

No. 1978-20

AN ACT

SB 663

Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), entitled, as amended, "An act to empower cities of the second class A, and third class, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships of the first and second classes including those within a county of the second class and counties of the second class A through eighth classes, individually or jointly, to plan their development and to govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land development ordinances, planned residential development and other ordinances, by official maps, by the reservation of certain land for future public purpose and by the acquisition of such land; providing for the establishment of planning commissions, planning departments, planning committees and zoning hearing boards, authorizing them to charge fees, make inspections and hold public hearings; providing for appropriations, appeals to courts and penalties for violations; and repealing acts and parts of acts," providing a method for the calculation of the ninety-day period for approval of plat plans.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph and clause (1) of section 508, act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code," amended June 1, 1972 (P.L.333, No.93), are amended to read:

Section 508. Approval of Plats.—All applications for approval of a plat (other than those governed by Article VII), whether preliminary or final, shall be acted upon by the governing body or the planning agency within such time limits as may be fixed in the subdivision and land development ordinance but the governing body or the planning agency shall render its decision and communicate it to the applicant not later than ninety days **[after such application is filed] following the date of the regular meeting of the governing body or the planning agency (whichever first reviews the application) next following the date the application is filed, provided that should the said next regular meeting occur more than thirty days following the filing of the application, the said ninety-day period shall be measured from the thirtieth day following the day the application has been filed.**

(1) The decision of the governing body or the planning agency shall be in writing and shall be communicated to the applicant personally or mailed to him at his last known address not later than **[five] fifteen** days following the decision;

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1978.

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