

BOROUGH OF MARIETTA RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08

A RESOLUTION OF MARIETTA BOROUGH, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO
ADOPT AS
BOROUGH POLICY A HERITAGE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Marietta has a rich historical heritage that is recognized by its 430 homes and buildings that have been included on the National Register of Historic Places as well as intact streetscapes that reflect the integral historical patterns of a nineteenth century industrial town that the Borough and its citizens have long worked to preserve in its historical character; and

WHEREAS, such historical and cultural heritage is a key to robust economic development through attracting further tourism, future citizens, businesses of a complementary character, and those interested in cultural and historical enrichment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has been undertaking endeavors to augment its economic and cultural appeal to businesses, residents and visitors by participating in the Northwest River Trail construction, passing a new zoning ordinance and also a land development ordinance, as well as other measures to improve the Borough's appearance, safety, and economic viability; and

WHEREAS, a Heritage Plan gives the rationale for the zoning ordinance and land development ordinance to limit demolition of historical properties and provide assistance to citizens on how to maintain and augment the historical character of the Borough, as well as documenting the Borough's history, its past and current efforts to preserve that history, and plans to use its resources to benefit the Borough's long-term viability; and

WHEREAS, a Heritage plan also is a tool to communicate this history and the ongoing efforts to preserve its historical resources to visitors, citizens of other municipalities, states and even countries, as well as provide direction to those with an interest in the future development of the Borough consistent with its ongoing character; and

WHEREAS, a Heritage Plan is a measure designed to avoid the extremes of either neglecting the preservation of historical resources of the Borough by ignoring the consequences of demolition or degradation of historical features of the Borough or that of overly restricting the latitude of property owners by enforcing the dictates of a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB), and, rather prevents demolitions that destroy the character of a neighborhood and offers co-operative advice about historical preservation instead of mandatory restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marietta Borough Council does hereby adopt as policy to be implemented in awarding building and demolition permits, dealing with zoning and land development issues, and communicating to interested parties the concerns and hopes of the Borough about the preservation of its historical resources as they apply to the direction of its future development.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Marietta, this **11th** day of **July, 2017**.

Attest:

Marietta Borough Council

Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Bridey Hannold, President

Council members: Harold Kulman, Vice President
Steven E. Foreman
Marcus Snow
Glen Mazis
Leah Nagle
Raymond Vegso, Mayor