

**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 60**

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 three 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 ORDAINS:

Article I Township Planning

Sec. 1 Establishment of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission

a. 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.

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All ordinances or parts of ordinances of Bridgewater Township inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed so far as they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.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

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).

Township Trustee _____ moved the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance, which was supported by Township Trustee _____ and thereupon adopted by the Bridgewater Township Board of Trustees by a roll call vote of the Township Board at the regular meeting, held this 4th day of October 2007.

Jolea Mull, Township Supervisor

Cynthia Carver, Township Clerk

I, Cynthia Carver, Clerk for Bridgewater Township, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of Bridgewater Township, adopted at a meeting of said Township Board of Trustees held on October 4, 2007, and the whole thereof now in my custody.

Cynthia Carver, Township Clerk

A copy of the complete ordinance text may be inspected or purchased at the Bridgewater Township Hall, 10990 Clinton Rd., Manchester, Michigan 48158.

Adopted: 10/04/07

Published: _____

Effective: _____, subject to PA 226 of 2003, as amended (MCL 125.139).

Cynthia Carver, Township Clerk

Publish: _____

Amended 10-04-07 to include Freedom Township.