

**AN ORDINANCE
ADOPTING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S
2011 UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE
VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS.**

WHEREAS, this Council, in 1993, adopted a Comprehensive Plan setting forth a broad list of goals and objectives reflecting community aspirations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, in conjunction with Council Committees, developed such plan in a manner that included the input of residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan serves as a set of guiding principles; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and is proposing certain updates to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, in drafting such updates, recognized the following facts: (1) the population of the Village has remained stable; (2) there is a very limited amount of land available for development within the Village; and (3) the general land use pattern of the Village is well established and reflected in the Village's Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, the updates proposed by the Planning Commission enhance the Comprehensive Plan and its objectives by reflecting current Village operations and policies and current planning practices; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to adopt the updates proposed by the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That this Council hereby adopts the 2011 Update to the Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Chagrin Falls, as set forth in the attached "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. That actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in lawful meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 114 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Chagrin Falls.

SECTION 3. That in accordance with Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Chagrin Falls, public notice of this Ordinance shall be given by posting a copy thereof for not less than fifteen (15) days in the Village Hall.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2011-50
INTRODUCED BY: MR. JACOBS

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

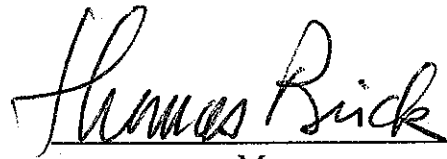
PASSED: September 26, 2011



Council President


Submitted to the Mayor for
his approval on this
27 day of September, 2011

Approved by the Mayor
September 27, 2011



Mayor

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2011- 50 was duly enacted on the 26 day of September, 2011, by the Council of the Village of Chagrin Falls and posted in accordance with Section 113.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Chagrin Falls.



Clerk of Council

Village of Chagrin Falls

Comprehensive Plan 2011 Update

INTRODUCTION

In 1993, the Council of the Village of Chagrin Falls adopted a comprehensive plan that set forth a broad list of goals and objectives to reflect community aspirations. The Planning and Zoning Commission developed that plan and based its contents on a community wide survey of residents and businesses along with work sessions with Village Council Committees.

In updating the plan, the Planning and Zoning Commission noted that Village population has remained stable; there is a very limited amount of land available for development within the Village; and the general land use pattern of the Village is well established and reflected in the Zoning Map for the Village.

This plan recognizes and seeks to complement existing mechanisms that are the appropriate tools for day to day decision making. These mechanisms include the Village Charter and all codified ordinances of the Village. This plan supports these documents and the standards contained within them. While the plan does not commit the governing body to specific action, it will serve as a set of guiding principles.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The purpose of this plan is to maintain and enhance the special character of the Village, to protect its sense of place, to supply services and facilities to its inhabitants, to encourage a viable business community, and to promote cooperation with surrounding communities." [Arnold C. Woodrich, January, 1994]

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Village Character

Goal: *To preserve and enhance the positive attributes of Chagrin Falls as a historic village with centralized commercial and public sector districts surrounded by attractive residential neighborhoods.*

Objectives:

1. Recognize and protect the small town scale of the Village which supports pedestrian circulation, assures safety, and provides common space for human interaction.
2. Protect residential character and property values.
3. Provide a positive climate in which business can thrive; however, the encroachment of non-residential land uses into residential areas is highly discouraged.
4. Play a supportive role in efforts to promote and market the business community and economic opportunities that are consistent with the natural beauty, historic character and quality of life of the Village.
5. Communicate with residents and businesses on a regular basis.

Administration and Compensation

Goal: To serve the residents of the Village with administrative efficiency and to afford public convenience.

Objectives:

1. Provide a congenial work environment in order to attract and retain quality personnel.
2. Be aware of and responsive to changes in personnel law.
3. Continue existing cooperative ventures that result in efficient administration.
4. Consider privatization where appropriate.
5. Encourage personnel practices that will increase productivity and cost effectiveness.

Environmental Protection

Goal: To identify and encourage protection of environmentally sensitive areas while conserving natural resources.

Objectives:

1. Operate all utilities in a manner that will minimize negative impacts on the environment.
2. Continue an awareness of local, state and federal mandates affecting the environment.
3. Maintain compliance with all applicable governmental environmental regulations.
4. Recycle.
5. Protect rivers, falls and dams as vital resources.
6. Encourage the optimally efficient use of energy resources.

Facilities and Services

Goal: To plan and manage Village owned properties and services in a cost effective manner to optimize benefit to residents and the business community.

Objectives:

1. Continue to maintain and expand Evergreen Hill Cemetery in accordance with the Village capital improvement plan.
2. Encourage and support the use of public land for appropriate community uses.
3. Explore opportunities for public acquisition of park land and open space.
4. Continue collaboration with other groups in providing recreational opportunities.
5. Prepare a twenty-five year municipal facilities plan to meet the long term operational needs of the Village.

Finance

Goal: To appropriately allocate financial resources so that the varied needs and interests of the Village are accommodated.

Objectives:

1. Utilize the Permanent Improvement and Working Equipment Funds as guides for identifying, prioritizing and funding capital projects and replacements.
2. Coordinate projects where circumstances warrant in order to reduce costs.
3. Implement fiscal policies that result in a sound financial plan to cover operating and capital costs over the long term.

Planning and Zoning

Goal: *To provide an orderly, equitable and effective regulatory environment for the use of land and the development process.*

Objectives:

1. Give thorough and deliberate consideration to significant planning and zoning issues while maintaining an awareness of the quality, character, and history of the community.
2. Examine the existing zoning codes, regulations, standards and guidelines to determine which are effective in meeting long range goals.
3. Modify existing and develop new regulations, standards and guidelines as appropriate to strengthen traditional village land use patterns.
4. Relate community goals to the administration of land use controls when code language allows for discretion in decision making.
5. Encourage compliance with planning and zoning regulations early in the review process.

Public Safety

Goal: *To maintain emergency and safety forces which are responsive to the community and provide a safe and secure environment to protect public health and safety.*

Objectives:

1. Continue to contract with an independent agency for emergency medical service.
2. Support the Village of Chagrin Falls volunteer fire department.
3. Maintain and assure a positive police department image throughout the community.
4. Cooperate with surrounding communities to structure regional forums for fire protection, law enforcement and other safety concerns.
5. Continue to participate in the regional dispatch center and upgrade communications equipment as technology allows and finances permit.
6. Emphasize and provide educational and training programs for the safety forces in order to maintain efficient and effective police and fire protection.

Streets, Sidewalks and Parking

Goal: *To maintain and enhance the quality, accessibility and safety of streets, sidewalks and parking areas within the Village.*

Objectives:

1. Continue the road program through which streets are upgraded and repaired on a regular rotating basis.
2. Inspect and upgrade sidewalks in accordance with developed sidewalk standards.
3. Encourage installation of sidewalks using the Village's Sidewalk Necessity Evaluation Form.
4. Maximize the use of existing parking areas to the extent that public safety is maintained.
5. Identify and consider options for increasing parking availability.
6. Link parking facilities to commercial areas through proper illumination and attractive enhancements to the pedestrian environment.

Utilities

Goal: *To provide quality utility services and to expand and improve services as warranted.*

Objectives:

1. Provide water system customers with a reliable source of water that is locally controlled.
2. Upgrade the water distribution system through a program of planned repair and replacement.
3. Increase the water system service areas by marketing the system to areas outside Village boundaries, and expanding into these areas when it is in the best interest of the Village.
4. Maintain adequate sanitary sewer system capacity to serve the Village, including those connections resulting from the transfer from individual septic tanks to the sewer system.
5. Continue to identify areas of inflow and infiltration of storm water into the sewer system and make the necessary improvements in accordance with the Village capital improvement plan.
6. Upgrade the existing storm water collection system in accordance with the storm water management plan.
7. Consider the formation of a storm water utility to finance storm water improvements.
8. Facilitate placement of all utilities underground.
9. Ensure that all underground utilities are properly mapped.
10. Develop a Technology Plan that will guide information infrastructure and communication as technologies change or emerge.

Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Chagrin Falls, Ohio

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