

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES FOR OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE, AND STANDARDS FOR INCREASING THE BUSINESS BASE AND INCREASING TAX REVENUE STREAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of East Rockhill Township, having the responsibility and duty to govern the financial aspects of the Township on behalf of the residents, recognizing the need for increased the “ratables” within the Township, which, by definition produces income from property taxes or are properties or buildings, especially those used for commercial purposes, that provide tax income to local government.

WHEREAS, increasing “ratable” is a means to positive cash flow, improving cash reserves, and establishing a more financially sound Township, while minimizing or avoiding tax increases within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wish to further the purposes of establishing a Financially Solvent Township, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a Economic Development Advisory Committee as set forth below:

1. **Establishment/Purpose** – A Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) is hereby established for the purpose of advising the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors on matters involving the Economic Development and Business Base Growth and Expansion within the Township, including, but not limited to matters dealing with Zoning, recommendations regarding the Comprehensive Plan and Open Space Plan, and Land Management and utilization of both private and Municipal property within the Township.

2. **Membership** – The EDAC shall be composed of a facilitator and no less than (5) and no more than seven (7) members. Facilitator may be a member of the East Rockhill Board of Supervisors or designated by Board of Supervisors, or a member of the EDAC chosen by the EDAC. Membership shall comprise a cross-section of local and regional business owners. At least two (2) members shall be residents of the Township. Members of any current East Rockhill Committee or Commission or Board shall be excluded from participation on the EDAC.

3. **Associates** – May comprise individuals who represent large interests outside the region that may have an interest in East Rockhill Township as a target market that will help the Committee achieve its goals and purpose. Associates would provide inputs, suggestions, and shall be entitled to full participation and same respect from the committee as a full member.

4. **Appointments** – Committee members shall be appointed in accordance with the following procedures:

- a. East Rockhill will advertise soliciting that all interested parties make their interest know to the Board of Supervisors.
- b. The Board of Supervisors and the Township Manager and Department Heads may solicit interested parties for participation on the committee.
- c. Board of Supervisors shall work closely to establish a primary and alternate list of candidates for membership and associate membership to the ECAC, from which, the final appointments to the ECAC shall be made.
- d. The facilitator of the EDAC shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- e. Membership to the EDAC shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
- f. All Associate members shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.
- g. The term of office for all EDAC Members and Associates shall be one (1) year, and the terms of office shall expire on the last day of December of each calendar year.
- h. The Board of Supervisors shall reappoint members to the EDAC during their January reorganizational meeting.

5. **Advisory Body** – The EDAC shall be advisory to the Board of Supervisors.

6. **Facilitator Designation** – The EDAC facilitator shall be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

7. **Powers and Duties** – The EDAC shall have the following responsibilities:

- a. Comprehensive look at the best possible opportunities to increase ratables within the Township for sustained long term economic stability of East Rockhill Township.
- b. Consider long term impact on East Rockhill Township
- c. Contact business' and express the interests of East Rockhill and solicit opinions (and non binding commitments) of business and industry that are/may be interested in expansions/investments within East Rockhill Township.

- d. Author non-binding, Memorandum-of-Understand (MOU's) between business' and East Rockhill Township to document the guidelines and conditions that will promote growth for East Rockhill Township.
- e. Recommend changes to zoning and/or changes to the Comprehensive Plan
- f. Explore land and or business acquisitions beneficial to East Rockhill Township
- g. Explore and pursue all options for the land utilization and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on feasible alternatives for use and/or changes.
- h. Examine financing options for land acquisition and commercial development activities, and make recommendations appropriate to specific properties within the Township.
- i. Recommend plans and programs for the Economic Development that, where practical and reasonable, minimizes impact of natural resources.
- j. Recommend possible alternate future uses of any open land areas of the municipality.
- k. Promote a community environmental program.

8. **Effective Date** – This Resolution shall be effective on _____

SO RESOLVED, this ___ day of _____, A.D., 2010.

Attest:

Anne Klepfer, Manager/Secretary

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John R. Cressman, Chairman

Gary W. Volovnik, Vice Chairman

James C. Nietupski, Member