

ORDINANCE NO. 15A
ORDINANCE CREATING PLANNING COMMISSION
UNDER THE MICHIGAN PLANNING ENABLING ACT

TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR

PREAMBLE

An ordinance to confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Bangor Township Planning Commission; provide for the composition of the 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 BANGOR, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1: Scope, Purpose and Intent

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted the Bangor 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 the Act 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 Bangor 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 Bangor 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 Bangor Township Board hereby confirms the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125, et seq., of the Bangor Township Planning Commission formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq., The Bangor 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 requirement for planning commission membership set forth within the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public act 33 or 2008, MCL 125.3891, et seq.

Section 3: Appointments and Terms

The Township Supervisor, with the approval of the Bangor 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 shall be appointed to the Planning Commission as an ex officio member.

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: 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 6: 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 terms of each office shall be 1 year, with opportunity for reelection as specified in the Planning Commission bylaws.

The Planning Commission may also appoint advisory committees whose members are not members of the Planning Commission.

Section 7: 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 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

Section 8: 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 9: 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 Planning Commission unless the Township Board passes a resolution asserting the right to approve or reject the master plan.

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, 125.3801, et seq.

Section 10: 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 11: Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.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

Section 12: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the date of its publication.

Linda Poland, Bangor Township Clerk

Regina Hoover Township Supervisor

November 9th 2010