

**CENTRE TOWNSHIP
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.**

ORDINANCE # 81 -1998

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #56-1991 CREATING A JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE AND THE BOROUGH OF CENTERPORT, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION; RESTATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND ESTABLISHED AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in order to effectively coordinate development and thereby promote the health, safety and the general welfare of the residents of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the "Township") and the Borough of Centerport, Berks County, Pennsylvania, (hereinafter referred to as the "Borough"), the Township and Borough separately enacted an Ordinance (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Ordinances") creating a Joint Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the membership of the Joint Planning Commission as set forth in the Ordinances was to be composed of six (6) members, four (4) of which must be residents of the Township, and two (2) of which must be residents of the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, despite the composition requirement established in the Ordinances, the Township and Borough have maintained a Joint Planning Commission consisting of nine (9) members, six (6) residents of the Township and three (3) residents of the Borough; and,

WHEREAS, the Township and Borough now desire to ratify all actions taken by the nine (9) member Joint Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Township and Borough now desire to amend their respective Ordinances and formally increase the size of the Joint Planning Commission from six (6) to nine (9) members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre in the County of Berks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the authority of the same;

ARTICLE I. The Joint Planning Commission created by Ordinance #56-1991 on October 15, 1991 will hereinafter be composed of a total of nine (9) members, six (6) of who shall be

residents of the Township, named by the Supervisors of Centre Township and three (3) of who shall be residents of the Borough, named by the Council of the Borough of Centerport. This body will continue to be known as the "Joint Centre Township Centerport Borough Planning Commission".

ARTICLE II. The Joint Planning Commission shall have the duties and obligations as set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, as amended, and in particular those Sections of the Code referring to Joint Planning Commissions, and as it may be amended from time to time, the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE III. If either municipality wishes to withdraw from the Joint Planning Commission, that municipality shall signify its desire by resolution or ordinance. The withdrawing municipality shall cause a notice of its resolution or ordinance to be published at least one (1) time in the Berks County Law Journal, and at least one (1) time in a newspaper of general circulation published in Berks County. Such notice shall contain a brief statement of the substance of their resolution or ordinance, making reference to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and shall state that on a certain day, not less than thirty (30) days after the publication of the notice, that municipality shall withdraw from the Joint Planning Commission.

ARTICLE IV. In the event that the Joint Planning Commission shall be dissolved, the notice and procedures required for the withdrawal of a single municipality shall be substantially complied by both the Township and the Borough.

ARTICLE V. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Township of Centre and the adoption by the Borough of Centerport of a companion Ordinance on the earliest date allowed by law.

ARTICLE VI. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ENACTED and ORDAINED as an Ordinance this 14 day of December, 1998.

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE

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