

RESOLUTION NO. 28 2012

WHEREAS, the City of Reading City Council enacted an amendment to the City's Zoning Housing Permit Ordinances in December 2011, which will necessitate Conditional Use Hearings for approximately 1500 rental properties that were bound in a "backlog" due to incomplete applications; and

WHEREAS, City Council and City staff developed a process herein that will allow the Conditional Use applications in the backlog to be handled in a reasonable and thoughtful manner, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Council of the City of Reading, as follows:

Setting out the following process to handle Conditional Use Hearings for the properties currently held within the Zoning Backlog:

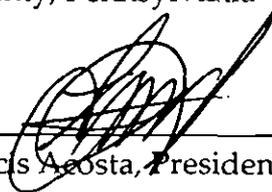
1. **Independent hearing officer** shall conduct hearings for properties in the high density residential zones with 1, 2, and 3 units – approximately 571 Hearings (*hearings for all properties in low density R1 and R2 zoning districts will be referred to a Full Council conditional use hearing*)
2. **Individual District Councilors** shall conduct hearings for properties in high density residential zones with 4, 5, and 6 units (*hearings for properties in low density R1 and R2 zoning districts will be referred to a Full Council conditional use hearings*)
 - A. Broken Down by District for properties with 4, 5 or 6 units
 - District 1 – approximately 11 Hearings
 - District 2 – approximately 22 Hearings
 - District 3 – approximately 29 Hearings
 - District 4 – approximately 6 Hearings
 - District 5 – approximately 12 hearings
 - District 6 – approximately 12 Hearings
3. **Full Council** – conditional use hearings for properties with 7 units (including rooms) and above and all properties within the low density R1 and R2 zoning districts – approximately 50 Hearings.
4. With the adoption of this Resolution City Council also authorizes the Administration to retain the services of an Attorney who is a member of the Berks County Bar Association using the RFP process to conduct the hearings as

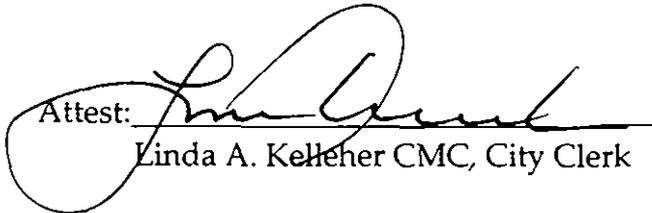
set forth in Item 1 above and a transcriptionist using the RFP process, to provide transcripts as requested for all hearings set forth herein.

5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.
6. Proper officers of this City are authorized and directed to do such things as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution.
7. In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause or part of this Resolution, it being the intent of this City that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

DULY ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 12 day of March 2012.

CITY OF READING,
Berks County, Pennsylvania

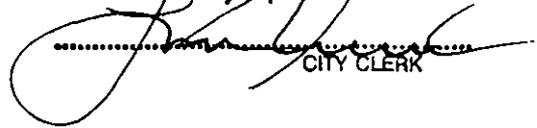
By  _____
Francis Acosta, President of Council

Attest:  _____
Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

Council Staff

Recommended by Housing & Economic Development Committee

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 12 day of March A. D. 20 12. Witness my hand and official seal of the said City this 13 day of March, A. D. 20 12.

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CITY CLERK