

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 99-14

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A
TOWNSHIP PLANNING DEPARTMENT;
PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR;
AND SETTING FORTH THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF EACH

It is hereby enacted that the Township of South Middleton creates and appoints a Planning Department for the purpose of exercising the general powers and duties in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Second Class Townships its supplements and amendments, and Section 209.1 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code and shall be made up of members of the Township Staff.

It also is hereby enacted that the Township of South Middleton creates a Director of the Planning Department, who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Director of Planning shall be in charge of the administration of the Department and the powers and duties that are specifically conferred upon the Planning Department by this Ordinance.

The Planning Department shall at the request of the governing body have the power and shall be required to:

1. Prepare, and make recommendations concerning the Comprehensive Plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in Article III of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code, and present it for the consideration of the governing body.
2. Maintain and keep on file records of its action. All records and files of the Planning Department shall be in the possession of the governing body.

The Planning Department, at the request of the governing body, may:

1. Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality an Official Map, and make recommendations to the governing body on proposed amendments to it as set forth in Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.
2. Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the governing body on proposed amendments to it as set forth in Article VI of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.

3. Prepare, recommend, and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations, as set forth in Article V of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Code.
4. Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
5. Do such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by this act.
6. Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality an environmental study.
7. Submit to the governing body of a municipality a recommended capital improvements program.
8. Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a water survey, which shall be consistent with the State Water Plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
9. Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
10. Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
11. Present testimony before any Board.
12. Require, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as it relates to the work of the planning agency.
13. In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and surveys with the consent of the owner.
14. Charge reasonable fees to cover cost of review of plans and permits in accordance with the Municipalities Planning Code and other applicable codes.

The above Ordinance was unanimously adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Supervisors held on this 19th day of October, 1999.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP

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