

**North Franklin Township
Washington County**

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE OVERALL MEMBERSHIP/POSITIONS ON THE TOWNSHIP’S PLANNING COMMISSION FROM SEVEN (7) TO FIVE (5) PURSUANT TO SECTION 203(D) OF THE MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

WHEREAS, the Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10101 et seq. (the “MPC”), authorizes the Township of North Strabane (the “Township”) to regulate various activities, including establishing a Planning Commission (in lieu of a Planning Department) as the Township’s planning agency to handle the matters set forth therein the MPC and Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Planning Commission currently consisting of seven (7) positions; and

WHEREAS, at the Township’s Re-organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors did not fill the two (2) expired terms on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to reduce the overall number of positions on the Planning Commission, from seven (7) to five (5).

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as the “North Franklin Township Planning Commission Amendment Ordinance of 2025.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to reduce the overall positions on the Township’s Planning Commission from 7 to 5, pursuant to Section 203(d) of the MPC which requires the following:

- (d) Should the governing body of any municipality determine to increase the number of members of an already existing planning commission, the additional members shall be appointed as provided in this article. If the governing body of any municipality shall determine to reduce the number of members on any existing planning commission, such reduction shall be effectuated by allowing the terms to

expire and by making no new appointments to fill the vacancy. Any reduction or increase shall be by ordinance.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 (D) OF THE MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE.

- A. **VACANT POSITIONS:** At the Township’s re-organizational meeting held on January 6, 2025, the Board of Supervisors did not fill the two (2) expired terms on the Planning Commission. A true and correct copy of the meeting minutes shall be attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**.

- B. **CURRENT COMPOSITION OF PLANNING COMMISSION.** As a result of the Board’s decision to not appoint individuals to the expired terms, there exists five (5) filled, unexpired terms and two (2) vacancies on the Planning Commission.

- C. **REDUCTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION.** Following the adoption of this Ordinance, the North Franklin Township Planning Commission shall consist of (five) positions. The Board shall retain the authority to appoint individuals as alternate members, pursuant to Section 203(e) of the MPC. A true and correct copy of the current terms of the Planning Commission shall be attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**.

SECTION 5. REPEALER.

This Ordinance is a supplement to existing ordinances and the Township Code. This ordinance only repeals prior enacted ordinances specifically dealing with the position/membership numbers of the Planning Commission and/or any ordinance or portions of ordinances directly in conflict with sections of this ordinance. All other ordinances and regulations shall remain in full force and effect.

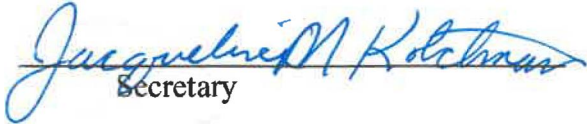
SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provision hereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been amended as if such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision or provisions had not been included herein.


ENACTED this 11th day of February 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of North Franklin, Washington County, Pennsylvania; and shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FRANKLIN
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA


Secretary

By: 
Chairman

By: 
Supervisor

By: 
Supervisor