

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**Text Amendment 2024-03  
Planning Commission Membership**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, the Township’s code of ordinances currently requires nine members on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the State enabling legislation allows for as few as five and as many as nine members on a local Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two vacancies on the Planning Commission and their Commission is functioning effectively with seven members; and

WHEREAS, there have been other occasions where only seven members were on the Planning Commission and business continued to be effectively completed in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, there have been two new planning related Boards added in the Township since the 2008 update of the State enabling legislation, allowing for a variety of additional volunteering opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and Township Board have both reviewed the proposed change and believe the Commission can function effectively with seven members;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby ADOPTS Ordinance No. 2024-03, entitled “An Ordinance to amend Section 2-287, Membership, of the Charter Township of Meridian Code of Ordinances to modify the number of required members of the Planning Commission.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it was adopted.

ADOPTED: YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

) ss

COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



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Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-287, MEMBERSHIP, OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 2-287, Membership, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Number; community representation; holding of other offices; terms of office; removal. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the Township Supervisor, subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Township Board, elected and serving. The members shall represent important segments of the community in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the local unit of government, such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry, and commerce. The membership shall have geographical representation of the local unit of government to the extent practicable. Members of the Planning Commission shall be qualified electors in the Township, except that one Planning Commission member may be an individual who is not a qualified elector in the Township. No member of the Planning Commission shall be an elected officer or employee of the Township. One member may be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The term of each member shall be three years. All members shall hold office until their successors are appointed. Members may, upon written charges and after a public hearing, be removed by the Township Board for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.

(b) [UNCHANGED]

(c) [UNCHANGED]

(d) [UNCHANGED]

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days following the date of publication.

ADOPTED by the Charter Township of Meridian Board at its regular meeting this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

*Patricia H. Jackson*

Patricia Herring Jackson, Township Supervisor

*Deborah Guthrie*

Deborah Guthrie, Township Clerk