

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

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CERTIFICATION

I, E.J. MENTRY, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT I AM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER IN LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA AND THAT ATTACHED HERETO IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE CORRECT COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 696.



E.J. Mentry, Township Manager

March 19, 2026

ENACTED: 3/19/26

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WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, deems it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the Township to encourage and support responsible business development, promote economic vitality, and maintain effective communication between the Township and the local business community; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of a collaborative advisory body consisting of Township officials, staff, and members of the local business community dedicated to stimulating new business openings in appropriate locations, maintaining ongoing communication with existing businesses, and fostering a welcoming and attractive environment for commercial activity within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Section 1506 of the Second-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 66506, entitled "General Powers," authorizes the Board of Township Supervisors to make and adopt ordinances necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Township and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors previously established a Development Committee under Chapter 8 of the Code of the Township of Lower Providence to serve as a liaison between Township government and the business community and to support economic and development-related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that it is appropriate to restate, clarify, and amend the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Township Code to more accurately reflect the Committee's advisory role, updated mission, and operational structure as the Lower Providence Township Business Development Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors further finds that clarifying the Committee's name, membership, terms, and duties will promote organizational clarity, transparency, and consistency with the Township's Comprehensive Plan and ongoing economic development objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors that the Township's Code is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amending Sections 8-1 [Committee created; membership], 8-2 [Term of members.], & 8-3 [Power and duties].

The Code of the Township of Lower Providence, Part I [Administrative Legislation], Chapter 8 [Development Committee, Township], Sections 8-1 [Committee created; membership.], 8-2 [Term of members.], & 8-3 [Power and duties], are hereby restated and amended to add the underlined language (example), and amended to remove the stricken language (~~example~~) as follows:

§ 8-1. Committee created; membership.

A. There is hereby created a committee to be known as the "Lower Providence Township Development Committee," "Lower Providence Business Development Advisory Committee," which shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be voting members, appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the township.

B. The Committee shall consist of two (2) members from the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors, with the remainder of membership being made up of members of the business community. To encourage a diversity of opinions and perspectives, the Board of Supervisors may choose to appoint members of distinct business communities, representing the diverse industries and enterprises of the Township.

§ 8-2. Terms of members.

A. Members of the Committee who are also members of the Board of Supervisors shall serve a term of one (1) year. Members of the Committee who are not members of the Board of Supervisors shall serve for a term of two years. All members of the Committee may be reappointed for additional terms by the Board of Supervisors. ~~Four of the initial directors shall serve a term of two years and three of the initial directors shall serve a term of one year.~~

B. The Committee shall reorganize annually, to install newly appointed members and to select a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary from among its members.

C. Committee membership terms shall be staggered. Upon the initial establishment of the Committee, the inaugural group of non-Supervisor members shall be appointed such that three (3) members shall serve initial terms ending December 31, 2027, and two (2) members shall serve initial terms ending December 31, 2028.

§ 8-3. Powers and duties.

A. The Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To serve as liaison between the township government and the Montgomery County Commerce Department Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC).
- (2) To serve as liaison between the township government and local firms.
- (3) To conduct visitations to local firms for educational and liaison purposes.
- (4) To research and compile listings of existing buildings available for sale or lease to commercial and industrial firms.
- (5) To research and compile listings of vacant sites suitable for commercial and industrial construction.
- ~~(6) To conduct prospective commercial and industrial project representatives on tours of available sites and buildings.~~
- ~~(7) To draft a development policy statement (consistent with the current Comprehensive Plan) for examination by the Board of Supervisors of the township.~~
- (6)(8) To make periodic reports on the Committee's activities to the Board of Supervisors.
- ~~(9) To participate in the Municipal Development Plan of the Montgomery County Industrial Development Corporation.~~

B. The Committee shall have no power or authority to expend any moneys without prior approval of the Board of Supervisors, which moneys, if authorized, shall be disbursed under the supervision of the Township Manager.

C. The Committee may invite any person or persons to appear before the Committee and to participate in its discussions.

D. The Committee shall comply with all laws applicable to the Township including, but not limited to, the Sunshine Act.

E. The members of the Committee shall serve without financial remuneration, but the Board of Supervisors may annually appropriate for the conduct of the Committee's business such sum of money as the Board of Supervisors shall deem necessary. No member of the Committee shall participate in the development of any recommendations that could create an actual or apparent conflict of interest. Members of the Committee should be held to fully comply with all state applicable codes of ethics and standards of conduct regulating the conduct of any person holding or being

appointed to any board, council, committee or commission within Lower Providence Township.

SECTION 2. Repeal and Ratification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the Township's Code unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and affect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

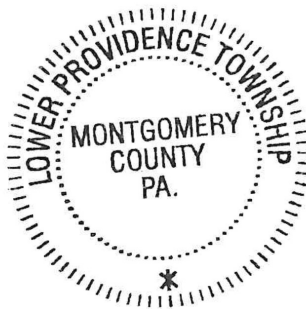
This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 19th day of March 2026, by the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors.

[Seal]

Attested by:

E.J. Mentry
E.J. MENTRY
Township Manager



**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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