



**Zoning Text Amendment Checklist**

Date: February 13, 2026 Township: Richland

Amendment Title: Public Notices/Amendments

**Notice:** Incomplete Amendment requests **will not** be processed by our office. LUC Regional Planning Commission will return them to the requestor, stating the reason the amendment was not accepted.

Each Zoning Text Amendment change must be received in our office along with a cover letter, explaining the proposed zoning text change (s). All items listed below must be received **no later than 10 days** before the next scheduled LUC Regional Planning Commission Executive Board Meeting (second Thursday of every month). It is recommended that a person who is able to provide further information on the amendment attend the Zoning and Subdivision Committee meeting to answer any additional questions that may arise.

Required Item:	Completed by Requestor:	Received by LUC:
Cover Letter & Checklist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date of Request (stated in cover letter)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Description of Zoning Text Amendment Change (s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date of Public Hearing (stated in cover letter)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Township Point of Contact and contact information for zoning amendment (stated in cover letter)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attachment of Zoning Text Amendment with changes highlighted or bolded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Copy of current zoning regulation, or section to be modified for comparison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-LUC Member Fee, If applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a

Additionally, after final adoption regarding this zoning text amendment, please provide LUC with a letter stating the results of the Trustees vote, along with a copy of the adopted language.

Please see reverse side for a timeline of the Township Zoning Amendment Process, per ORC 519.12

**Date of Request.**

February 24, 2026

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**RE: Zoning Text Amendment Application, Richland Township, Logan County**  
Amendment topic: Article V Administration, Article VI Amendments

Dear LUC Regional Planning Commission Committee Members:

The Richland Township Trustees met on February 13, 2026. During the meeting, amendments to the Zoning Resolution were initiated by resolution of the Township Trustees. It was certified to the Zoning Commission on February 17, 2026. The amendments propose alterations to the text of the Zoning Resolution.

**Description of Zoning Text Amendments.**

The proposal amends Section 546 by increasing the number of days in which the BZA must hold a public hearing from 20 days to 40 days. It also amends Section 547, 548, and 566 by removing the requirement that public notices must be published in the newspaper, and instead allows for all methods permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Article VI is amended to remove much of the zoning amendment process, and instead reference the process as found in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 519.12.

Included with this cover letter, you will find a copy of the existing zoning as it appears in the Zoning Resolution. Proposed changes are **bolded** and ~~struck~~. Please refer to these attachments for further information.

**Public Hearing.**

The Richland Township Zoning Commission of Logan County, Ohio, will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed amendments at 6:30 P M on March 18, 2026, in the Richland Township Hall.

**Point of Contact.**

Please consider me Richland Township's point of contact for this matter. My contact information is below:

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Sincerely,



**Attachments.**

1. Proposed Zoning Resolution Text Amendments (text changes shown ~~removed~~ and **added**)

## ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATION

Section 500 Office of Zoning Inspector Created. A Zoning Inspector designated by the Board of Township Trustees shall administer and enforce this Resolution. He may be provided with the assistance of such other persons as the Trustees may direct.

Section 501 Duties of Zoning Inspector. For the purpose of this Resolution, the Zoning Inspector shall have the following duties:

1. Upon finding that any of the provisions of this Resolution are being violated, he shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violation(s), ordering the action necessary to correct such violation;
2. Order discontinuance of illegal uses of land, buildings, or structures;
3. Order removal of illegal buildings or structures or illegal additions or structural alterations;
4. Order discontinuance of any illegal work being done;
5. Take any other action authorized by this Resolution to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation(s) of this Resolution. This may include the issuance of and action on zoning and certificate of occupancy permits and such similar administrative duties as are permissible under the law.

Section 510 Proceedings of Zoning Commission. The Commission shall adopt rules necessary to the conduct of its affairs in keeping with the provisions of this Resolution. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the Commission may determine. All meetings shall be open to the public. The Commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions all of which shall be a public record and be immediately filed in the office of the Commission.

Section 511 Duties of Zoning Commission. For the purpose of this Resolution the Commission shall have the following duties:

1. Initiate proposed amendments to this Resolution;
2. Review all proposed amendments to this Resolution;

Section 520 Board of Zoning Appeals Created. A Board of Zoning Appeals is hereby created, which shall consist of five (5) members to be appointed by the Board of Township Trustees each for a term of five (5) years, except that the initial appointments shall be one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) year terms. Each member shall be a resident of the township. Members of the Board may be removed from office by the Trustees for cause upon written charges and after public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the trustees for the unexpired term of the member affected.

Section 521 Proceedings of the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board shall adopt rules necessary to the conduct of its affairs in keeping with the provisions of this Resolution. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the Board may determine. The chairman, or in his absence the acting chairman, may administer

oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings shall be open to the public. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be a public record and be immediately filed in the office of the Board.

Section 522 Duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals. In exercising its duties, the Board may, as long as such action is in conformity with the terms of this Resolution, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or modify the order, requirement, decision, or determination appealed from and make such order, requirement, decision, or determination as ought to be made, and to that end shall have the powers of the Zoning Inspector from whom the appeal is taken. The concurring vote of four (4) members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Zoning Inspector, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under this Resolution or to effect any variation in the application of this Resolution. For the purpose of this Resolution the Board has the following specific responsibilities:

1. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, interpretation, or determination made by the Zoning Inspector;
2. To authorize such variances from the terms of this Resolution as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to the special conditions, a literal enforcement of this Resolution will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of this Resolution shall be observed and substantial justice done;
3. To grant conditional use permits as specified in the Official Schedule of District Regulations and under the conditions specified in Article 9 and such additional safeguards as will uphold the intent of this Resolution.

Section 530 Duties of Zoning Inspector, Board of Zoning Appeals, Legislative Authority and Courts on Matters of Appeal. It is the intent of this Resolution that all questions of interpretation and enforcement shall be first presented to the Zoning Inspector, and that such questions shall be presented to the Board only on appeal from the decision of the Zoning Inspector, and that recourse from the decisions of the Board shall be to the courts as provided by law. It is further the intent of this Resolution that the duties of the Township Trustees in connection with this Resolution shall not include hearing and deciding questions of interpretation and enforcement that may arise. The procedure for deciding such questions shall be as stated in this section and this Resolution. Under this Resolution the Township Trustees shall have only the duties of considering and adopting or rejecting proposed amendments or the repeal of this Resolution as provided by law; and of establishing a schedule of fees and charges as stated in Section 360 of this Resolution. Nothing in this Resolution shall be interpreted to prevent any official of the Township from appealing a decision of the Board to the courts as provided in the Ohio Revised Code. Any such appeal shall be made within ten (10) days of the Board's written decision.

Section 540 Procedure and Requirements for Appeals and Variances. Appeals and variances shall conform to the procedures and requirements of Section 541-549, inclusive, of this Resolution. As specified in Section 522, the Board of Zoning Appeals has appellate jurisdiction relative to appeals and variances.

Section 541 Appeals. Appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals concerning interpretation or administration of this Resolution may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer or bureau of the legislative authority of the Township affected by any decision of the Zoning Inspector. Such appeal shall be taken within twenty (20) days after the decision by filing, with the Zoning Inspector and with the Board of Zoning Appeals, a notice of appeal specifying the grounds upon which the appeal is being taken. The Zoning Inspector shall transmit to the Board of Zoning Appeals all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.

Section 542 Stay of Proceedings. An appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the Zoning Inspector from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the Board of Zoning Appeals after the notice of appeal is filed with him that by reason of facts stated in the application, a stay would in his opinion, cause imminent peril to life and property. In such case, proceedings shall not be stayed other than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the Zoning Inspector from whom the appeal is taken on the cause shown.

Section 543 Variances. The Board of Zoning Appeals may authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of this Resolution as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Resolution would result in unnecessary hardship. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures, or buildings in the same district and no permitted or non-conforming use of lands, structures, or buildings in other districts shall be considered grounds for issuance of a variance. Variances shall not be granted on the grounds of convenience or profit, but only where strict application of the provisions of this Resolution would result in unnecessary hardship.

Section 544 Application and Standards for Variances. A variance from the terms of this Resolution shall not be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals unless and until a written application for a variance is submitted to the Zoning Inspector and the Board of Zoning Appeals containing:

1. Name, address, and phone number of applicants;
2. Legal description of property;
3. Description or nature of variance requested;
4. A narrative statement demonstrating that the requested variance conforms to the following standards;
  - a. That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the lane, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district;

- b. That a literal interpretation of the provisions of this Resolution would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this Resolution;
- c. That special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant;
- d. That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Resolution to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district.

A variance shall not be granted unless the Board makes specific findings of fact based directly on the particular evidence presented to it, which support conclusions that the standards and conditions imposed by subsection 4 of this section have been met by the applicant.

Section 545 Supplementary Conditions and Safeguards. Under no circumstances shall the Board of Zoning Appeals grant an appeal or variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Resolution in the District involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of this Resolution in said district. In granting any appeal or variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this Resolution. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the appeal or variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Resolution and punishable under Section 350 of this Resolution.

Section 546 Public Hearing by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall hold a public hearing within ~~twenty-four~~ (20 40) days after the receipt of an application for an appeal or variance from the Zoning Inspector or an applicant.

Section 547 Notice of Public Hearing ~~in Newspaper.~~ Before holding the public hearing required in Section 546, notice of such hearing shall be given ~~in one newspaper of general circulation in the Township~~ at least ten (10) days before the date of said hearing, in accordance with ORC 519.15 as amended. The notice shall set forth the date, time, and place-location of the public hearing, and the nature of the proposed appeal or variance.

Section 548 Notice to Parties in Interest. Before holding the public hearing required in Section 546, written notice of such hearing shall be mailed by the chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, by first class mail, at least ten (10) days before the day of the hearing to all parties in interest. Parties of interest shall include, but not be limited to, Property owners contiguous to and directly across the road (street) from the property concerned. The notice shall contain the same information as required of notices ~~published in newspapers~~ as specified in Section 547.

Section 549 Action by Board of Zoning Appeals. Within thirty (30) days after the public hearing required in Section 547, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall either approve, approve with supplementary conditions as specified in Section 545, or disapprove the

request for appeal or variance. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall further make a finding that the reasons set forth in the application justify the granting of the variance that will make possible a reasonable use of the land, building, or structure. Appeals from Board decisions shall be made in the manner specified in Section 530.

Section 560 Procedure and Requirements For Approval of Conditional Use Permits. Conditional uses shall conform to the procedures and requirements of Section 561-568, inclusive of this Resolution.

Section 561 General. It is recognized that an increasing number of new kinds of uses are appearing daily, and that many of these and some other more conventional uses possess characteristics of such unique and special nature relative to location, design, size, method of operation, circulation, and public facilities that each specific use must be considered individually. These specific uses as they are conditionally permitted under the provisions of Article 9, shall follow the procedures and requirements set forth in Sections 562-568, inclusive.

Section 562 Contents of Application for Conditional Use Permit. An application for conditional use permit shall be filed with the Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals by at least one owner or lessee of property for which such conditional use is proposed. At a minimum the application shall contain the following information:

1. Name, address, and phone number of applicant;
2. Legal description of property;
3. Description of existing use;
4. Zoning district;
5. Description of proposed conditional use;
6. A plan of the proposed site for the conditional use showing the location of all buildings, parking and loading area, traffic access and traffic circulation, open spaces, landscaping, refuse and service areas, utilities, signs, yards, and such other information as the Board may require to determine if the proposed conditional use meets the intent and requirements of this Resolution.
7. A narrative statement evaluating the effects on adjoining property; the effect of such elements as noise, odor and fumes and on adjoining property; a discussion of the general compatibility with adjacent and other properties in the district; and the relationship of the proposed use to the Comprehensive Plan;

Section 563 General Standards Applicable to all Conditional Uses. The Board shall review the particular facts and circumstances of each proposed use in terms of the following standards and shall find adequate evidence showing that such use at the Proposed location:

1. Is in fact a conditional use as established under the provisions of Article 9 and appears on the Official Schedule of District Regulations adopted by Section 910 for the zoning district involved;
2. Will be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained so as to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the

general vicinity and that such use will not change the essential character of the same area;

3. Will not be hazardous or disturbing to existing or future neighboring uses;
4. Will be served adequately by essential public facilities and services such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage structures, refuse disposal, water and sewer, and school; or that the persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the Proposed use shall be able to provide adequately any such services;
5. Will not create excessive additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.
6. Will not involve uses, activities, Processes, materials, equipment and conditions of operation that will be detrimental to Property, or the general welfare by reason of excessive production of traffic, noise, smoke, fumes or odors;
7. Will have vehicular approaches to the property which shall be so designed as not to create an interference with traffic on surrounding public thoroughfares.

Section 565 Supplementary Conditions and Safeguards. In granting any conditional use, the Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this Resolution. Violations of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the conditional use is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this Resolution and punishable under Section 350 of this Resolution.

Section 566 Procedure for Hearing, Notice. Upon receipt of the application for a conditional use permit specified in Section 562, the Board shall hold a public hearing, publish notice ~~in a newspaper~~, and give written notice to all parties in interest according to the procedures specified in Section 545 through 548.

Section 567 Action by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Within thirty (30) days after the public hearing required in Section 566, the Board shall either approve, approve with supplementary conditions as specified in Section 565, or disapprove the application as Presented, If the application is approved or approved with modifications, the Board shall direct the Zoning Inspector to issue a conditional use permit listing the specific conditions specified by the Board for approval. If the application is disapproved by the Board, the applicant may seek relief through the Court of Common Pleas. Appeals from Board decisions shall be made in the manner specified in Section 530.

Section 568 Expiration of Conditional Use Permit. A conditional use permit shall be deemed to authorize only one particular conditional use and said permit shall automatically expire if, for any reason, the conditional use shall cease for more than two (2) years.

## ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT

Section 600 Procedure for Amendment or District Changes. This Resolution may be amended utilizing the procedures specified in ~~Section 601-611, inclusive of this Resolution~~ORC 519.12 as amended.

Section 601 General. Whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practices require, the Board of Township Trustees may by Resolution, after receipt of recommendation thereon from the Zoning Commission, and subject to procedures provided by law, amend, supplement, change or repeal the regulations, restrictions, and boundaries or classification of property.

Section 602 Initiation of Zoning Amendments. Amendments to this Resolution may be initiated in one of the following ways:

1. By adoption of a motion by the Zoning Commission;
2. By adoption of a resolution by the Township Trustees;
3. By the filing of an application by at least one (1) owner or lessee of property within the area proposed to be changed or affected by said amendment.

Section 603 Contents of Application. Applications for amendments to the Official Zoning map adopted as part of this Resolution by Section 700 shall contain at least the following information:

1. Name, address, and phone number of applicant;
2. Present use;
3. Present zoning district;
4. Proposed use;
5. Proposed zoning district;
6. A vicinity map at a scale approved by the Zoning Inspector showing property lines, thoroughfares, existing and proposed zoning and such other items as the Zoning Inspector may require;
7. A list of all property owners and their addresses who are within, contiguous to, or directly across the road (street) from the parcel(s) proposed to be rezoned and others that may have a substantial interest in the case, except that addresses need not be included where more than ten (10) parcels are to be rezoned;
8. A fee as established by the Township Trustees, according to Section 360.

Section 604 Transmittal to Zoning Commission. Immediately after the adoption of a resolution by the Township Trustees or the filing of an application by at least one (1) owner or lessee of property, said resolution or application shall be transmitted to the Commission. The Zoning Commission shall comply with all the requirements of Chapter 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, as amended.

Section 605 Transmittal to Regional Planning Commission. Within five (5) days after the adoption of a motion by the Commission, transmittal of a resolution by the Township Trustees, or the filing of an application by at least one (1) owner or lessee, the Zoning Commission shall transmit a copy of such motion, resolution, or application together

with the text and map pertaining to the case in question to the County or Regional Planning Commission. The County or Regional Planning Commission shall recommend the approval or denial of the proposed amendment or approval of some modification thereof. Such recommendation shall be considered at the public hearing held by the Zoning Commission.

Section 605-606 Submission to Director of Transportation. Pursuant to ORC 5511.01 as amended or replaced from time to time, Before-before any zoning amendment is approved affecting any land within three hundred (300) feet of the centerline of a proposed new highway or highway for which changes are proposed as described in the certification to local officials by the Director of Transportation, or within a radius of five hundred (500) feet from the point of intersection of said centerline with any public road or highway the Commission shall give notice, by registered or certified mail to the Director of Transportation. The Commission may proceed as required by law, however, the township trustees shall not approve the amendment for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the notice is received by the Director of Transportation. If the Director of Transportation notifies the trustees that he shall proceed to acquire the land needed, then the trustees shall refuse to approve the rezoning. If the Director of Transportation notifies the trustees that acquisition at this time is not in the public interest or upon the expiration of the one hundred twenty (120) day period or any extension thereto agreed upon by the Director of Transportation and the property owner, the trustees shall proceed as required by law.

~~Section 606 Recommendation by Zoning Commission. Within seventy (70) days from the receipt of the proposed amendment, the Zoning Commission after public hearing and complying with all requirements of Chapter 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall transmit its recommendation to the township trustees. The Zoning Commission may recommend that the amendment be granted as requested, or it may recommend a modification of the amendment requested, or it may recommend that the amendment be denied.~~

~~Section 607 Public Hearing by Township Trustees. Upon receipt of the recommendation from the Zoning Commission, the township trustees shall schedule a public hearing. Said hearing shall be not more than thirty (30) days from the receipt of the recommendation from the Zoning Commission.~~

~~Section 608 Notice of Public Hearing in Newspaper. Notice of the public hearing required in Section 607 shall be given by the township trustees in compliance with all the requirements of Chapter 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended.~~

~~Section 610 Action by Township Trustees. Within twenty (20) days after the public hearing required in Section 607, the township trustees shall either adopt or deny the recommendation of the zoning commission, or adopt some modification thereof. In the event the trustees denies or modifies the recommendation of the zoning commission, it must do so by unanimous vote.~~

~~Section 611 Effective Date and Referendum. Such amendment adopted by the trustees shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of such adoption unless within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the amendment there is presented to the trustees a referendum petition, which is filed in accordance with Section 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended.~~