

## **16.7 INTERPRETATIONS**

### **16.7.1 Interpretation**

Pursuant to the requirements the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, nothing contained herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Board of Appeals from interpreting the text of this Ordinance in such a fashion that will allow in a land use district buildings, uses and structures which are sufficiently similar to the specifically permitted or special uses in that land use district, under the same permitted or special use regulations. Such interpretation shall not have the effect of granting a variance but rather shall be deemed only to be an interpretation of this Ordinance text.

### **16.7.2 Standards**

In determining whether a proposed building, use or structure is sufficiently similar to a specifically identified permitted or special use, the Board of Appeals shall consider, among other factors, the relevant policies for the Land Use District in question as set forth in the Master Plan.

### **16.7.3 Precedent**

An earlier determination under this section shall be considered a precedent for other applications proposing an identical building, use or structure in the same Land Use District, provided the earlier determination was made with respect to a building, use or structure sufficiently similar to a specifically identified permitted use in the Land Use District and not with respect to a specifically identified special use.

## **16.8 APPEALS**

### **16.8.1 Appeal from Ruling**

Except as prohibited by the provisions of Section 11.13 of this Ordinance, an appeal from a ruling of the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission or the Township Board concerning the enforcement, administration, and interpretation of this Ordinance text and Zoning Map may be made to the Board of Appeals, by the applicant filing with the Zoning Administrator a demand for appeal specifying the grounds thereof within thirty (30) days of the date a decision is received by the applicant. The date of receipt shall be presumed to be five (5) days after the date shown on the decision. The demand for appeal shall be on a form prepared by the Township for that purpose and shall also include a site plan. The Zoning Administrator shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Appeals all the papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken.