

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Building & Planning Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Ordinance to Update the Subdivision & Land Development Code to Revise Cross References to the Zoning Code

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Authorization to advertise an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Code to update cross references to the proposed Zoning Code.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

Any amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Code must be adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

On December 18, 2019, the Board of Commissioners authorized a public hearing to consider adoption of a new Zoning Code. Should the Zoning Code be adopted at the public hearing on February 26, 2020, all cross references to the Zoning Code will need to be updated in all other chapters of the Township Code.

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code requires the governing body hold a public hearing to consider amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Code. Amendments to other chapters of the Township Code do necessitate a public hearing, which is why the amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Code are coming forward under a separate ordinance.

V. Impact on Township Finances:

This ordinance will have no impact on Township finances.

VI. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners authorize advertisement for a public hearing.