THIRD AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 96-08

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An Ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bexley, Ohio, by adding Chapter 289 to the Administrative Code, creating the Bexley Land Use Master Plan Commission.

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of long-range strategic planning in forming a holistic land use policy; and

WHEREAS, several individual land use plans and proposals have been commissioned and reviewed by the City over the years, and could usefully be incorporated into a holistic Land Use Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the City's efforts towards continued economic development to identify and encourage appropriate land use throughout all areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, no comprehensive Land Use Master Plan currently exists for the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

<u>Section 1</u>. That the Codified Ordinances of the City are hereby amended by the enactment of a new Chapter 289 as follows:

CHAPTER 289

Bexley Land Use Master Plan Commission

289.01 ESTABLISHMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.

- (a) There is established in and for the City a Bexley Land Use Master Plan Commission consisting of seven (7) voting members, appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by Council, in accordance with Section 8(f) of the City Charter. The voting members shall include six (6) persons confirmed by Council, as well as the chairperson of the Zoning and Development Committee of Bexley Council. All of the voting members shall be electors of the city. No more than two (2) members of Council may be voting members of the commission. The Mayor, or a designee of the Mayor, the President of Council, the City Development Director, the Chair of the Planning Commission, and the Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be *ex officio* members who may attend and participate, but shall not vote, at meetings of the Commission.
- (b) Voting members shall serve a term commencing with the effective date of their appointment and ending on December 31, 2009.
- (c) By the fifteenth day of July in 2014 and by the fifteenth day of July every six years thereafter, The Zoning & Development Committee of City Council must review the established Bexley Land Use Master Plan. At the time of their review, the Zoning & Development Committee of City Council must determine the need for the re-establishment of the Bexley Land Use Master Plan Commission, should the existing Plan require amendment.

289.02 ORGANIZATION.

- (a) The chairperson of Bexley City Council Zoning and Development Committee shall function as the chairperson of the Commission. Should the chairperson of the Bexley City Council Zoning and Development committee wish to forgo the function of chairperson, the Commission shall select one voting member as chairperson. Additionally, the Commission shall select one voting member as vice chairperson.
- (b) All Commission members shall serve without compensation. Vacancies caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (c) The Commission shall meet regularly at such time and place as it shall decide and shall meet at such special meetings as shall be called by the chairperson or vice chairperson after twenty-four hours notice to each member. The Commission may appoint committees comprised of not less than three (3) members to consider specific issues and an unlimited number of *ex officio* members who may attend and participate, but shall not vote, at meetings of such committee. All meetings of the Commission and its committees shall be open to the general public, except as provided by Chapter 223.
- (d) The Commission and its committees shall keep minutes of their proceedings.

289.03 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

- (a) The Commission shall:
 - (1) Review all identifiable land use plans and studies performed for the City over the past 20 years, and prepare a synopsis of the same.
 - (2) Prepare and submit to Council for its prior approval a budget, reflecting a combination of public and private funding, for development of the Plan and inclusion in appropriations for the calendar year 2009. The Commission was propriations from the City.
 - (3) Have the ability to solicit and receive gifts and contribution in the name of the City to fund the Commission and the Plan.
 - (4) Consult with real estate and planning experts regarding appropriate uses throughout the City.
 - (5) Organize and host public forums to solicit input from residents of the City regarding land use within the City.
 - (6) Based on the above, prepare a Land Use Master Plan for submission to council. Such plan shall include a Land Use Master Plan map, as well as an accompanying narrative report.
 - (7) Select and retain one or more consultants, in accordance with applicable law, to assist the Commission in developing the Plan.
 - (8) Submit the Plan to Council on or before November 10, 2009.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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