

**FENTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Ordinance No. 737**  
**Adopted: June 20, 2011**

An ordinance to establish a Planning Commission under the authority of PA 33 of 2008, The Michigan Planning Enabling Act

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON, COUNTY OF GENESEE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**ARTICLE I.** That there is hereby constituted a planning commission to be known as the "Fenton Township Planning Commission", said Commission to have all powers and duties as provided in Act 33 of the Public Acts of 2008 as amended.

**ARTICLE II.** The Fenton Township Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. The members shall be appointed by the Supervisor with the approval of the Fenton Township Board. The membership of the Planning Commission shall be representative of important segments of the township, such as the economic, governmental, educational, and social development of the community, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the township, such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry, and commerce. The membership shall also be representative of the entire geography of the township to the extent practicable. One (1) member of the Planning Commission may be a non-elector. One (1) member of the Township Board shall be appointed to the Planning Commission, as an ex officio member.

**ARTICLE III.** The Supervisor shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the Planning Commission for the unexpired term with the approval of a majority of the members of the Fenton Township Board. A member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed.

**ARTICLE IV.** The term of the members of the Planning Commission shall be three (3) years commencing from the date of appointment, except for the Township Board representative, whose term shall be their term as Township Board member. The members of the Fenton Township Planning Commission existing at the enactment of this ordinance are hereby re-appointed for the balance of their existing terms.

**ARTICLE V.** The Township Board may remove a member of the Planning Commission for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing. Failure of a member to disclose a potential conflict of interest as required by Section 17 (9) of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act constitutes malfeasance in office. For the purpose of this ordinance, conflict of interest shall be defined based on the applicable provisions of the bylaws adopted by the Planning Commission.

**ARTICLE VI.** The Planning Commission shall make an annual written report to the Township Board concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the Township Board related to planning and development.

**ARTICLE VII.** The Township Board may employ a planning director and other personnel as it considers necessary, contract for the services of planning and other technicians,

and incur other expenses, within a budget authorized by it.

**ARTICLE VIII.** Members of a planning commission may be compensated for their services as provided by the Township Board.

**ARTICLE IX.** After preparing the annual report required under Article VI, the Planning Commission may prepare a detailed budget and submit the budget to Township Board for approval or disapproval. The Township Board annually may appropriate funds for carrying out the purposes and functions permitted under this act, and may match local government funds with federal, state, county, or other local government or private grants, contributions, or endowments.

**ARTICLE X.** This ordinance and its various articles, paragraphs and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any article, paragraph or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**ARTICLE XI.** This ordinance supersedes the resolution previously adopted by the Township Board establishing the Planning Commission under the authority of PA 168 of 1959 as amended, the Township Planning Act.

**ARTICLE XII.** This Ordinance shall be published as required by law and shall take effect immediately after adoption and publication.

Enacted at a regular meeting of the Fenton Township Board held on the 20th day of June 2011.

**Bonnie K. Mathis, Supervisor**

**Robert E. Krug, Clerk**