

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 16 - 2025

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 660 (ZONING) of the City of Allentown Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 660-6 to remove the limitation on preparation and provision of meal for only senior citizens within the community center definition.

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown (the "City") Council (the "City Council") adopted a Zoning Ordinance written, "2010 Zoning Ordinance of The City of Allentown, Pennsylvania (the "Zoning Ordinance").

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 609 of the MPC, 53 P.S. 10609, the City Council is authorized and empowered to enact amendments to the Zoning Ordinance after public hearing thereon pursuant to public notice, and

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted a public hearing pursuant to public notice concerning the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, after public hearing pursuant to public notice, the City Council desires to ordain and enact the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as set forth hereinafter (this "Amendment").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the City Council and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, to wit:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

1. Section 660-6 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to remove the meal preparation and provision to only senior citizens limitation within the community center definition and shall hereinafter read as follows:

A building used for recreational, social, educational and cultural activities owned and/or operated by a public or nonprofit group or agency. Any residential uses or a treatment center shall only be permitted if they also comply with the requirements for such use.

2. The foregoing Legislative Findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Amendment are declared to be severable. If any sentence, clause, section, term, phrase or part of this Amendment is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, terms, provisions, or parts of this Amendment. It is hereby declared the intent of City Council for City of Allentown that this Amendment would have been adopted had such an unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 3. FAILURE TO ENFORCE NOT A WAIVER

The failure of the City to enforce any provision of the Zoning Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by the City of its rights of future enforcement hereunder.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

Any ordinance, resolution and/or other regulation of the City, or any parts of ordinances, resolutions and/or other regulations of the City, including but not limited to all prior zoning ordinances and amendments or parts of prior zoning ordinances and amendments, including prior zoning maps, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. All other provisions of the ordinances, resolutions and/or other regulations of the City of Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.