

The Township is required to follow the process as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) which consists of:

- 1: Application from the property owner to rezone the land.
- 2: Forwarding the case, and all related documents, to the Miami County Planning Commission for consideration. Also, scheduling a date with Bethel Township's Zoning Commission.
- 3: Notification to property owners within five hundred feet of the property at least 10 days prior to the meeting of the Township Zoning Commission. This exceeds the O.R.C. Requirement of contiguous to or directly across the street from.
- 4: Bethel Township places a sign on the property that states a re-zoning request has been made. This is not in the required by the O.R.C. but is done as a courtesy to inform residents.
- 5: Placement of a Legal Notice in the newspaper at least 10 days prior to the Zoning Commission Meeting.
- 6: A public hearing of the Miami County Planning Commission, (held and advertised by Miami County). At which time a recommendation is made to the Bethel Township Zoning Commission for approval or denial of the case.
- 7: A public hearing of the Bethel Township Zoning Commission. At this time testimony is heard from all opposed and all for the request. A decision is then made to recommend approval or denial of the case and forwarded to the Bethel Township Trustees for final consideration.
- 8: The Trustees then have another public hearing in which to hear further testimony from those for or against the request.
- 9: Finally, by formal Resolution, action is taken on the request. It takes a majority vote of the Trustees to overturn the recommendation of the Bethel Township Zoning Commission.
- 10: Thirty days after a vote, the zoning change takes effect.