

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 39**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AMONG BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP, AND THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, TO BE KNOWN AS THE MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

Bridgewater Township, Freedom Township, Manchester Township, and the Village of Manchester find it in their long-term interest to cooperate on planning and zoning issues. A means of achieving this goal is to jointly plan for land use. Therefore, all four governmental units desire to enter into an agreement to establish a joint planning commission pursuant to Public Act 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.131, et seq.), which shall be referred to as the “Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission”. The jurisdictional area of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission shall comprise the corporate limits of Bridgewater Township, Freedom Township, Manchester Township, and the Village of Manchester, all of Washtenaw County, Michigan.

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 1 Establishment of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission

a. Formation of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission

Freedom Township approves the establishment of a joint planning commission pursuant to Public Act 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.131, et seq.), and shall enter into and adhere to the Agreement Establishing the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission Dated September 9, 2009, among Bridgewater Township, Freedom Township, Manchester Township, and the Village of Manchester regarding the formation, composition and operation of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission.

b. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance shall for any reason be finally adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment is rendered.

c. Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of Freedom Township inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

d. Saving Clause

The adoption of this Ordinance by Freedom Township will not be deemed to vacate the appointment and responsibilities of the Freedom Township Planning Commission for land use under the applicable planning act until such a time as a Joint Master Plan is approved and adopted by all the legislative bodies of the participating municipalities that are party to the Manchester Community Joint Planning Agreement and such plan takes effect. The adoption of this Ordinance by Freedom Township will not be deemed to vacate the appointment and responsibilities of the Freedom Township Planning Commission for the administration of Zoning Ordinances until such a time as a Joint Zoning Ordinance is approved and adopted by all the legislative bodies of the participating municipalities that are party to the Manchester Community Joint Planning Agreement and such ordinance takes effect.

e. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect following its adoption and publication pursuant to the procedures outlined in Section 9 of Public Act 226 of 2003 (MCL 125.139).

MADE, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES THIS 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.

Dale Weidmayer

Dale Weidmayer, Township Supervisor

Jennifer Alexa

Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk

Attest

I do hereby confirm that a true copy of the above Ordinance No. 39 was published in the Manchester Enterprise on the 17th day of December, 2009.

Jennifer Alexa

Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk

I, Jennifer Alexa, Clerk for Freedom Township, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 39 of Freedom Township, adopted by resolution at a meeting of the Township Board of Trustees held on December 8th, 2009, and the whole thereof now in my custody.

Jennifer Alexa

Jennifer Alexa, Township Clerk

The ordinance changes shall take effect seven days after this publication of the notice of adoption unless petition procedures are initiated under MCL 125.139. If petition procedures are initiated, the ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.139.

A copy of the complete ordinance text may be inspected or purchased at the Freedom Township Hall, 11508 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158. The office hours are by appointment only. The Township telephone number is (734) 428-0822.

Adopted: December 8, 2009

Published: December 17, 2009

Effective: December 24, 2009, subject to Public Act 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.139).

Jennifer Alexa, Clerk