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# MEMORANDUM

To: Tallmadge Charter Township Planning Commission  
From: Gregory L. Ransford, MPA  
Date: October 9, 2024  
Re: Mineral, Extracting, Monitoring, and Reclaiming Ordinance – Draft Amendment

Pursuant to your direction at your September 24, 2024 meeting, below is draft language to amend the Tallmadge Charter Township Mineral, Extracting, Monitoring, and Reclaiming Ordinance to allow the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to reduce certain setbacks when deemed appropriate in accordance with review criteria.

### Section 6.00 – Restrictions Governing Permit Holder

6.16 The Township Board may authorize a reduction in any dimensional requirement of this Ordinance when the applicant proves, by professional evidence, that the reduction will not create negative consequences to the health, safety, and welfare of adjacent properties, structures, and persons, and will not create negative consequences to the health, safety, and welfare of the land subject to the excavation. Prior to authorizing a reduction in any dimensional requirement of this Ordinance, the Township may require additional professional evidence or studies to ensure the protection of the lateral stability of abutting lands and the land subject to the excavation, to prevent erosion, to prevent flooding, to prevent contamination of ground water, and to prevent destabilization of the environment.

This language has not yet been provided to the Township Legal Counsel for review. Following your finalization of the draft, we will provide a copy to him for comment. The draft language has been scheduled for your review at your October 22, 2024 meeting. If you have any questions, please let us know.

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cc: Mark Bennett, Supervisor