

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 62

*AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AMONG
BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, FREEDOM TOWNSHIP, MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP,
AND THE VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER, 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.

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND FORMATION OF THE MANCHESTER
COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION.

Bridgewater 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 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.

Section 2. **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.

Section 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of Bridgewater Township inconsistent herewith, including without limitation Ordinance 60, are hereby repealed so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. SAVING CLAUSE.

The adoption of this Ordinance by Bridgewater Township will not be deemed to vacate the appointment and responsibilities of the Bridgewater 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 Bridgewater Township will not be deemed to vacate the appointment and responsibilities of the Bridgewater 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.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days following its publication subject to the right of referendum outlined in Section 9 of Public Act 226 of 2003 (MCL 125.139).

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Ordinance Declared Adopted on December __, 2009.

Jolea Mull, Supervisor
Township of Bridgewater

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION

I, Cynthia Carver, the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Bridgewater certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of the ordinance enacted by the Township Board of the Township of Bridgewater on December __, 2009. and published in the Manchester Enterprise, a newspaper, circulated in the Township of Bridgewater on December __, 2009.

Cynthia Carver, Clerk
Township of Bridgewater