

Washington Township, Licking County

Zoning Resolution Update 2025-04

Advertise Online vs Newspaper

Proposed by Zoning Commission

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Section 5.15 Notice of Public Hearing in Newspaper

Before holding the public hearing required in Section 5.14, notice of such hearing shall be published given in one or more newspapers of general circulation of the township at least ten days before the date of said hearing using at least one of the following methods: (A) in the print or digital edition of one or more newspapers of general circulation in the County; (B) on the official public notice website established under Section 125.182 of the Revised Code; and/or (C) on the website and social media account of the Township. The notice shall set forth the time and place of the public hearing, and the nature of the proposed appeal or variance.

Section 5.16 Notice to Parties in Interest

Before holding the public hearing required in Section 5.14, written notice of such hearing shall be mailed by the chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, by first class mail, at least ten days before the day of the hearing to all parties in interest. The notice shall consist of the same information as required for notices published in newspapers as specified in Section 5.15.

Section 5.24 Procedure for Hearing, Notice

Upon receipt of the application for a conditional use permit specified in Section 5.20, the Board shall hold a public hearing, publish notice in a newspaper, and give written notice to all parties in interest according to the procedures specified in Sections 5.14 through 5.16.

Section 6.8 Notice of Public Hearing in Newspaper

Before holding the public hearing as required in Section 6.7, notice of such hearing shall be given by the Zoning Commission by at least one publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation of the township at least 10 days before the date of said hearing using at least one of the following methods: (A) in the print or digital edition of one or more newspapers of general circulation in the County; (B) on the official public notice website established under Section 125.182 of the Revised Code; and/or (C) on the website and social media account of the Township.

1. If the proposed amendment alters the text of the zoning resolution, or rezones or redistricts more than ten parcels of land, as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, the published notice shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing, and shall include all of the following:
 - a. The name of the Zoning Commission that will be conducting the public hearing on the proposed amendment.

- b. A statement indicating that the motion, application, or resolution is an amendment to the zoning resolution.
 - c. The time and place where the text and maps of the proposed amendment will be available for examination for a period of at least 15 days prior to the public hearing.
 - d. The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the public hearing by publication.
 - e. A statement that after the conclusion of such hearing the matter will be submitted to the Board of Township Trustees for its action.
 - f. Any other information requested by the Zoning Commission.
2. If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or redistrict ten or fewer parcels of land as listed on the county auditor's current tax list, the published shall set forth the time, date, and place of the public hearing, and shall include all of the following:
- a. The name of the Zoning Commission that will be conducting the public hearing.
 - b. A statement indicating that the motion, resolution, or application is an amendment to the zoning resolution.
 - c. A list of the addresses of all properties to be rezoned or redistricted by the proposed amendment and the names of owners of these properties, as they appear on the county auditor's current tax list.
 - d. The present zoning classification of property named in the proposed amendment and the proposed zoning classification of such property.
 - e. The time and place where the motion, resolution, or application proposing to amend the zoning resolution will be available for examination for a period of at least 15 days prior to the public hearing.
 - f. The name of the person responsible for giving notice of the public hearing by publication or by mail, or by both publication and mail.
 - g. Any other information requested by the Zoning Commission.
 - h. A statement that after the conclusion of such hearing and matter will be submitted to the board for its action.

Section 6.9 Notice of Property Owner by Zoning Commission

If the proposed amendment intends to rezone or redistrict ten or less parcels of land, as listed on the tax duplicate, written notice of the hearing shall be mailed by the Zoning Commission, by registered mail, at least 10 days before the date of the public hearing to all owners of property within, contiguous to, and directly across the thoroughfare from such area proposed to be rezoned or redistricted to the address of such owners appearing on the county auditor's current tax list or the treasurer's mailing list and to such other list or lists that may be specified by the Board of Township Trustees. The notice shall contain the same information as required of notices ~~published in newspapers~~ as specified in Section 6.8.

Section 6.11 Public Hearing by Board of Township Trustees

Within 30 days from the receipt of the recommendation of the Zoning Commission, the Board of Township Trustees shall hold a public hearing. The Board of Township Trustees as specified in Sections 6.8 and 6.9 shall give notice of such public hearing at least 10 days before the date of said hearing ~~in a newspaper~~ using at least one of the following methods: (A) in the print or digital edition of one or more newspapers of general circulation in the County; (B) on the official public notice website established under Section 125.182 of the Revised Code; and/or (C) on the website and social media account of the Township.

Section 6.13 Effective Date and Referendum

Such amendment adopted by the Board of Township Trustees shall become effective 30 days after the date of such adoption unless within 30 days after the adoption of the amendment there is presented to the Board of Township Trustees a petition, signed by a number of qualified voters residing in the unincorporated area of the township or part thereof included in the zoning plan equal to not less than ~~8 percent~~ **thirty-five (35)** percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in such area at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected, requesting the Board of Township Trustees to submit the amendment to the electors of such area, for approval or rejection, at the next primary or general election **that occurs at least ninety (90) days after the petition is filed.**

No amendment for which such referendum vote has been requested shall be put into effect unless a majority of the votes cast on the issue is in favor of the amendment. Upon certification by the Board of Elections that the voters have approved the amendment it shall take immediate effect.

Section 519.12(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, as amended, shall serve as an exception to the referendum as applicable.