

ARTICLE 5

GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 5.01. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS.

The Township is hereby divided into the following zoning districts as shown on the official map, which together with all explanatory matter shown thereon, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this Ordinance:

AA - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

RA - LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

HS - HIGHWAY SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

LI - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

OC - OPEN SPACE WATER BODY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SECTION 5.02. PROVISION FOR OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

These districts, so established, are bounded and defined as shown on the map entitled:

"ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF CLARENDON TOWNSHIP"

adopted by the Township Board, and which, with all notations, references, and other information appearing thereon, is hereby declared a part of this Ordinance and of the same force and effect as if the districts shown thereon were fully set forth by metes and bounds therein.

SECTION 5.03. CHANGES TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

If, in accordance with the procedures of this Ordinance and of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, 2006 PA 110, as amended, (MCL 125.3101, et seq.) a change is made in a zoning district boundary, such change shall be made by the Zoning Administrator or Deputy Zoning Administrator, or, in their absence the Building Inspector promptly after the ordinance authorizing such change shall have been adopted and published by the Township Board. No change of any other nature shall be made unless authorized by the Planning Commission.

SECTION 5.04. AUTHORITY OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

Regardless of the existence of purported copies of the zoning map which may from time to time be made or published, the official zoning map shall be located in the office of the Zoning Administrator. In the absence of the Zoning Administrator, the Building Inspector shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of any land, parcel, lot, district, use, building, or structure in the Township.

SECTION 5.05. REPLACEMENT OF OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

In the event that the official zoning map becomes damaged, destroyed, lost, or difficult to interpret because of the nature or number of changes made thereto, the Township Board may by ordinance adopt a new official zoning map and may correct drafting or other errors or omissions on the prior official zoning map, but no such correction shall have the effect of amending the zoning ordinance or the prior official zoning map. The new official zoning map shall be identified by the signature of the Township Supervisor, attested by the Township Clerk, and bear the seal of the Township under the following words:

"This is to certify that this is the official zoning map referred to in the zoning ordinance of Clarendon Township," adopted on _____.

SECTION 5.06. INTERPRETATION OF ZONING DISTRICTS.

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of zoning districts as shown on the official zoning map, the following rules for interpretation shall apply:

- A. A boundary indicated as approximately following the centerline of a highway, street, alley, railroad, or easement shall be construed as following such centerline.
- B. A boundary indicated as approximately following a recorded lot line, bounding a parcel, section line, quarter section line, or other survey line shall be construed as following such line.
- C. A boundary indicated as approximately following the corporate boundary line of a city, village, or township shall be construed as following such line.
- D. A boundary indicated as following a shoreline shall be construed as following such shoreline, and in the event of change in a shoreline shall be construed as following the actual shoreline.
- E. A boundary indicated as following the centerline of a stream, river, canal, lake, or other body of water shall be construed as following such centerline.
- F. A boundary indicated as parallel or an extension of a feature indicated in paragraphs a through e above shall be so construed.

G. A distance not specifically indicated on the official zoning map shall be determined by the scale of the map.

SECTION 5.07. APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS.

The regulations established by this Ordinance within each zoning district shall be the minimum regulations for promoting and protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare and shall be uniform for each class of land or buildings, dwellings, and structures throughout each district. Where there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of this Ordinance, the Board of Appeals shall have power in passing upon appeals to vary or modify any rules, regulations, or provisions of this Ordinance so that the intent and purposes of this Ordinance shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done.