

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE - Introduction**

**Text Amendment 2022-02  
Zoning Board of Appeals Standards of Review**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Sundland,  
Hendrickson, Wilson

ABSENT: Trustee Wisinski

The following resolution was offered by Treasurer Deschiane and supported by Trustee Hendrickson.

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals currently has eight, sometimes conflicting, standards of review for any variance request; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals asked Staff to review the standards against the State enabling legislation and determine if potentially streamlining of the local ordinance was possible; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed zoning amendment at its regular meeting on March 14, 2022 and recommended approval of the proposed zoning amendment at their March 28, 2022 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed the matter at their February 16, 2022 meeting and recommended approval of the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board reviewed the matter at their April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup> meetings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning amendment will clarify and shorten the standards for the Zoning Board of Appeals to review variance requests, making their discussion more clear and defensible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. 2022-02, entitled "Ordinance to Amend Section 86-221, Review Criteria, of the Charter Township of Meridian Zoning Code to update the standards therein"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

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ADOPTED: YEAS: Supervisor Jackson, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Sundland, Hendrickson, Wilson

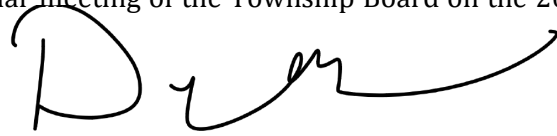
NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

) ss

COUNTY OF INGHAM )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



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Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk