

ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS

801 **General:**

The governing body may introduce and consider amendments to this Ordinance and to the Zoning Map as proposed by a member of the governing body, by the Planning Commission, or by a petition of a person residing or owning property within the municipality. Enactment of Zoning Ordinance or Amendments shall be pursuant to Section 609, 609.1 and 609.2 of procedures set forth in the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

802 **Petitions:**

Petitions for amendment shall be filed with the governing body and referred to the Planning Commission, and the petitioner, upon such filing, shall pay an advertising deposit and a filing fee, payable to the municipality in accordance with a schedule fixed by the governing body.

803 **Referral:**

Any proposed amendment presented to the governing body without written findings and recommendations from the Planning Commission shall be referred to the Planning Commission and the Erie County Planning Commission for review prior to public hearing by the governing body. The Planning Commission and the County Planning Commission shall report their findings and recommendations in writing to the governing body within 30 (thirty) days of the referring action.

804 **Action:**

Before acting upon a proposed amendment, the governing body shall hold a public hearing thereon. Notice of such public hearing, containing a brief summary of the proposed amendment and a reference to the place where copies of the same may be examined, shall be published in a newspaper or general circulation in the municipality for 2 (two) successive weeks, per the requirements of a public notice.