

**Developing an Agreement/Ordinance for Joint Planning  
Fremont Community**

**Meeting Results  
December 12, 2005**

Question One: Representation

- 1) Decided upon three (3) representatives from each Township
- 2) Decided upon four (4) representatives from the City

Question Two & Three: Qualifications and Appointments

- 1) Must have at least one Board/Council member
- 2) Two members must live within the jurisdiction they will represent
- 3) One member may live within the jurisdictional area of the Joint Planning Commission
- 4) At least one appointed member must have demonstrated some planning experience
  - For the first appointment of the Commission
- 5) Commissioner must commit to \_\_\_ hours of continuing education each year
- 6) Commissioners are appointed by the Supervisor/Mayor with conformation by the board/council

Question Four: Terms

- 1) Staggered three (3) year terms
- 2) Commissioners shall have no term limits

Question Five: Conditions for removal of commissioners

- 1) Joint Planning Commission may initiate removal process from office
- 2) Appointing body shall have final say on removal following a hearing
- 3) Removal must be for just cause (already defined)
- 4) A Commissioner **may** be removed by their appointed body, if they change residency from their respected jurisdiction (\*Note: This would apply really, to only one Commission member- see 1,2,3 from # Question two & three)

Question Six: Vacancies

- 1) Same as appointment

Question Seven: Budget

- 1) Use Table three (3) from handout (weighted- population/taxable value)

Question Eight: Jurisdictional Area

- 1) Whole Area

### Question Nine: Join/Withdraw Procedures

#### **Join**

- 1) Other municipalities may join
- 2) New municipality must petition Joint Planning Commission
- 3) Joint Planning Commission makes recommendation to the Boards/Council of each participating jurisdiction.
- 4) Each jurisdiction gets one yes/no vote - majority vote decides
- 5) New municipalities are subject to referendum
- 6) Must adopt the agreement
- 7) Must accept percentage of the budget
- 8) Pay a one time "entrance fee"

#### **Withdraw**

- 1) Notice Requirement to other jurisdictions (with public notice)
- 2) Pay all outstanding fees to date
- 3) Adopt a formal resolution stating reasons for withdraw
- 4) Public hearing

### Question Ten & Eleven: Planning/Zoning Enabling Legislation

- 1) Township Planning Act
- 2) Township Zoning Act

### Question Twelve: Authority to approve/reject new master plan

- 1) Yes, stated in the agreement and ordinance

Other Questions for Legal Council:

If a municipality would like to join the Joint Planning Commission, would it need to pass a referendum?