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Borough of Pottstown

APPENDIX A1 PURPOSE

SECTION A100. General Purpose.

The intent of this Article is to establish a precise and detailed plan for the use of land in the Borough, and it is enacted to promote and to protect the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the people in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

SECTION A101. Specific Purpose.

1. The specific purposes of this Article are as follows and the same shall be construed liberally to promote and advance such declared purposes:
 - A. Preserve and enhance Pottstown's traditional town character, protect its historic resources, and revitalize its older areas.
 - B. Promote the general welfare by increasing the amenities of the borough and lowering the cost of living in Pottstown through good urban design.
 - C. Carry out the Community Development Objectives listed in the Preface and Community Development Objectives, which is attached to this Chapter and marked as Exhibit A.
 - D. Carry out the purpose and scope of Section 105 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, which authorizes the promotion and preservation of Commonwealth historic resources.
 - E. To guide and regulate the orderly growth and development of the Borough in accordance with the Borough Comprehensive Plan and with long-term objectives, principles, and standards deemed beneficial to the interest and welfare of the people.
 - F. To protect the established character and the social and economic well-being of both private and public property.
 - G. To prevent overcrowding of land and buildings, and to avoid undue concentration of population.
 - H. To protect and strengthen the industrial, commercial, and residential tax bases of the Borough.

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- I. To encourage innovation and the promotion of flexibility, economy, and ingenuity in development in the Borough.

SECTION A102. Interpretation and Application.

All standards set up in this Article are to be interpreted as minimum standards required. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit or prevent the use of higher standards.

SECTION A103. Relationship to Other Laws.

Whenever regulations or restrictions imposed by this Article are either more or less restrictive than regulations or restrictions imposed by any governmental authority through legislation, rule, or regulation, the rules or restrictions that are more restrictive or that impose higher standards or requirements shall govern. Regardless of any other provision of this Article, no land shall be used and no structure erected or maintained in violation of any Commonwealth or Federal pollution control or environmental protection law or regulation.

SECTION A104. Administrative Standards.

Whenever, in the course of administration and enforcement of this Article, it is necessary or desirable to make any administrative decision, then, unless other standards are provided in this Article, the decision shall be made so that the result will not be contrary to the spirit and purpose of this Article or injurious to the surrounding neighborhood.