

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ZONING PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Oshtemo will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, September 12, 2019, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Oshtemo Charter Township Hall, 7275 West Main Street, within the Township, as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item to be considered at said public hearing includes, in brief, the following:

1. Consideration of an amendment to Township Zoning Ordinance Article 57, Miscellaneous Protection Requirements, Section 57.80 Keeping of Poultry, Swine, Horses, or Livestock, which will be retitled and, in summary, reads as follow:

ARTICLE 57: MISCELLANEOUS PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

Section 57.80 KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK AND HONEY BEES

The keeping of poultry, swine, horses, rabbits, sheep, goats, other similar livestock (collectively referred herein as animals), and bees for noncommercial purposes, is permitted under the following conditions:

- A. Activities shall be for the private enjoyment of the property owners conducted for noncommercial purposes.
- B. Acreage requirements.
 1. Large animals. One acre for each large animal (more than 200 pounds at maturity).
 2. Moderate-sized animals. One-quarter acre for each moderate-sized animal (35 to 200 pounds at maturity).
 3. Small animals. All parcels, lots, and up to one acre shall be permitted up to five small animals (under 35 pounds at maturity). One additional small animal per additional one-quarter acre.
 4. Honey bees. All parcels, lots, and building sites up to one-quarter acre shall be permitted two hives to a maximum of six hives for the first acre.
- C. Structure requirements and location.
 1. A structure or shelter is required based on the GAAMPS for the care of animals.
 2. All buildings, structures, enclosures, or hives shall be within either the side or rear yards.
- D. Building setbacks. A building, structure, shelter, or hive shall comply with the following setbacks:
 1. Large animals. 50 feet from any property line and 150 feet from any pre-existing dwelling.

2. Moderate-sized animals. 50 feet from any property line and 100 feet from any pre-existing dwelling.
3. Small animals. 25 feet from any property line and 50 feet from any pre-existing dwelling.
4. Honey bees. 15 feet from any property line and 50 feet from any pre-existing dwelling.

E. Fenced enclosure requirements.

1. Animals shall not be allowed free roam, but must be contained within a fully enclosed fenced area at all times.
2. Fencing shall prevent animals from approaching any pre-existing dwelling on an adjacent property per the following requirements:
 - a. Large animals – 100 feet
 - b. Moderate-sized animals – 75 feet
 - c. Small animals – 40 feet
3. Fencing shall be designed to prevent animal trespass onto neighboring property.

F. Additional requirements for the keeping of honey bees.

1. Hives shall be placed in such a way so that bees must fly across the property.
2. A flyaway barrier at least six feet in height shall shield any part of the property line that is within 25 feet of a bee hive.
3. A constant supply of water shall be provided to all hives.

G. Prohibitions.

1. Animals are prohibited where conditions of maintenance are such to cause:
 - a. Unpleasant odors to be generated sufficiently strong to be discernible upon property of others for continuous periods of longer than six days,
 - b. Noise to be generated sufficiently loud to penetrate indoors upon property of others for continuous periods in excess of four hours,
 - c. Flies, insects or rodents to be attracted to the place where said animals and/or fowl are kept and are thereafter permitted to multiply and escape upon adjoining property.
 2. Said animals or fowl, alive or dead, or any refuse therefrom shall not trespass or be carried upon adjoining property.
 3. Roosters that crow.
 4. Any undomesticated animal or dangerous animal classified as wild, which includes, but is not limited to alligators, bears, monkeys, wolves, coyotes, venomous or constrictor reptiles, panthers, cougars, tigers, lions, and other wild felines.
2. Such other and further matters as may properly come before the Planning Commission at the public hearing.

You are invited to attend this hearing. If you are unable to attend, written comments may be submitted in lieu of a personal appearance by writing to the Planning Commission at the Township Hall, 7275 W. Main Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49009, up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at said hearing. In addition, all materials relating to these requests may be examined at the Oshtemo Township Hall during normal business hours.

Oshtemo Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the Oshtemo Charter Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Oshtemo Charter Township by writing or calling the Township.

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

By: Bruce Vanderweele, Chairperson

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