

ENSLEY TOWNSHIP
NEWAYGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(ORDINANCE NO. 2022-5

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Ensley Township held at the Township offices on July 5, 2022, beginning at 7:30 p.m., the following amendment to the Ensley Township Zoning Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Hills, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Butler.

**AN AMENDMENT TO THE ENSLEY TOWNSHIP ZONING
ORDINANCE REGARDING THE STORAGE AND USE OF
RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES IN
SECTION 3.29 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.**

THE TOWNSHIP OF ENSLEY (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Article 1. Existing Section 3.29 of the Ensley Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby replaced in its entirety and will hereafter read as follows:

SECTION 3.29 – Storage and Use of Recreation Equipment and Vehicles

- A. Recreation vehicles may be located or stored outdoors (i.e. not in an enclosed building) on any lot within a residential zoning district provided that all of the following requirements are met:
- (1) The recreational vehicle must be in good condition, able to be operated or towed on a public street at all times and have a current state license plate or sticker where required.
 - (2) Recreational vehicles shall not be kept or stored on a vacant lot (i.e. a lot without a house or dwelling thereon) except when actively being used and inhabited for camping.
 - (3) No recreational vehicle shall be stored or parked in a required front, side or rear setback or yard area. If the recreational vehicle is stored or located on a corner or an interior lot, it shall not be located within a required front yard. If located on a through-lot, a recreational vehicle shall not be kept or stored in the required front yard or any rear yard. The Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to require that a parked or stored recreational vehicle be moved elsewhere on the lot involved in order to make it less visible from a public or private road or from dwellings on adjoining or nearby lots so long as the new location is feasible, the recreational vehicle will be less visible from the roads and properties mentioned above than before and the new location will not require the removal of any trees with a diameter of 4 inches or more.
 - (4) Notwithstanding any of the regulations contained in this Section, a recreational vehicle may be parked within any yard or setback area for

cleaning, loading or unloading purposes for not more than 48 hours during any fourteen (14) day time period.

- (5) A recreational vehicle may be used on a lot for camping, living or housekeeping purposes for a period not exceeding fourteen (14) days during any calendar year.
 - (6) The regulations of this Section apply to private roads as well as public roads.
 - (7) On a lakefront or waterfront lot, recreational vehicles shall not be parked or stored between the lake and the house or dwelling on the lot involved.
 - (8) Recreational vehicles shall not be used as dwellings or houses or for permanent or long-term habitation. Recreation vehicles shall be used for short-term camping only.
 - (9) No recreational vehicle shall be hooked up to a public or a private sanitary sewer or water system.
 - (10) No more than three (3) recreational vehicles in total shall be parked or stored outdoors on any lot.
 - (11) No recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored outdoors in a driveway for more than five (5) days during any calendar year unless it is parked or stored within 15 feet of the garage or dwelling involved.
- B. The Zoning Administrator may issue a permit allowing a recreational vehicle to be used for temporary habitation or camping on a lot for more than 14 days during any calendar year, but in no event longer than 30 days during the calendar year. Furthermore, the Zoning Administrator may attach reasonable conditions to any such permit.
- C. Where the physical features of a lot prevent a recreational vehicle from being parked or stored in compliance with this Section, the landowner may apply to the Zoning Administrator for a permit to store or park the recreational vehicle within a prohibited setback or other area. The Zoning Administrator may attach reasonable conditions to the granting of any such permit. No such permit shall be effective for longer than three (3) years following the date of issuance. In no event, however, shall a recreational vehicle be parked or stored within 20 feet of the edge of a public road right-of-way or easement or anywhere within a private road right-of-way or easement.

Article 3. Severability. The various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections, portions, and clauses of this Ordinance/Ordinance amendment are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section, portion, or clause of the Ordinance/Ordinance amendment is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance/Ordinance Amendment shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Article 4. The Balance of the Zoning Ordinance is Unchanged. Except as modified by this ordinance/ordinance amendment, the Ensley Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

Article 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance/Ordinance Amendment shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after this Ordinance/Ordinance Amendment (or summary thereof) appears in a newspaper as provided by law.

The vote regarding this Ordinance/Ordinance Amendment was as follows:

YEAS: Butler, Folkema, Harwood, and Hill

NAYS: Newton

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance/ordinance amendment adopted by the Ensley Township Board at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By _____

Cynthia Harwood
Ensley Township Clerk