

Article I – Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as: **The Zoning Ordinance of Clark Township**

Article II – Purpose

In the interest of the public health, safety, and general welfare, the purpose of this Zoning Ordinance is to prevent the overcrowding of land and buildings, avoid undue concentration of population, provide adequate light and air with due consideration to the character of the zoning district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses, and with the objective of conserving the value of property and encouraging the most appropriate use of the land, THEREFORE,

Article III – Resolution

Be it ordained by Clark Township in Mackinac County, pursuant to the provisions of the State of Michigan Act as amended, that the ordinance heretofore enacted as the Zoning Ordinance of Clark Township is for the establishment of zoning districts within which districts the use of land for agriculture, recreation, residence, resorts, industry, trade, soil conservation, water supply conservation and additional uses of land may be encouraged, regulated, or prohibited, and for such purposes may divide portions of Clark Township into districts of such number, shape and area as may be deemed best suited to carry out the provisions of the Act; and to adopt within each district provisions designating and limiting the location, height, number of stories, size of dwelling, buildings, and structures that may hereafter be erected or altered, including mobile homes, and the specific uses for which dwelling, buildings, and structures, including mobile homes, may hereafter be erected, or altered; and for the regulation of the area of yards, courts, and other open spaces and the sanitary, safety, and protective measures that shall be required for such dwellings, buildings, and for the designation of the maximum number of families which may be housed in buildings, dwelling, and structures, including mobile homes hereafter erected, or altered; to provide for the administering of the ordinance; to provide for conflicts with other ordinances, acts, or regulations; to provide for petitions and public hearings; to provide for a method of amending said ordinance; to provide for appeals and for the organization and procedure of the Clark Township Zoning Board of Appeals; and to provide for penalties for the violation of said ordinance.

Article IV – Definitions

Words in the present tense include the future; words in the singular number include the plural number, the word “shall” is mandatory. For the purpose of these regulations, certain terms and words are defined as follows:

1. **Accessory Uses:** A use of a building, or lot, or portion thereof, which is in fact incidental and subordinate to the principal use of the main principal building. The landowner and/or user has the Burden of proving to the Township Zoning Enforcement officer, and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals, that the use intended is an accessory use. Vacant lots may not be classified as being used for any primary purpose or principal.
2. **Alley:** A passage larger than a sidewalk but not a designated street, road, thru-way or by-way as designated by the Michigan Department of Transportation or the Mackinac County Road Commission, which is open to the public for travel only as a secondary means of vehicular access to a butting lots and/or rear entrances to buildings, and not intended for general traffic circulation.
3. **Apartment House:** A building used and/or arranged for rental occupancy, or cooperatively owned by its occupants, having three or more family units, and with a yard, compound, service, or utilities in common.