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RE: **Master Plan Consistency Review – Ordinance 2713-23 (Eliminating Zoning Board Chair and Vice-Chair Term Limits)**

The Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26a includes the following requirement:

Prior to the adoption of a development regulation, revision, or amendment thereto, the planning board shall make and transmit to the governing body, within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed development regulation, revision or amendment which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning these inconsistencies and any other matters as the board deems appropriate.

The Township Council introduced a proposed Ordinance 2713-23 at its February 7, 2023 meeting, which eliminates prohibition upon Zoning Board of Adjustment members serving as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson for successive years.

The makeup of the Zoning Board of Adjustment is not addressed in the West Orange Master Plan. In my opinion, the changes proposed in Ordinance 2713-23 therefore are not inconsistent with the Township's Master Plan.



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