PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, PA

The amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan will include the addition of the following language:

R. Declaration of an Emergency

When a Declaration of an Emergency has been ordered by the President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, or the Township of Abington, the Township will follow the following process concerning public hearings and expedited procedures to solicit public comment.

- If the Township is unable to hold open public hearings in person, the Township will conduct virtual public hearings through conference calls or online video conference call platforms. The virtual public hearing will include the ability for public comments to be received during the hearing.
- If the Township is not able to physically place the plans on public display at the locations referenced in the Citizen Participation Plan, the Township will display the plans on the Township's website (www.abingtonpa.gov/departments/communitydevelopment-dept) and will also email copies of the plans to any person who requests a copy of the plans. The Township may also use an expedited process of no less than five (5) calendar days to solicit public comment.
- If the Township Commissioners or Township Committees are unable to conduct an open public forum type meeting, the Township can approve the plans or take Committee action in a virtual meeting through conference calls or online video conference call platforms. The virtual meeting will include the ability for public comments to be received during the hearing.

All other sections of the Citizen Participation Plan will not be amended at this time and shall remain in full force and effect.

Written public comments may be mailed or emailed to Ms. Kimberly Hamm, MBA, Director of Community Development, Township of Abington, 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 or <u>khamm@abingtonpa.gov.</u>

All comments will be considered up to March 26, 2021 concerning changes or modifications to the Township's Citizen Participation Plan will be considered.