

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**February 29, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL: SANCHEZ – MARKMAN – DiPLACIDO – ZAPPONE
 GILLESPIE**

**Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Township Engineer POWERS**

MINUTES:

**Motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016
Code Enforcement and Land Development Committee
Meeting**

**CE1. Ordinance No. 2117 – Amending Chapter 162 – “Zoning,”
at Section 600 – “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay
District,” Subsection 5 – “Definitions”**

**Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2117, amending
Chapter 162 “Zoning,” at Section 600 “Flood Plain
Conservation Overlay District,” Subsection 5 “Definitions”
for adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting on April
14th, 2016 at 7:30 PM.**

Code Enforcement & Land Development BOARD ACTION REQUEST

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

AGENDA ITEM

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

AGENDA ITEM



Zoning Text Amendment
Flood Plain Ordinance
Ordinance #2117

OVERVIEW: The Township of Abington has been notified by FEMA that Ordinance #2102 "The Flood Plain Ordinance" adopted by the Township of Abington on February 11, 2016 is required to be amended to include a definition for New Construction. The definition is as follows:

New Construction – Structure for which the start of construction commenced on or after 3/2/2016 and includes any subsequent improvement to such structures. Any construction started after 9/30/1997 and before 3/2/2016 is subject to the ordinance in effect at the time the permit was issued, provided the start of construction was within 180 days of the permit issuance.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS:

- Motion to advertise Ordinance No.2117, amending Chapter 162 "Zoning", at Section 600 "Flood Plain Conversation Overlay District," Subsection 5, "Definitions" for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

NOTICE

The ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will take action on the following Ordinance Amendment at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., to be held at the Township Building, 1176 Old York Rd., Abington, PA 2nd Floor Board Room and will hold a public hearing on and will consider for adoption, an ordinance amending Chapter 162 (Zoning) at Section 600 (Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District) Subsection 5 (Definitions) to amend the definition of “New Construction.”

The Ordinance to be considered and acted upon is the following:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162 – “ZONING,” AT
SECTION 600 – “FLOOD PLAIN CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT,”
SUBSECTION 5 – “DEFINITIONS”**

The proposed Ordinance to be considered and acted upon on April 14, 2016, has been drafted for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Abington Township.

The proposed Ordinance amends Chapter 162 (Zoning) at Section 600 (Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District), Subsection 5 (Definitions) to amend the definition of “New Construction,” as more specifically outlined in the proposed Ordinance.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance may be examined by any citizen in the Office of the Manager of Abington Township located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2117

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162 – “ZONING,” AT
SECTION 600 – “FLOOD PLAIN CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT,”
SUBSECTION 5 – “DEFINITIONS”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 162 – “Zoning,” Section 600 – “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District” should be amended at Subsection 5 – “Definitions” to amend the definition of “New Construction” for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. Chapter 162 – “Zoning,” Section 600 – “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District” is amended at Subsection 5 – “Definitions,” to amend the definition of “New Construction” to read as follows:

“New construction - structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after 3/2/2016 and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. Any construction started after 9/30/1977 and before 3/2/2016 is subject to the ordinance in effect at the time the permit was issued, provided the start of construction was within 180 days of permit issuance.”

2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: _____
Wayne Luker, President