

ORDINANCE NO. 233 – PLANNING COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VALENCIA, BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AS THE BOROUGH'S PLANNING AGENCY, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS, JURISDICTION, POWERS, AND DUTIES THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Municipalities Planning Code authorizes Valencia Borough ("Borough") to establish a planning commission as the Borough's planning agency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to protect and promote safety, health and morals; to accomplish coordinated development; to provide for the general welfare by guiding and protecting amenity, convenience, future governmental, economic, practical, and social and cultural facilities, development and growth, as well as the improvement of governmental processes and functions; to guide uses of land and structures, type and location of streets, public grounds and other facilities; and to promote the conservation of the Borough historic and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to provide for the foregoing, in part, through the creation and subsequent recommendations, studies, and reviews of a Borough Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of Valencia Borough ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

1. Definitions.

OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE - Any person elected or appointed to, or employed or retained by, any public office or public body of the Borough, whether paid or unpaid and whether part-time or full-time.

2. Composition; Terms; Vacancy; Qualification; Compensation.

There is hereby created a Borough Planning Commission consisting of three persons to be appointed by Council. Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for a term of four years, except that the terms of the members first appointed pursuant to this ordinance shall be so fixed that no more than two shall be reappointed or replaced during any future calendar year. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term. All members of the Commission shall reside within the Borough, and no more

than one member may be an official or employee of the Borough. All members shall serve without compensation.

3. Conduct of Business; Annual Report.

The Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair and such other officers as it determines necessary. Officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The Commission may make and alter rules and regulations for its own organization and procedure, consistent with the ordinances of the Borough and the laws of the Commonwealth. The Commission shall make a report by March 1 of each year to the Council of its activities and transactions.

4. Jurisdiction and Powers

The Borough Planning Commission shall have the powers and duties as provided by the current Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.), as if fully set forth herein, this ordinance, or other ordinances adopted by the Borough.

5. Assignment of Additional Duties and Responsibilities.

The Borough Planning Commission shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to it from time to time by appropriate action of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and/or Council of the Borough of Valencia.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2017, by the Council of the Borough of Valencia, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF VALENCIA

By: _____

By: _____

Borough Secretary

President, Council

Date: _____

Date: _____

(Seal)

By: _____

Mayor

Date: _____