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To: Planning Commissioners
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Date: October 19, 2022
Agenda Item: 7B
Description: Raising and Keeping of Poultry Zoning Text Amendment

ANALYSIS:

This Summer department staff began enforcement action against several properties across the Township for violation of a specific provision in section 36-187 of the ordinance which states “In the Waterfront Residential (WFR) or Natural River (NR) zoning districts the raising and keeping of poultry shall only be permitted on lots greater than 2.0 acres.” When residents receive notice of violation warnings, they may challenge the enforcement action in court, bring the property into compliance, or seek to amend the existing ordinance regulations. One of the residents has decided to pursue a text amendment to the current regulations of the section, which would allow them, and other property owners in the district to raise poultry on their property without being in violation of the ordinance. The proposed amendment does not include any additions to the section, rather, it proposes the elimination of any minimum size requirement for property’s in order to raise and keep poultry in the Waterfront and Natural River Districts.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission hold the required public hearing on this resident initiated zoning text amendment application. After discussion and consideration of public comment, the Planning Commission should make a recommendation that the Township Board approve the proposed amendment, approve the amendment with modifications, or deny the amendment.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit A: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment

