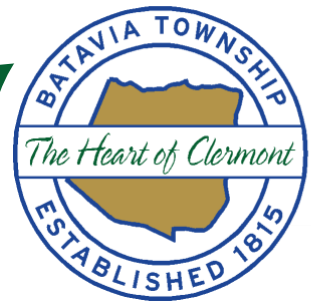




Press Release

Batavia Township, Clermont County, Ohio

November 6, 2025

Removal of Article 36 for Planned Developments

Article 36 is the Planned Development (PD) Regulations in the Batavia Township Zoning Resolution. This Zoning Resolution serves as the primary tool and resource to regulate and enforce zoning in the Township. Most residents in the Township live in a PD like Lexington Run, Twin Gates, Heritage Farms, Batavia Lakes, Pleasant Acres, and Crosspointe.

Residents had voiced concerns regarding PD Regulations during public meetings held in late 2024 and early 2025, related to the Farmstead Development on SR 222. The Batavia Township Trustees directed staff on June 4, 2025, to start discussions and to hold public hearings on changes to the PD regulations, along with some other changes to the Zoning Resolution.

Township Staff and the Batavia Township Zoning Commission held a public hearing/workshop on June 12, 2025, which was attended by residents. The workshop was to get input from residents relative to the Planned Developments and recommended changes. The hearing was continued to July 10th. But on July 3rd the Petitioners (A group of five residents) filed an initiative petition at the Township Office to remove Article 36 and to place the issue on the ballot for November 5, 2025 election.

After the petition was submitted to the Township, the Trustees determined that the best course of action was to put the PD changes process on hold and table any further discussion or changes to Article 36.

The Zoning Commission held two public workshops on July 12, and August 10th to finalize the other changes in the Zoning Resolution. These changes were approved by the Township Trustees in September 2025.

Two planned developments applied for zoning consideration on September 1st under the currently approved Planned Development Regulations. The two developments were processed with normal precedurs by Township Staff. The Clermont County Planning Commission reviewed these projects on September 23rd. The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on October 9th to review the two developments and then forwarded them to the Trustees for the November meeting.

The voters have spoken, and we will be working to address those concerns in the upcoming months. As to zoning applications already in process, until the election results are certified by the Clermont County Board of Elections, the Batavia Township Trustees must follow the regulations as adopted.

We will be reopening the discussion on Planned Development regulations on Thursday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m. during our Zoning Commission Meeting held at 1535 Clough Pike, Batavia Ohio 45103.

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