



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
April 27, 2021
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS
5:45 PM**

5:45 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

MOTION TO SUSPEND BYLAWS REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT A MAJORITY OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

MOTION TO SUSPEND BYLAWS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CURRENT FORMAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERM OF THE STATE'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION for the purpose of considering and acting upon a proposed resolution adopting the 2021 Lackawanna-Luzerne Counties Comprehensive Plan.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Please refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION OF LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2021 LACKAWANNA-LUZERNE COUNTIES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. _____
LUZERNE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (PA Act 247 of 1968, as amended and hereinafter the “MPC”) requires that every county in the Commonwealth adopt a comprehensive plan, which shall consist of, among other basic elements, a general plan for land use; and

WHEREAS, the MPC further requires that a county comprehensive plan establish broad goals and general criteria to guide municipalities in the preparation of their comprehensive plans and land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, agencies of the Commonwealth are required to rely upon a county comprehensive plan when approving certain grants and permits, and to give priority consideration to applications for assistance for projects consistent with the comprehensive plan of the county; and

WHEREAS, MPC Section 302 requires counties update their comprehensive plan every ten years; and the current comprehensive plan serving Luzerne County was adopted in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Planning and Zoning Department and the Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development - with the assistant of a consultant - have drafted the 2021 Lackawanna-Luzerne Counties Comprehensive Plan (hereinafter the “Plan”) as the framework and land use component of said comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Planning Commission met on Jan. 14, 2021 and voted unanimously to forward the draft Plan to the Luzerne County Council to begin their adoption consideration meetings process, and open the 45-day public comment period required by MPC Section 302; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Planning and Zoning Department fulfilled public participation requirements opening the public comment period on Jan. 15, 2021 and closing it on Feb. 28, 2021; and incorporating comments into the Plan where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Council held public hearings pursuant to public notice on April 13, 2021 and April 27, 2021 to review the Plan; consider public comment; and consider adoption of the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Luzerne County hereby adopts the 2021 Lackawanna-Luzerne Counties Comprehensive Plan as the official comprehensive plan of Luzerne County.

Adopted by the County Council of Luzerne County on this 27th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

Luzerne County Council

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Tim McGinley, County Council Chair