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From: Rodney C. Nanney, AICP, Community and Economic Development Director

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Subject: **News Release: Union Township Zoning Ordinance Virtual Open House**

WHAT: Union Township Zoning Ordinance Virtual Open House

WHEN: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2020

WHERE: Electronic Meeting via the Zoom app

Please use the following link: <https://mcka.zoom.us/j/91738308430>

To access the Zoom meeting by phone, please dial: 1 312 626 6799 and enter 91738308430# at the Meeting ID prompt.

Two years of hard work will be up for discussion at 7:00 p.m. on June 30, 2020 when the Charter Township of Union hosts a Virtual Open House on its proposed Zoning Ordinance. The proposed Zoning Ordinance can be found online at <https://www.uniontownshipzoning.com/>, or via a link on the Township's website.

"The new ordinance is intended to replace the outdated 1991 Zoning Ordinance currently in use," noted Rodney Nanney, Community and Economic Development Director for the Township. "The new Zoning Ordinance is more user-friendly and includes changes designed to streamline review processes and approvals as much as possible."

Residents, community leaders, business owners, and others having an interest in Township zoning are encouraged to attend the Virtual Open House. The Open House will begin with an overview of the project by planners from Chris Doozan of McKenna Associates, the Township's consultant. Then, attendees will be given the opportunity to get their questions answered and to offer comments. The Planning Commission will review the Open House results in detail during their regular July 21, 2020 meeting.

"With the adoption of an updated long-range plan for the Township in 2018, this is right time to update the ordinance," Mr. Nanney observed. "The Zoning Ordinance is the main tool for implementing Master Plan's policy recommendations."

Users of the new Zoning Ordinance will find that it is more user-friendly, with a more logical organization and more illustrations to explain zoning concepts.

"The new ordinance is a legal document, but every effort has been made to eliminate excessive legal jargon," Mr. Nanney confirmed.



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Various zoning tools, including planned unit development and site plan review, have been overhauled to provide greater flexibility for property owners wishing to upgrade or develop their properties.

For more information concerning the new Zoning Ordinance and the Virtual Open House please contact Rodney C. Nanney, AICP, Community and Economic Development Director, at (989) 772-4600, ext. 232, or RNanney@uniontownshipme.com.