

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE CONFERRING UPON THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION ALL THE POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDED FOR IN THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY OF JULY 31, 1969, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE "PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE" AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 83

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Municipality of Monroeville, in Council assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of Ordinance. It is the intent, purpose, and scope of this ordinance to conform the functions of the Monroeville Planning Commission to the mandates of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act of Assembly of July 31, 1969, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Code; to protect and promote safety, health and morals, to accomplish coordinated development; to provide for the general welfare by guiding and protecting amenity, convenience, future governmental, economic, practical, social and cultural facilities, development and growth; to guide uses of land and structures, type and location of streets, public grounds and other facilities; and to minimize problems as may presently exist or which may be foreseen. It is the further intent of this ordinance that any recommendation made by the Planning Commission to Municipal Council shall be advisory only.

Section 2. Prior Ordinance. Ordinance No. 83 of the Borough of Monroeville, enacted February 14, 1957, pursuant to the Act of Assembly of July 10, 1947, P.L. 1521, as amended, shall continue in effect except where it conflicts with the terms of this ordinance, and such parts are hereby repealed, particularly Section Two of Ordinance No. 83 which is in obvious conflict and which is repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. Continuation of Existing Commission. The Planning Commission created by Ordinance No. 83 shall continue in existence by virtue of this ordinance and shall exercise all the powers and duties and be subject to all the limitations conferred by the Code.

Section 4. Members of Commission. The Planning Commission shall continue to have members, all residents of the Municipality of Monroeville. The members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses. Elected or appointed officers or employees of the Municipality may not serve on the Planning Commission and at the same time receive compensation for the municipal office held by them. The number of Planning Commission members and the appointment of members shall be in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Monroeville and the Municipalities Planning Code as amended.

Section 5. Removal. Any members of the Planning Commission once qualified and appointed may be removed from office in accordance with provisions of the Monroeville Home Rule Charter.

Section 6. Conduct of Business. The Planning Commission shall elect its own chairman and vice-chairman and create and fill such other offices as it may determine. Officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The Planning Commission may make and alter by-laws and rules and regulations to govern its procedures consistent with the ordinances of the Municipality and the laws of the Commonwealth. The Planning Commission shall keep a full record of its business and shall annually make a written report by March 1 of each year of its activities to Council.

Section 7. Powers and Duties of the Planning Commission. In addition to the powers and duties granted by Ordinance No. 33 and preserved herein, the Planning Commission shall have the power and shall be required to:

- (a) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the Municipality as set forth in the Code and present it for the consideration of Council;
- (b) Maintain and keep on file records of its action, which shall be in the possession of Council;
- (c) Prepare and present for consideration of Council, and, after adoption, maintain for Council an official map, and make such recommendations to Council on proposed changes in such map as set forth in the Code;
- (d) Make recommendations to Council on proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as set forth in the Code;
- (e) Prepare and recommend subdivision and land development regulations as set forth in the code;
- (f) Prepare planned residential development regulations as set forth in the code;
- (g) Make recommendations to Council on proposed amendments to the Building Code;
- (h) Prepare and present to Council a Housing Code and make recommendations on proposed amendments thereto;
- (i) Submit to Council a recommended capital improvement program;
- (j) Promote a public interest in and understanding of the comprehensive plan and planning;
- (k) Make recommendations to governmental, civic, and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies;

(1) Hold public hearings and meetings;

(m) Require from other departments and agencies of the Municipality such available information as relates to the work of the Planning Commission;

(n) In the performance of its functions, enter upon any lands to make examinations and surveys either after permission has been obtained from the owner or after public notices;

(o) Do such other act or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by the Code; and

(p) Seek the approval of the Municipal Engineer before doing any act or making any recommendations involving engineering considerations, same with respect to:

1. Planning Expert
2. Fire Official
3. Attorney

Section 7. Definitions. The definitions in Article I, Section 10, of the Code shall govern this ordinance. A copy is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "A".

Section 8. Municipal Engineer and Planning Director. The Municipal Engineer shall serve the Planning Commission as engineering advisor. The Planning Commission shall work in conjunction with the Municipal Planning Director and Planning Department in exercising its powers and accomplishing its duties. The Planning Director and Planning Department shall administer all regulations prepared by the Planning Commission after the same are approved by the Municipal Council.

Section 10. Administrative and Technical Assistance. Municipal Council may employ administrative and technical services to aid in carrying out the provisions of the Code, either as consultants on particular matters or as regular employees of the Municipality. Municipal Council may enter into agreements or contracts for planning services with any county or regional planning agency. The Planning Commission may, with the consent of Council, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by the County, the Commonwealth or the Federal Government, or any of their agencies, or from private sources. Council may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance of utilization of the funds or assistance in accordance with the governmental procedures of the Municipality.

Section 11. Repealer. Any ordinance or part of an ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

ORDAINED and enacted into law in Council this 1026
day of September, 1976.

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE

ATTEST:

Municipal Manager

Mayor