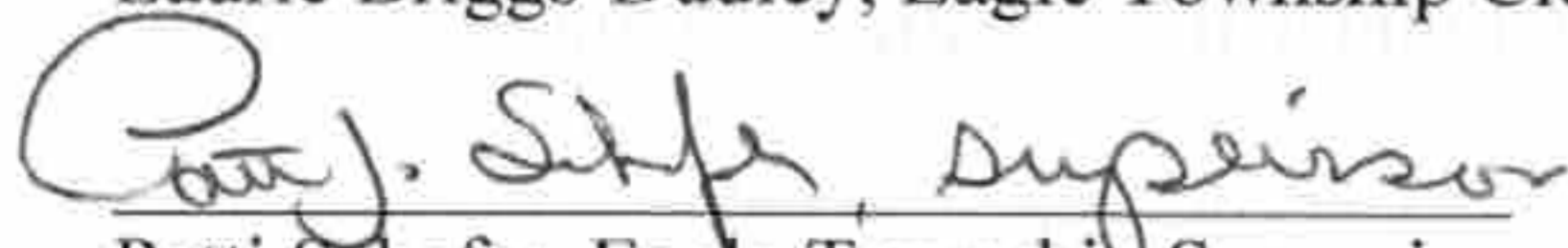
Section 15: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after its publication consistent with state law.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, as the duly elected and acting clerk of Eagle Township, hereby certifies that this ordinance was duly adopted by the Eagle Township Board at a regular meeting of said board, at which a quorum was present, held on April 20, 2023, and that copies of the ordinance were transmitted and published as directed.


Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk


Patti Schafer, Eagle Township Supervisor

Published: April 28, 2023

Effective: June 30, 2023

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Roll Call Yes Votes: Trustee Jones, Trustee Strahle, Treasurer Oberg, Clerk Briggs-Dudley, Supervisor Schafer. No Votes: none. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of Ordinance No. 01-2023 adopted by the Eagle Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of that Township Board held on April 20, 2023, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of Ordinance No 01-2023 was duly published in the Lansing State Journal newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within Eagle Township, on April 28, 2023.
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded Ordinance No 01-2023 in a book of ordinance kept by me for the purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the name of the members of the township board voting, and how each member voted.
4. Within 14 days after adoption of Ordinance 01-2023, I filed an attested copy of said Ordinance with the Clinton County Planning Commission and Clinton County Clerk on April 28, 2023.

ATTESTED:

Laurie Briggs-Dudley

Dated: May 1, 2023

 Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Eagle Township Clerk