

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Townsend

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Introduced by: Councilman Jermaine Hatton
Introduced on: April 5, 2017



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ORDINANCE 17-03

TOWN OF TOWNSEND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

WHEREAS, Title 22 of the *Delaware Code* empowers municipalities to develop comprehensive plans to guide their futures; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 22, Section 702 of the *Delaware Code*, the Town of Townsend adopted the *2010 Update to the 2003 Town of Townsend Comprehensive Plan* (herein after referred to as the 2010 Plan Update) on July 7, 2010 (Ordinance 10-05) that was certified by the governor on August 5, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted amendments to the 2010 Plan Update:

1. Ordinance 11-02 on April 6, 2011,
2. Ordinance 12-03 on May 5, 2012,
3. Ordinance 13-02 on September 4, 2013,
4. Ordinance 16-07 on August 24, 2016; and,

Title 22, Section 702(e) of the *Delaware Code* state that "At least every 5 years a municipality shall review its adopted comprehensive plan to determine if its provisions are still relevant given changing conditions in the municipality or in the surrounding areas. The adopted comprehensive plan shall be revised, updated and amended as necessary." and,

WHEREAS, the Townsend Planning Commission (established April 6, 2016 by Ordinance 16-03):

1. At its meeting of March 8, 2017, reviewed the 2010 Plan Update together with the amendments through 2016 determined that the provisions of the 2010 Plan Update and amendments are still relevant and will guide the Town through 2020, and
2. In a letter dated March 14, 2017, transmitted its determination to the Town Council; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 401 of the Town Charter, this Ordinance was introduced in writing on April 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 401 of the Town Charter and Section 66-98 (UDC 2002, Section 904C) of the *Zoning and Unified Development Code*, a fair summary of this Ordinance and notice of a public hearing appeared in the *Middletown Transcript* on April 12, 2017; and,

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WHEREAS, on April 19, 2017, the Town Council:

1. Held a public hearing on the plan amendment, and
2. Read this Ordinance by title and synopsis, and
3. Gave all interested citizens and parties an opportunity to be heard, and
4. Took action by majority voice vote pursuant to Section 401 of the Town Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND ORDAINS that, having received and reviewed comments from the Townsend Planning Commission and received public testimony, hereby finds that the 2010 plan as amended through 2016 are still relevant and will guide the Town through 2020.

THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND FURTHER ORDAINS that a copy of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Office of State Planning Coordination.

THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND FURTHER ORDAINS that, pursuant to Title 10, Section 8126 of the *Delaware Code*, notice of the action taken by this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.

THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND FURTHER ORDAINS that this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

SYNOPSIS

This ordinance documents that, pursuant to Title 22, Section 702(e) of the *Delaware Code*, the Town of Townsend has completed the five-year review of the comprehensive plan and determined that the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Update as amended through 2016 is still relevant and will guide the Town through 2020.

Introduction:	April 05, 2017
Publication of Fair Summary:	April 12, 2017
Public Hearing:	April 19, 2017
Final Reading:	April 19, 2017
Adoption:	April 19, 2017



Rudolph Sutton, Jr.
Mayor of Townsend
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