

# **BOROUGH OF AMBLER**

# COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA June 15, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Minutes for Consideration: May 19, 2021 Zoom Council Meeting June 1, 2021 Zoom Committee Meeting

Borough Council will conduct its Council Meeting via Internet vehicle 'ZOOM'. For the safety of Ambler residents, Borough Hall will be closed. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email. A video of the virtual meeting will be posted on this website for the public the following day. The Borough Manager is making the meeting Agenda available for review by the public. Please feel free to read through the Agenda and provide feedback or make an inquiry on any Agenda items. You may email the Borough Council President Frank DeRuosi at <a href="mailto:fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us">fderuosi@borough.ambler.pa.us</a> until 4:00PM on the meeting day so that Council may consider your comments or address a question from the public during the ZOOM Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC UTILITIES FINANCE & PLANNING PARKS & RECREATION SALARY & PERSONNEL

### MEETING PROCEDURES

- 1. Pre-registration is required. Attendees must provide their email, first and last name, and home address. Once registration is processed, a link to attend will be provided via email.
- 2. All participants, except for the Borough Council, Borough Manager, Borough Solicitor, Borough Police Chief, and invited Borough Staff will be muted with video camera/web camera turned off automatically upon entry to the virtual meeting.
- 3. There will be a Public Comment section regarding agenda items at the end of each committee report . A Public Comment period regarding non-agenda items will occur after voting.
- 4. The Public Comment section will begin with the Council President reading aloud the comments that were emailed to the Borough ahead of this meeting. Each emailed comment must include the first & last name of the resident, as well as their address. The Council will discuss each comment individually.
- 5. Participants who wish to speak during the Public Comment section will be instructed to press the "Raise Your Hand" button.
- 6. One by one the Borough Zoom administrator, will call on each participant with their virtual hand raised. That participant will be unmuted. That participant will have 15 seconds to respond to being called on. If there is no response, the next person "in line" will be called on.
- 7. It is asked that anyone who speaks during the Public Comment section announce their first and last names, as well as their home address for the record. After the comment, that participant will be muted.
- 8. The Council President, at any time reserves the right to mute a participant, end the video stream of a participant, or terminate/end the meeting at his discretion, due to hackers, inappropriate language, or any other activity the Council President deems inappropriate.
- 9. We ask for everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate through these unprecedented times and work through the unique challenges of virtual public meetings.

### **Public Safety Committee**

June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee members: Erin McKenna Endicott – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Sara Hertz, Nancy Deininger

### The Committee will make no recommendations.

### Approved at the Committee Meeting

1. A recommendation was approved to adopt the Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 for the month of June . (9-Aye)

### The following business will be discussed:

- 1. The Police Department report is attached.
- 2. The Fire Department report will be provided.
- 3. The Community Ambulance report is attached.
- 4. The Public Works and the Code Enforcement reports were received.
- 5. Staff is requesting quotes for the Library Crosswalk Upgrade on Race and Lindenwold.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Public Safety Committee - The committee recommends and Ms. Endicott moves:

Consider adoption of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for COVID 19 for the month of June. Motion Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

Finance and Planning – The committee recommends and Ms. DiPietro moves:

Consider adoption of Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) application for the Library. This Resolution will ratify the September 17, 2019 Council vote. Motion Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

Salary and Personnel – The committee recommends and Mrs. Deininger moves:

Consider approval of the AFSCME Union Contract. Motion Seconded. All Aye. Carried.

Consider appointment of Anthony Giannetti to the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Motion Seconded. 7-Aye; 2-Nay (Mr. DeRuosi & Ms.. Endicott). Carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mary Spross of 366 Forest Avenue stated her patio permit was denied due to the statement from Code Enforcement that new pervious surfaces might not be maintained in the future thus, becoming impervious. Solicitor Bresnan stated he would speak with Code Officer Kucher to find some middle ground.

There was no public comment this evening. There being no further public comment or other business, Mr. DeRuosi moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Russell Assistant Secretary Borough of Ambler

# AMBLER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

# VEHICLE FUEL & MILEAGE REPORT

% Change

-72.7% -72.7% -61.1% -50.0% -88.4%

22.1%

-59.7%

	LAST 2	LAST 2 MONTHS	LAS	LAST MONTH VS PRESENT	SENT		YEAR TO DA
Unit	(133	MAR	APR	MAY	% Change	2020	2021
43-1 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (chief)	168	403	522	299	27.8%	9,721	2,658
43-2 2017 Ford I Explorer (Patrol)	842	1,120	179	1,394	678.8%	17,926	4,896
43-3 2019 Dodge Durango (Patrol)	865	1,895	1,224	1,386	13.2%	18,754	7,295
43-4 2010 Ford Escape (Detective)	436	704	891	460	-48.4%	6,579	3,288
43-5 2015 Ford Explorer (Patrol)	49	20	575	52	-91.0%	7,342	849
43-6 2020 Dodge Durango (Patrol)	1,427	1,906	1,298	1,829	40.9%	6,482	7,916
Total Mileage	3,787	6,078	4,689	5,788	23.4%	66,804	26,902
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ODOMETER READING	110,805	53,527	32,312	85,421	72,391	14,398	
GAS	42.060	209.400	220.435	29.098	17.201	246.482	764.676
CAR	43-1	43-2	43-3	43-4	43-5	43-6	TOTAL



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### COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, AMBLER

1414 E. BUTLER PIKE P.O. BOX 98 AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002

### Ambler Borough Statistics - 2021

<u>Month</u>	Calls in Borough	Total Calls for CAAA	
January	85	421	
February	75	417	
March	63	405	
April	69	425	
May	66	447	
June			
July			
August			
September			
October		¥	
November			
December			
YTD Totals	358	2115	

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### **Public Utilities Committee**

June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Glynnis Siskind – Chair, Haley Welch, Jen Henderson, and Karen Sheedy

### The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. A recommendation is requested on the grant request to receive American Rescue Plan funds. Water infrastructure is allowable, several items were included including water main replacement and well upgrades.

### The following business will be discussed:

- 1. The WWTP Engineer's report will be provided.
- 2. An application of the Borough of Ambler for approval of the abandonment of public water service to the public in Pennsylvania has been filed and a notice has been advertised. Formal protests and petitions were received.
- 3. MIRIA- Bid document is being prepared by Gilmore. An estimated timetable for the project:
  - Advertise for bids late June 2021
  - o Award contract and execute Agreements July-August 2021
  - o Pre-construction meeting, submittal review September 2021
  - o Piping Construction October-November 2021
- 4. PFAS sampling and analysis was completed April 5, 2021. Sampling will again be taken in July. All samples continue to be below the EPA health advisory threshold of 70 ppt (parts per trillion). Range in % of 70 ppt was between 13% and 37%. (attached)

# AMBLER WATER SYSTEM PFAS SAMPLE RESULTS APRIL 2021 SAMPLING

	PFOA+PFOS	PFOA+PFOS	Range in % of 70 ppt
Well No. or Location	Average of 2018-2020 Results	April 2021	EPA Health Advisory
	(ppt)	(ppt)	2021 PFOA+PFOS
2	20.7	25.0	36%
4	20.7	25.0	36%
6	14.9	24.0	34%
7	14.1	23.0	33%
8	8.2	9.0	13%
9	19,2	26.0	37%
11	16.7	23.0	33%
12	13.9	15.6	22%
14	13.9	18.9	27%
Whitemarsh WTP Raw	14.0	**	••
Whitemarsh WTP Treated	7.4	16.0	23%
Storage Tanks			
Loch Alsh Tank	20.3	23.9	34%
Broad Axe Tank	15.0	17.0	24%
Houston Road Tank	14.8	28.0	40%

Notes:

ppt = parts per trillion

\*\* = Not Sampled

Average of Past Results is the average of samples colected in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

April 2021 samples were collected on April 5, 2021 and analyzed by Eurofins QC, LLC - Horsham, PA

### Finance and Planning Committee

June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nellie Di Pietro – Chair, Erin McKenna Endicott, Haley Welch, Karen Sheedy

### The Committee will consider the following recommendations:

1. That the May Bills be paid in the amount of \$978,502.06.

1. That the Way Bins be part in the amount of \$778,502.00.					
#	Fund	MAY 1st Run	MAY 2nd Run	TOTALS	
1_	GENERAL	35,117.01	125,944.26	161,061.27	
2	STREET LGTS	10,078.11	3,655.62	13,733.73	
3	FIRE	111,978.87		111,978.87	
4	REFUSE	7,498.48	51,523.83	59,022.31	
5	PARKS & REC	577.66	40,049.64	40,627.30	
6	WATER	341,206.17	102,827.50	444,033.67	
8	SEWER	10,054.98	13,708.67	23,763.65	
9	WWTP	45,207.63	79,048.65	124,256.28	
35	LIQUID FUELS	24.98		24.98	
	TOTALS	561,743.89	416,758.17	978,502.06	
\	OID CHECKS				
	RAND TOTAL	561,743.89	416,758.17	978,502.06	

2. Preliminary / Final Minor Subdivision Plan Approval is requested for two separate parcels each containing an existing building at 34 & 38 E. Butler Avenue – Simomo Properties, LLC (no development is proposed). The applicant made a presentation at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Committee meeting. (Borough Planning Commission, Montgomery County Planning Commission, and Borough Engineer Reviews attached) The Borough engineer reviewed the Plans again and there is not an available option in the right of way for tree planting.

### **Approved at Committee Meeting**

1. Authorization to adopt Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) application for the Library. **Approved 9-Aye** 

### The following business will be discussed:

1. The Borough Engineer's report was received.

- 2. Ordinance language is being prepared for a residential inspection program for resale properties. Please see the **attached** memo detailing the recommended process and scope.
- 3. Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission has prepared a draft of a revised Protocol for Act 101 Violations and a 2021 Protocol Resolution. (attached). The Commission seeks to receive all comments from Council prior to the NMCRC's scheduled July 15, 2021 meeting.
- 4. Staff is meeting with PFM Financial Advisors LLC to discuss the possibility of a Borough Bond refinance. (attached)
- 5. Joe Duda will be making the presentation to Borough Council at the July meeting.

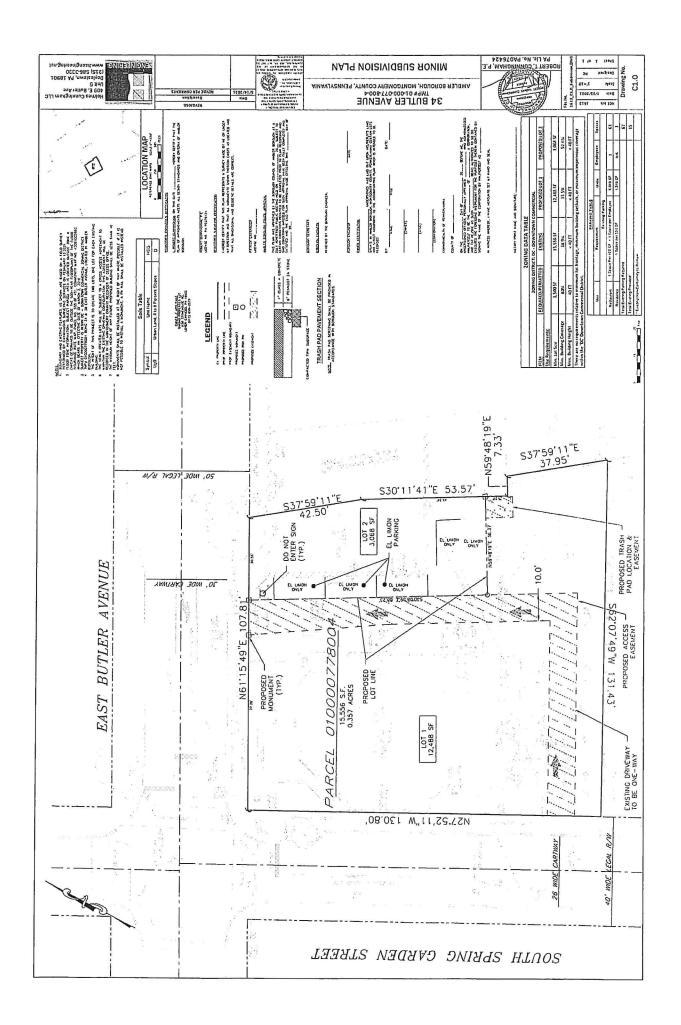
### APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOROUGH OF AMBLER

131 Rosemary Avenue Ambler, PA 19002 (215) 646-1000 FAX (215) 641-1355



Development Name: 34 & 38 East Butler Avenue Minor Subdivision	
Site Location: 34 & 38 East Butler Avenue	
Legal Property Owner Name: Simomo Properties, LLC	
Address: _ 1150 Stone House Road, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002	
Phone: 610-850-2570 Fax:	
E-Mail Address: michael@goldenfunds.com	
Contact Person (to whom all correspondence will be sent):	
Name: Michael Golden	
Address: 1150 Stone House Road, Lower Gwynedd, PA 19002	
Phone: 610-850-2570 Fax:	
E-Mail Address: michael@goldenfunds.com	
Interest of applicant is: <b>()</b> Owner ()Equitable Owner ()Other-explain	
Zoning Information:	
District DC - Downtown Commercial	
Tax Parcel Number 01-00 0-077-800-4	
BlockUnit	
Permitted Density N/A	
Total Area 15,556 Square Feet	
Type of Review Requested:	
🛮 Subdivision Plan 🔲 Land Development 🗋 🖂 Conditional Use 🔠 Amendmen	ıt
Type of Plan:	
☐ Sketch ☐ Preliminary ☐ Final	
Type of Submission:	
Statement of Intent: The application is for a minor subdivision of the lot located on the southeast comer of East and South Spring Garden Street. The property currently contains two buildings and the proposed subdivision would be to create separate property building.	Butter Avenue

Land Use/Proposed	Number of Lot	s/Units Intended L	Jse(s):
☐ Residential			-
	2 lots	Restauran	t, Office
☐ Industrial			
☐ Office			
☐ Other			
Please complete the	following items	s which are applica	ble to your project:
			er Cohen Braunfeld LLC
Address: 101 W. E	Im Street, Suite	400 Conshohoo	ken, PA 19428
Phone: 484-362-2	2646	Fax:	
E-Mail: hhammer			
Engineer's Name: _F	Robert Cunning	ham, P.E. Holmes	Cunningham Engineering
			18901
Phone: 215-586-33			
E-Mail: rob@hceng			
I certify that the plans sul Ordinances.	mitted comply with	n the requirements of C	hapter 22 of the Ambler Borough Co
Plan submitted by: _		. 4	(please print)
Applicant's Signatur	e: Much	all Ook	len
Application Fee: \$_15	90		☐Under separate cover
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CONDITIONAL USE HE Residential \$500	ARING (Council) 0.00: Non-Reside	: ential \$1000.00 plus	togtn





May 19, 2021

Project No. 2021-03069

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager Borough of Ambler 122 E. Butler Avenue Ambler, PA 19002

Reference:

Minor Subdivision Plan

Simomo Properties, LLC - 34 & 38 E. Butler Avenue

Tax Parcel No: 01-00-00778-00-4

Dear Mary:

As requested, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. has reviewed the information listed below with regard to the minor subdivision application referenced above.

- A. Application for Subdivision & Land Development Review, prepared for Simomo Properties, LLC, prepared by Michael Golden.
- B. Holmes Cunningham Engineering response letter dated May 14, 2021.
- C. Minor Subdivision Plan (1 Sheet), prepared for Simomo Properties, LLC, prepared by Holmes Cunningham LLC, last revised May 14, 2021.

As part of the subdivision plan review, we offer the following comments:

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Applicant, Simomo Properties, LLC, proposes to subdivide the existing 15,556 sq. ft. lot into two lots. The lot, located in the DC – Downtown Commercial Zoning District, currently contains two separate buildings; a three and one-half story restaurant and a one-story restaurant. The proposed subdivision would result in two lots, each containing a restaurant use and a portion of the existing parking lot shared between the two buildings. Neither improvements nor a change in uses have been proposed as part of this application. It is our understanding this subdivision will more formalize the current condition in which separate businesses operate in each building. The applicant proposes to establish easements to formalize the shared access and trash collection area.

### ZONING

Based on our review, the plan appears to be compliant with the Ambler Borough Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 27). It is noted that the existing number of parking spaces is noncompliant and will not change as part of this application.

### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Based on our review, the plan does not appear to comply with the following sections of the Ambler Borough Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 22).

### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT APPENDIX B - LANDSCAPE PLANTING REQURIEMENTS

§22B-100.3 – Street trees shall be required along all existing streets at a ratio of one tree per 40 feet of frontage.
Two street exist along Butler Avenue, where three would be required, and one exists along S. Spring Garden, where four would be required. Given the existing features and underground utilities, it is unlikely that space is available along the property frontages for additional trees. We defer to Borough Council to consider a waiver of this requirement or consideration of trees provided elsewhere.

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### **GENERAL**

- The Applicant should obtain all required approvals, permits, declarations of restrictions and covenants, etc. (e.g. PADEP, PennDOT, MCPC, Montgomery County Conservation District, Sewer Authority, Water Authority, Fire Marshal, etc.). Copies of these approvals and permits should be submitted to the Borough and our office.
- 2. The Applicant shall provide the deed for the existing lot and legal description for the proposed lots and easements for review prior to recording of the plan.
- 3. The Borough Solicitor shall review the language of the proposed easements.

### RECOMMENDATION

If Borough Council agrees, the application could be considered for approval subject to compliance with the outstanding issues noted. A response letter should accompany any future submissions documenting any changes to the application. Please note that revision and/or modification of the plans may require review and additional comment. As always, please call us if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance regarding this project.

Sincerely,

James P. Dougherty, P.E. Senior Project Manager

Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

JPD/sl

CC:

Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer - Ambler Borough Joseph E. Bresnan, Esq., Solicitor - Ambler Borough Michael Golden – Simomo Properties, LLC Hope Hammer. Esq. – Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld, LLC Robert Cunningham, P.E. – Holmes Cunningham LLC

# Borough Of Ambler

### 131 ROSEMARY AVENUE AMBLER, PENNSYLVANIA 19002-4476

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May 25, 2021

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager Borough of Ambler 131 Rosemary Avenue Ambler, PA 19002

Re:

Review Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan to Create Two Separate Parcels at 34 & 38 E. Butler Avenue

Dear Ms. Aversa:

At the direction of Council, the Planning Commission has been requested to review a Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan to create two separate parcels each containing an existing building, each currently used as a restaurant, at 34 and 38 E. Butler Avenue. No development is proposed.

Discussion took place at the April and May Planning Commission meetings. At the meeting held this date via the internet vehicle ZOOM, a motion was made and seconded. After a roll-call vote was taken of the six members present, the motion carried unanimously to recommend to Council to consider approving the Applicant's requested Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan with Council's discretion in granting the street-tree wavier by the installation of planters, a tree in another location or a fee in lieu.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Vice Chairman, Al Comly, who presided over the meeting.

Very truly yours,

Carol Ann DiPietro

Carol Ann DiPiotos

Secretary

Ambler Borough Planning Commission

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> SCOTT FRANCE, AICP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 26, 2021

Glenn Kucher, Zoning Officer & Planning Coordinator Ambler Borough 131 Rosemary Avenue Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002

Re: MCPC # 21-0096-001

Plan Name: 34 & 38 E Butler Avenue - Minor Subdivision

(1 lot comprising 0.35 acres) Situate: 34 E Butler Avenue

Borough of Ambler

Dear Mr. Kucher:

We have reviewed the above-referenced subdivision in accordance with Section 502 of Act 247, "The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," as you requested on March 23, 2021. We forward this letter as a report of our review.

### BACKGROUND

The applicant, Michael Golden, submits a subdivision plan for the site at 34 E Butler Avenue in Ambler Borough. The proposed subdivision site (Tax Parcel # 01-00-00778-004) is a 15,475 square foot parcel at the southeast corner of Butler Avenue and South Spring Garden Street. The site includes vehicle access from both streets and 113 feet of frontage on Butler Avenue. The site currently hosts two separate structures both containing restaurant uses. The applicant proposes to subdivide the existing parcel into two lots, with each resulting lot containing one of the existing restaurant structures as well as a portion of the parking currently shared by both the restaurants on the site. The applicant's plan includes no improvements to either of the resulting proposed lots.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Montgomery County Planning Commission (MCPC) generally supports the applicant's proposal, however, in the course of our review we have identified the following issues that the applicant and the Borough of Ambler may wish to consider prior to approval of the applicant's proposed subdivision. Our comments are as follows:

### REVIEW COMMENTS

### ZONING

### A. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

- 1. §27-2102 Required Spaces. The applicant's submission does not include any information regarding the parking configuration on the either of the proposed lots. Additionally, the plan does not include a parking table indicating the required or proposed parking allocation at the two resulting lots. The restaurant uses at the site do not appear to conform with the current requirement of "1 space per 100 square feet of patron area."
- 2. §27-2104 Common Parking and Off-Site Facilities. §27-2104(A) provides for shared parking by special exception and requires the applicant to provide a site plan showing the "proposed distribution of spaces among the establishments." §27-2104(C) requires the applicant provide information detailing any "easement, lease, or other arrangement" regarding the common parking to assure shared use. As the applicant's submission does not include details regarding parking configuration or shared use, we recommend the applicant consult the borough's Code Enforcement Officer to determine the additional materials required for approval of the applicant's proposal.

### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

### A. §22-304 Minor Subdivision Plan

1. §22-304.5(A)(5) / §22-304.5(B)(5) Existing and Proposed Features. Minor Subdivision Plans are required to show areas subject to "deed restrictions or easements" in both the existing lot as well as any proposed subdivided lots. The applicant's proposal does not include any detail in this regard. We recommend the applicant revise the plan to include both the existing and proposed configuration of both the shared access and shared parking. We also recommend that this configuration and any arrangement be reviewed for compliance by both the Borough's Solicitor and Code Enforcement Officer.

### B. APPENDIX B - Landscape Planting Requirements

- 1. §100.3 Street Trees. Street trees are required at one tree per 40 liner feet of frontage. As the existing trees at the site do not meet the minimum standard, we recommend the applicant coordinate with the Borough's Code Enforcement Office and Engineer to determine where additional street trees may be appropriate or feasible.
- §100.4(4)(A)(2) Site Element Screens Dumpsters, trash disposal or recycling areas. The current or
  proposed location of the dumpster is not indicated in the applicant's plan. We recommend the applicant
  amend the plan to provide the dumpster location as well as the location of any required buffering or
  screening.
- 3. Although additional street trees may not be feasible at the site, we recommend the borough consider alternate greening possibilities at the site. Alternative options for screening, vegetation, and greening may be possible at the site in the form of structured planters or downspout planters similar to those at other locations along the Butler Avenue corridor.

Mr. Glenn Kucher April 26, 2021

### CONCLUSION

We wish to reiterate that MCPC generally supports the applicant's proposal but we believe that our suggested revisions will better achieve Ambler's planning objectives for commercial development.

Please note that the review comments and recommendations contained in this report are advisory to the municipality and final disposition for the approval of any proposal will be made by the municipality.

Should the governing body approve a final plat of this proposal, the applicant must present the plan to our office for seal and signature prior to recording with the Recorder of Deeds office. A paper copy bearing the municipal seal and signature of approval must be supplied for our files.

Sincerely,

Michael Lowrey, Community Planner II mlowrey@montcopa.org - 610 -278-3887

c: Michael Golden, Applicant Robert LaGreca, Chair, Ambler Planning Commission

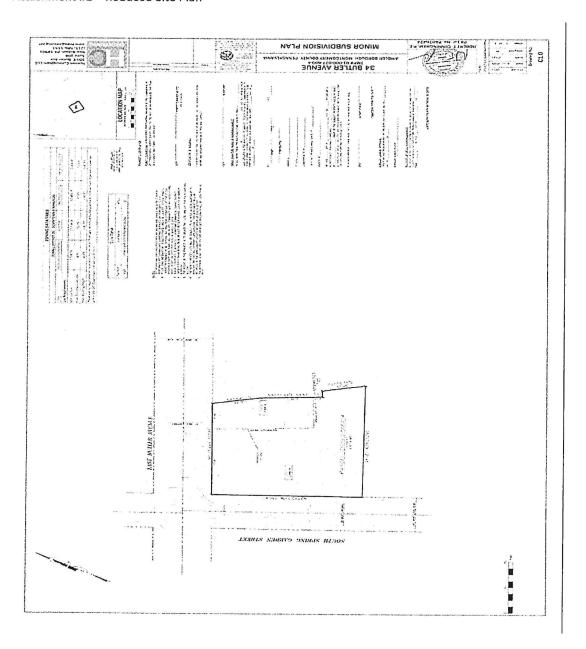
Attachments: 1. Aerial Site Image

2. Reduced Site Plan

### Attachment #1 - Aerial Site Plan



### Attachment #2 - Reduced Site Plan



Prepared by and Return To:

Hope J. Hammer, Esquire Royer Cooper Cohen Braunfeld LLC 101 W. Elm Street, Suite 400 Conshohocken, PA 19428 hhammer@rccblaw.com

PARCEL NOS:

### **DECLARATION OF EASEMENTS**

### **RECITALS**

- A. Declarant, as the owner that certain tract or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, having the street address of 34 & 38 E. Butler Avenue, Ambler, PA and identified as Tax Parcel 01-00-00778-00-4 (the "Initial Lot"), obtained from Ambler Borough on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021 approval of the minor subdivision of the Initial Lot into two (2) separate lots, as more particularly depicted the Minor Subdivision Plan prepared by Holmes Cunningham, LLC dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Minor Subdivision Plan").
- B. The Minor Subdivision Plan reflects (i) Proposed Lot 1 containing 12,488 square feet of land and which is more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit B ("Lot 1"); and (ii) Proposed Lot 2 containing 3,068 square feet of land and which is more particularly described by metes and bounds on Exhibit C ("Lot 2").
- C. Lot 1 and Lot 2 share (i) a common means of ingress and egress to and from East Butler Avenue and South Spring Garden Street and for to access to and from certain parking and paved areas located on Lot 2; and (ii) an area, as depicted on the Minor Subdivision Plan, for installation and use of a common dumpster.
- D. As a condition to approval of the Minor Subdivision Plan, Ambler Borough required that Declarant subject portions of Lot 1 to certain easements, as hereinafter provided, in favor of Lot 2 for the benefit of the owner of Lot 2 and its agents, officers, employees, invitees, tenants, licensees, successors and assigns, and to establish a mechanism for sharing between the owner of Lot 1 and Lot 2 certain costs associated with the use, maintenance, repair and replacement of such easement areas and the services provided thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, incorporating the Recitals above and in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be bound hereby, Declarant declares as follows:

- Access Easement. That portion of Lot 1 reflected on the Minor Subdivision Plan as the "Access Easement Area" shall be subject to a non-exclusive for (i) vehicular ingress and egress to and from East Butler Avenue and South Spring Garden Street; and (ii) access to and from the parking and paved areas located on Lot 2. The use of the Access Easement Area shall be shared by the owner(s) of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and their respective successors, assigns, invitees, licensees, tenants, agents and employees. No party shall use the Access Easement Area in any manner injurious or destructive to the rights granted herein nor shall any party permit the erection of any barrier, fence or other obstruction to the free and unhampered use of the Access Easement Areas. The owner of Lot 1 shall be responsible for all maintenance and repair of the Access Easement Area, including snow and ice removal, but the reasonable cost of such maintenance and repair actually incurred shall be shared 60% by the owner of Lot 1 and 40% by the owner of Lot 2. The share of such costs allocated to Lot 2 shall be paid by the owner of Lot 2 within thirty (30) days after receipt from the owner of Lot 1 of an invoice, which shall include reasonably sufficient detail as to the work performed and the cost thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of damage to the Access Easement Area in excess or normal wear and tear and which is caused by the negligent act or omission or willful misconduct of either the owner of Lot 1 or the owner of Lot 2, or by their respective invitee, licensee, tenant, agent or employee, the owner who caused (or whose invitee, licensee, tenant, agent or employee caused) such damage shall be fully responsible, at its sole cost and expense, for repair of the damage.
- That portion of Lot 1 reflected on the Minor Subdivision Plan as the "Trash Easement Area" shall be reserved exclusively for the placement of trash dumpsters and shall be subject to a non-exclusive easement in favor of Lot 2 for the deposit of trash. The use of the Trash Easement Area shall be shared by the owner(s) of Lot 1 and Lot 2 and their respective successors, assigns, invitees, licensees, tenants, agents and employees. All costs associated with use of the Trash Easement Area and any dumpsters located therein shall be 60% by the owner of Lot 1 and 40% by the owner of Lot 2, and the share of such costs allocated to Lot 2 shall be paid by the owner of Lot 2 within thirty (30) days after receipt from the owner of Lot 1 of an invoice, which such invoice shall include a copy of the trash provider's bill and accompanying detail.
- 4. Runs with the Land. The easements and covenants set forth herein shall be deemed to run with the land and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the owner(s) Lot 1 and Lot 2 and their respective assigns and successors in title. Every person who owns, occupies or acquires any right, title, estate or interest, in whole or in part, in Lot 1 or Lot 2 shall be inclusively deemed to have consented and agreed to every limitation, restriction, reservation, condition and covenant contained herein, whether or not any reference to these covenants and restrictions is contained in the instrument by which such person acquired such interest.
- 5. <u>Default</u>. If there is a failure by a party to perform, fulfill or observe any agreement contained within this Declaration, to be performed, fulfilled or observed by it, continuing for

30 days, or in situations involving potential danger to the health or safety of persons in, on or about or substantial deterioration of Lot 1 or Lot 2, in each case after written notice, the other party may, at its election, cure such failure or breach on behalf of the defaulting party. Any reasonable amount which the party so electing shall expend for such purpose, or which shall otherwise be due by either party to the other, shall be paid to the party to whom due on demand, without contest, upon delivery of its invoice, together with interest at the lower of (1) the rate of 10% per annum, or (2) the maximum rate permissible from time to time under applicable law, from the date of the expenditure or the date when it shall have become due to the date of payment in full.

- 6. <u>Modification</u>. This Declaration may not be modified except by written agreement executed by the owner(s) of Lot 1 and Lot 2.
- 7. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Declaration shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 8. <u>Recording.</u> This Declaration shall be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 9. <u>Severability</u>. If any term or provision of this Declaration, or any part of such term or provision, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall to any extent be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Declaration or the application of such term or provision or remainder thereof to invalid and unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this Declaration shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Declaration as of the year and date first written above.

Simomo Properties, LLC				
Ву:				
Name:	Michael Golden			
Title:	Member			

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	•
	: ss.
COUNTY OF	:
appeared Michael Golden, being duly so Simomo Properties, LLC, a Pennsylvania duly authorized to do so, executed the signing the name of the limited liability	, 2021, before me, the undersigned officer, personally worn according to law, deposes and says that he is a Member limited liability company and that he as such Member, being foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by company by himself as such authorized Member.
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	NOTARY PUBLIC

### Exhibit C

Legal Description of Lot 2

# Borough Of Ambler

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# Memorandum

To: Ambler Borough Council

From: Glenn Kucher, Code Enforcement Officer

Date: April 30, 2021

Re: Resale Residential Use and Occupancy Inspection Proposed Procedures and Policies

Ambler Borough presently does not require a use and occupancy for the sale of a residential property in the Borough. The Borough presently requires a letter outlining items are in good working condition from the seller. With the present booming real estate market in the Borough, it may be a good time to inspect and regulate some commonly neglected items that have a negative effect on the Borough as a whole. Staff would like to propose starting a residential resale use and occupancy inspection program. This would NOT entail an interior inspection of the property. I feel that many new homeowners in the Borough are either hiring their own home inspector and / or renovating after settlement. New rentals are inspected by the Borough in order to make sure that property maintenance issues are repaired. With performing the below items current staff along with the Building Inspector would be able to handle the increase in tasks. This proposed program would entail inspections of the following:

- Electrical Certification this electrical inspection and certification would be done by
  a certified electrical underwriter to ensure compliance and safety under the electrical
  code. There are several electrical underwriters in the area and a list would be
  provided to the seller as part of the resale packet information. Electric certifications
  would be sent to the Borough via email from the electrical underwriter.
- Curb / Sidewalk / Alley Inspection if a home has a curb, sidewalk and/or a
  driveway or portion of the rear alley that need repair or replacement it would be
  required to do so prior to the issuance of a use and occupancy. Borough inspectors
  would mark the required areas for repair with white spray paint. Walkability is one
  of the many cornerstones which makes Ambler a desirable place to live, and this
  would help improve its walkability and safety as properties turnover.

- Sewer lateral Inspection the seller of the property would be required to hire a master plumber to conduct a video inspection of the sanitary sewer service lateral and issue a certified report regarding the condition. This certified report would clearly indicate whether the private sewer service lateral serving the property is in satisfactory or defective condition. The certification shall clearly indicate that there is no inflow and/or infiltration into the private sewer service lateral, nor any illegal connections, sump pump connections, and that the cleanout vent is capped and not damaged. If the private sewer service lateral serving the property is in defective condition, the certified report shall identify the deficiencies and make necessary changes. I have spoken to plumbers in the Borough that have the necessary equipment and certifications to perform these inspections.
- Backflow preventer verification this is a check valve located on the house side of the meter to prevent water from flowing in the opposite direction out of the home in the event of an emergency.
- Exterior property maintenance inspection a visual inspection to ensure that there are no tripping hazards on walkways, loose railings, missing roof shingles or visually distressed items on the exterior.

I have overseen use and occupancy resale inspection programs at my previous municipality I worked at and believe the above lite inspection program could easily be incorporated into the Code Department operations. The next step moving forward would be to draft an ordinance outlining the above. I have several sample municipal ordinance language to assist in this process with the Borough Solicitor. The Borough would be looking for a fee of about \$150.00 which would cover the cost of the initial inspection and a re-inspection and paperwork. The Borough Code Department would be able to implement this program immediately after adoption of the Ordinance. I have obtained all the necessary forms and paperwork get started.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. Thank you for your input and assistance with this matter.

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April 20, 2021

Mary Aversa, Borough Manager Ambler Borough 122 E. Butler Avenue Ambler, PA 19002

RE: Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission Protocol for Act 101 Violations

Dear Ms. Aversa:

As you may recall, this office serves as solicitor for the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission ("NMCRC") of which your municipality is a member. In 2020, the NMCRC sent you a proposed Protocol for Act 101 Violations along with a resolution (the "2020 Protocol Resolution") and requested that your governing body adopt the same. Most of the member municipalities adopted the 2020 Protocol Resolution as presented; however, some municipalities responded by providing comments and requesting revisions to the 2020 Protocol Resolution before considering it for adoption. This resulted in an incomplete adoption process and lack of uniformity among the member municipalities.

The Commissioners have expressed a desire for all eleven municipalities to adopt the exact same protocol to achieve uniformity in enforcement protocol. To that end, we are enclosing a *draft* of a revised Protocol for Act 101 Violations and resolution (the "2021 Protocol Resolution") which the Commission believes addresses the concerns of the municipalities that have not heretofore adopted the 2020 Protocol Resolution.

The NMCRC respectfully requests that you share this *draft* 2021 Protocol Resolution with your governing body and solicitor to provide our office with your review comments prior to the NMCRC meeting to be held July 15, 2021. At that meeting, the Commissioners intend to review all comments and make one final revision to the 2021 Protocol Resolution. It is anticipated that the finalized version for adoption will be distributed shortly after the July 15 NMCRC meeting. In the interim, please do not adopt this draft version of the 2021 Protocol Resolution.

Please let us know if you have any questions, comments or concerns, or require any further information.

ARK A. HOSTERMAN

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Enclosures

cc: NMCRC Commissioners via email only

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### TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

### RESOLUTION 2021-\_\_

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR THE HANDLING OF RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL VIOLATIONS BY HAULERS, BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS OR RESIDENTS OF MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES OF THE NORTHERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECYCLING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (the "Commission") is comprised of eleven (11) municipalities located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania organized for the purpose of implementing the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act of 1988, as amended ("Act 101"); and

WHEREAS, the member municipalities of the Commission have assigned and delegated their powers under Act 101 to the Commission in accordance with an Amended and Restated Intermunicipal Agreement dated May 21, 2007, as amended (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Section 403 of the Agreement grants to each member municipality concurrent jurisdiction with the Commission for the monitoring and enforcement of Act 101; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Municipal Waste Collection and Recycling Ordinance adopted by each of the member municipalities authorizes the Commission to establish, by resolution, rules and regulations related to the administration of the recycling program and to administer and enforce against violations of all such rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, each member municipality has delegated to the Commission pursuant to Section 8.B(2)(c) the authority to promulgate rules and regulations and to enforce those rules and regulations or to delegate such enforcement to the member municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and each member municipality desire to establish formal procedures for the enforcement of Act 101 and enforcement against violations by haulers, businesses, institutions and residents of its member municipalities;

### NOW, THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Commission and each member municipality hereby adopt the enforcement procedures attached hereto as Schedule "A" and incorporated herein by this reference with the same effect as if they had been set out verbatim in this section, and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.

Section 2. Resolution 2020 adopted its entirety.	l on, 2020 is hereby rescinded in
Section 3. This Resolution shall become	effective at the earliest date permitted by law.
<b>DULY ADOPTED</b> this day of Township/Borough.	, 2021 by the
	TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH
Attest: Secretary	By:

### Regulation re: Violations of Act 101

### Procedures for Act 101 Violations

- 1. First Offense Upon receipt of sufficient credible evidence and after consultation with the municipality in which the violation occurred, a written violation warning letter may be sent to the violator (i.e., the waste hauler, business, institution or municipal resident) by the NMCRC Solicitor, at the discretion of the NMCRC Solicitor, who may seek guidance from the Commission before moving forward with a written violation warning letter. A warning letter will include a statement that both the municipality and the NMCRC have enforcement powers for a violation of Act 101 and/or the corresponding municipal ordinance.
  - a. Written notice should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
  - b. A copy of the written notice should be sent to the member municipality in which the violation occurred and to the NMCRC Chairman, for distribution to all Commission members.
  - c. Written notice should include a description of each violation, identification of the section(s) of Act 101 and/or the corresponding municipal ordinance being violated.
  - d. Whenever appropriate, initial violations shall be discussed in executive session.
  - e. If the NMCRC Solicitor declines to issue a violation warning letter, the NMCRC Solicitor shall notify the member municipality of the decision. The member municipality may move forward with a violation warning letter.
- 2. Subsequent Offense —Upon receipt of sufficient credible evidence of a subsequent offense by the same violator within two (2) years of the date of the first offense, the municipality in which the violation occurred should notify its solicitor or code official to consider commencement of enforcement action. The municipality shall notify the NMCRC Solicitor and advise the NMCRC Solicitor whether the affected municipality intends to undertake formal enforcement action on behalf of the affected municipality. In most cases, the affected municipality will be responsible to undertake the formal enforcement action pursuant to guidelines set forth in Act 101 and/or the corresponding municipal ordinance. The municipality shall periodically provide non-confidential enforcement status reports to the NMCRC Solicitor and Chairman.
- 3. Report to PADEP. If a subsequent offense occurs (as set forth in Section 2 above) and the affected municipality elects not to undertake formal enforcement action, the municipality or NMCRC Solicitor may report the occurrence of the violation to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection ("PADEP") and request that PADEP pursue enforcement action.

4. Enforcement Action by NMCRC. If a subsequent violation impacts more than one NMCRC member municipality and PADEP decides not to pursue enforcement action, the NMCRC Solicitor may, after a vote by the Commission, take formal enforcement action on behalf of the affected municipalities, provided the affected municipalities enter into a cost-sharing agreement, prepared by the NMCRC Solicitor and satisfactory in form and substance to the NMCRC, relating to all costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, relating to the enforcement action.

### Recommended Documentation Evidencing Violations

If a resident, business or institution observes an alleged waste disposal or recycling violation, the resident should contact the Municipal Manager to report the alleged violation. The Municipal Manager should obtain as many factual details as possible from the resident, business or institution and determine whether the resident, business or institution can provide any written or visual documentation to support the alleged violation. Recommended documentation would include the following:

- Written witness statement(s) describing what activities occurred, when and where they
  occurred, and the identity of all witnesses and other individuals who were involved.
  Include the name, address and contact information for each witness who observed the
  violation occurrence.
- Photographs/videos taken by witnesses, including the name, address and contact information for the individual(s) who created the photograph/video.
- Certification statement signed and dated by each witness certifying that the evidence provided is correct and complete. (For example: "I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that the foregoing information provided by me is correct and complete.")

### Sample Ordinance Violations

Some common waste disposal/recycling violations include the following:

- Commingling recyclable materials with municipal solid waste
- Commingling household hazardous waste with municipal solid waste
- Commingling leaf waste with municipal solid waste
- Outdoor burning (including leaf burning)
- Collecting waste/recyclables between the hours of 8:00 pm and 6:00 am
- Violating other time, place and manner restrictions applicable to waste/recycling disposal

### Municipal Websites

Each member municipality should include information on its website for reporting Act 101 violations to the municipality.

### Park and Recreation Committee

May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members: Sara Hertz – Chair, Nancy Deininger, Erin McKenna Endicott, Nellie DiPietro

### The Committee will consider the following recommendation.

1. The Ambler Community Cupboard would like use of the Borough Gym to continue the afterschool program . See <u>attached</u> email with the details.

### The following business will be discussed:

- YMCA Knight Park Summer Day Camp registration has begun, you can register at the Ambler Area YMCA. Camp will run June 21 to July 30. Cost is \$50 per week per child.
- 2. The MONTCO Community Garden Grant has been funded for \$43K; staff awaits contracts for the project.
- 3. The next Community Garden meeting is June 24, at 7:00 at Knight Park . An update will be provided.

### Salary & Personnel Committee

May 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom. Committee Members Nancy Deininger – Chair, Glynnis Siskind, Nellie Di Pietro, Jen Henderson

### The Committee will make no recommendations.

### Approved at the Committee Meeting

- A vote was held for the Planning Commission Vacancy. Anthony Giannetti 7-Aye Francine Tomlinson 2-Aye
- 2. Authorization to approve the AFSCME union contract was granted. (9-Aye)

### The following business will be discussed:

- 1. Ambler Borough's Public Works Department seeks candidates interested in summer employment. We offer flexible start & end dates. Please stop by Borough Hall to complete an Employment Application or download an application from the Borough website.
- 2. The July 20th Council meeting will be held at Borough Hall in person.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES**

1. A recommendation is requested on the grant request to receive American Rescue Plan funds. Water infrastructure is allowable, several items were included including water main replacement and well upgrades.

### **FINANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- 1. Consider the recommendation that the May bills are paid in the amount of \$ 978,502.06.
- 2. Preliminary / Final Minor Subdivision Plan Approval is requested for two separate parcels each containing an existing building at 34 & 38 E. Butler Avenue Simomo Properties, LLC