

**STATUTORY RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 2015**

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**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA) AS THE REVIEW BOARD FOR ISSUES ARISING UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE/2000, AND ANY FUTURE FIRE CODE PROPERLY ADOPTED, AND NAMING THE BZA TO SERVE AS THE WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE CODE APPEALS**

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 1985, by Resolution 7-85 the Union Township [West Chester] Board of Trustees adopted the Fire Prevention Code – BOCA 1984 edition; and,

**WHEREAS**, at their meeting on January 2, 1990, by motion the Union Township [West Chester] Board of Trustees unanimously appointed a five member panel to serve as the Board of Zoning Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, finding it necessary to appoint a board to hear fire code appeals, at their regular meeting on April 23, 1990, by motion the Union Township [West Chester] Board of Trustees appointed the Board of Zoning Appeals as the body to hear fire code appeals as the Fire Code Board of Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, subsequently on December 17, 2002, by Resolution 32-2002 the West Chester Township Board of Trustees approved and adopted with modifications the International Fire Code Council, Inc. “International Fire Code/2000” as the fire code of West Chester Township and mandated that all appeals or orders, decisions or determinations relative to this code shall be made directly to the West Chester Township Board of Fire Code Appeals with no reference to the West Chester Township Board of Zoning Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wishes to reaffirm the West Chester Board of Zoning Appeals also serves as the West Chester Township Board of Fire Code Appeals.

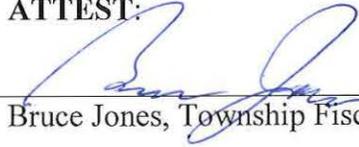
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the West Chester Township Board of Trustees hereby agrees to:

**SECTION 1.** Direct and reaffirm the West Chester Township Board of Zoning Appeals to serve as the West Chester Township Board of Fire Code Appeals in order to hear and rule on appeals to the current Fire Code in effect at the given time.

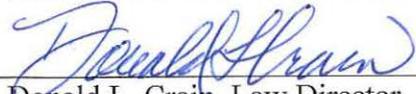
**SECTION 2.** Authorize the Fire and Community Development departments to develop an application process and application forms to grant or deny appeals which form and process may be amended from time to time as necessary.

*Adopted this 28th day of July, 2015*

**ATTEST:**

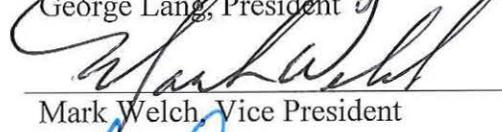
  
Bruce Jones, Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

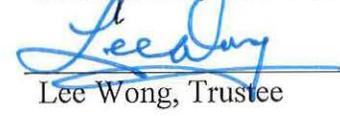
  
Donald L. Crain, Law Director

  
George Lang, President

YES  
Yes/No

  
Mark Welch, Vice President

YES  
Yes/No

  
Lee Wong, Trustee

Yes  
Yes/No