

ARTICLE 8

PROCEDURE FOR AMENDMENT

810 POWER TO AMEND

The regulations, restrictions, and boundaries set forth in this Ordinance and on the Official Zoning Map may, from time to time, be amended, supplemented, changed, or repealed through amendment by the Board of Supervisors.

811 Who May Initiate

Proposals for amendment, supplement, change or repeal may be initiated by the Board of Supervisors on its own motion, by the Planning Commission, or by petition of one or more residents of the Township. Such petitions shall be signed and acknowledged and submitted in writing to the Township Secretary.

812 Planning Commission Review

Proposals originated by the Board of Supervisors, by petition of Township residents, or by Curative Amendment, shall be referred to the Planning Commission at least thirty (30) days prior to any public hearing on the proposed amendment. The Planning Commission shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a report of its recommendations, including any additions or modifications to the original proposal, prior to the public hearing.

812.1 All proposals for amendment, supplement, change or repeal which are subsequently drafted into an ordinance to amend this Ordinance of the Official Zoning Map shall be submitted to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission of Lehigh and Northampton Counties for recommendations at least forty-five (45) days prior to any public hearing on the proposed amendment.

820 PUBLIC HEARING

Before voting on enactment of an amendment, the Board of Supervisors shall hold a public hearing thereon. Public notice shall be provided pursuant to the requirements of Section 107(18) and 610 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code. Notice shall also be mailed to any civic association or association of residents in the Township who shall have registered their name and address for this purpose with the Board of Supervisors. If a proposed amendment affects any land or structure within three hundred (300) feet of an adjoining municipality, notice of the hearing and a copy of the proposal

shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the governing body of the municipality at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

821 Revisions After a Public Hearing

If, after any public hearing upon an amendment, the proposed amendment is revised, or further revised, to include land previously not affected by it, the Board of Supervisors shall hold another public hearing, pursuant to requirements of public notice, before proceeding to vote on the amendment.