GREENE TOWNSHIP FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2

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WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deems it in the best interest and for the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Township of Greene to amend certain provisions of Chapter 105 of the Code.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Greene Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

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	ND ORDAINED this day of, 2023, by the ETOWNShip, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly
ATTEST:	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GREENE TOWNSHIP
Secretary	Todd E. Burns
	Travis L. Brookens
	Shawn M. Corwell
	APPROVED this day of

memorandum

DATE: February 7, 2023

Greene Township Board of Supervisors TO:

cc: Dan Bachman, Kurt Williams

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Elimination of Mobile Home **SUBJECT:**

Parks, Townhouses, and Multi-Family Dwelling Residences as Conditional Uses

in the Low Density Residential (R-1) Zoning District

Our file: 1538 (ZIP-T6/1538R1.1)

FROM: Tim Cormany, AICP

The Township is currently considering the elimination of Code Sections 105-7.B.(7), (8), and (9). This action would occur via a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; thereby eliminating the uses of mobile home parks, townhouses (attached dwellings) and multi-family dwelling residences (garden apartments) within the boundaries of the Township's R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district.

Our office recommends proceeding with said amendment based on the following planning concepts. The Township's zoning program has evolved over the years to include multiple residential zones, each intended to represent a specific character defined by density and housing type, compatibility with existing housing development patterns, and proximity to infrastructure suited to serve the needs of varying degrees of population. As such, the R-1 district was defined as low density and has historically developed primarily as neighborhoods of single-family detached residences. The continued inclusion of traditionally higher density residential options within the low density residential district increases the probability of conflict and incompatibility between adjoining properties. The Township should recognize this potential as a primary concern within its land use regulations. The enactment of the proposed amendment would serve to diffuse certain future conflicts and improve the overall integrity of the Township's planning and zoning program.

Ample area has been designated throughout the Township for the R-2 Medium Density Residential zoning district. As its name suggests, its objective is to cater to a greater density of residential development and a wider variety of housing types that would benefit from locations closer to infrastructure and amenities designed to serve a greater and more densely-populated environment. These areas were designated around historic population nodes such as Fayetteville, Scotland, Greenvillage and Chambersburg; and also in areas with proximity to busier transportation arteries and a concentration of public utilities and services. Targeting a greater density of development for these areas precludes the need for stretching road and utility improvements further into the Township's rural areas and encouraging greater development in competition with agricultural and established lower density single-family detached housing neighborhoods.



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The current ordinance has allowed mobile home parks, townhouses, and garden apartments in the R-1 district for many years as a conditional use. Presumably, the thought was that the conditional use process would allow for flexibility on the Township's part to grant approval for the occasional higher density development project with the ability to utilize a wide range of potential conditions. The legislative reality is a conditional use remains a permitted use subject only to those specific conditions identified within the Ordinance. The Township is not free to deviate from those published standards with any great degree of subjectivity unless a clear and imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare is identified.

Considering the above-referenced factors, we recommend that the Township move forward with the necessary Zoning Ordinance text amendment to remove mobile home parks, townhouses and multifamily dwelling residences from the R-1 zoning district. This will allow those specific housing types to remain as viable options for development in Greene Township within the R-2, CC and TC zoning districts, which are areas better-suited to serve the associated higher densities of residents. It will also allow the R-1 district to maintain a greater degree of neighborhood compatibility and eliminate the intrusion of development-related improvements which often add market pressure for additional development further away from the Township's intended growth areas and further towards the Township's intended low density, rural and conservation areas.

In summary, the amendment as proposed would a) offer greater protection of established single-family detached housing neighborhoods, b) eliminate certain potential conflicts and incompatibilities between adjoining properties, c) promote a better municipal understanding of the limitations of the conditional use, d) guide developments of higher density to areas where suitable improvements, services and resources are more readily available, and e) discourage the introduction of attractive development resources further into areas of the Township not intended for growth.

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Lindsay N. Loney

From:

Sent:

Lindsay N. Loney Friday, February 17, 2023 9:34 AM lawlibrary@franklinbar.grg

To: Subject: Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance 2023-2 ord 2023-2 attest draft.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached Proposed Greene Township Ordinance 2023-2, Zoning Amendment to remove townhomes, mobile home parks and garden apartments from the R1 zoning district. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2023 at noon. If adopted, I will send a signed copy after the meeting.

Thanks and have a great day!

Lindsay Loney

Secretary/Treasurer Greene Township Board of Supervisors 1145 Garver Lane Chambersburg PA 17202

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Franklin County Planning Department

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February 24, 2023

Daniel R. Bachman Greene Township Zoning Officer 1145 Garver Lane P.O. Box 215 Scotland, PA 17254-0215

Re: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Dear Mr. Bachman,

The Franklin County Planning Department has received the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment affecting R-1 zoning districts. The consideration is to remove mobile home parks, townhouses or attached dwellings, and multiple dwelling residences as conditional uses from R-1 (Low Density Residential) districts.

Upon review of the request, the Zoning Amendments would produce more harmonious land uses within R-1 districts and better align housing densities with existing infrastructure. The changes are also generally consistent with Franklin Forward, the County's comprehensive plan. As such, the amendments are recommended for approval.

Sincerely,

Quentin Clapper

Planner





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I, being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am a legal clerk and employee of The Public Opinion and have personal knowledge of the publication of the advertisement mentioned in the foregoing statement as to the time, place and character of publications are true, and that the affiant is not interested in the subject matter of the above mentioned advertisement.

Subscribed and sworn to before on February 28, 2023:

Notary, State of Wisconsin, County of Brown

My commission expires

KATHLEEN ALLEN Notary Public State of Wisconsin



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Greene Township Board of Supervisors 1145 Garver Lane Chambersburg, PA 17202

Re: Proposed Ordinance 2023-2

Dear Board of Supervisors:

On March 13, 2023, at 7 p.m., the Greene Township Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") held a regularly scheduled meeting, during which it considered, among other items, proposed Ordinance No. 2023-2 (the "Proposed Ordinance"), which would amend the Township Zoning Ordinance to remove mobile home parks, townhouses or attached dwellings, and multiple dwelling residences (garden apartments) as conditional uses in the R-1 (low residential) zoning district.

The Planning Commission received copies of correspondence from the Franklin County Planning Department and Tim Cormany, AICP, the Township planner. Both letters indicate, in short, that the Proposed Ordinance promotes greater compatibility and harmony of uses within the R-1 zone. The Planning Commission also recognizes that the Township's Zoning Ordinance still provides for mobile home parks, townhouses or attached dwellings, and multiple dwelling residences (garden apartments) in other zoning districts of the Township. Having reviewed the Proposed Ordinance, the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, and the correspondence from Township consultants, the Planning Commission agrees that the Proposed Ordinance is appropriate from a planning perspective and improves the harmony of uses in the R-1 zoning district.

In light of the foregoing, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt and enact the Proposed Ordinance as written.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely, Bill Liven

Bill Green, Chairman

Greene Township Planning Commission

CC: Kurt E. Williams, Esq., Greene Township Solicitor
Tyler R. Beaston, Esq., Greene Township Planning Commission Solicitor

