

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI

RESOLUTION 2020-13 (In Reference to Ordinance 2020-491)

Amending the Charter Township of Ypsilanti's Code of Ordinances to Clarify the Procedure for the Establishment of "Houses of Worship" in Conformity with the Requirements of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act

Whereas, at its regularly scheduled meeting held **May 26, 2020**, the Charter Township of Ypsilanti (Township) Planning Commission (Commission) recommended to the Township Board of Trustees (Board) changes to its Zoning Code to accommodate the requirements of the Federal "**Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act;**" and

Whereas, the changes recommended by the Commission include:

1. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE II: "Definitions" by adding the following to Section 201:

House of Worship: A site used for or intended for the regular assembly of persons for the conducting of religious services and accessory uses therewith.

2. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE III: "Zoning Districts and Map" by amending Section 306 "**Schedule of Uses**", sub-section 3, table "**Residential Districts Use Table**", so as to make the process for establishing a "**House of Worship**" in various residential zoning districts compatible with other similar uses.

3. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE III: "Zoning Districts and Map" by amending Section 306 "**Schedule of Uses**", sub-section 6, Table "**Industrial Use**" so as to require a "**House of Worship**" to obtain a special conditional use permit for establishment in the enumerated industrial districts, specifically, the 1RO district.

4. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE ARTICLE XXI: "General Provisions" by amending Section 2104 "**Parking Requirements**" for "**Places of Worship.**"

5. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XXI: "General Provisions" by removing Section 2118 "**Access to Major Thoroughfares or Collector Streets.**"

6. AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XVIII: "Specific Land Use Provisions" by amending Section 1805 "**Institutional or community recreation centers and nonprofit swimming pool clubs**" so as to provide requirements for lot size, landscaping, parking, and with respect to the construction of swimming pools, certain safety requirements.

7. **AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XVIII: “Specific Land Use Provisions”** by amending Section 1806 “Golf Courses” whether or not operated for profit so as to provide for specific site plan requirements and in the case of construction of a swimming pool, safety requirements.

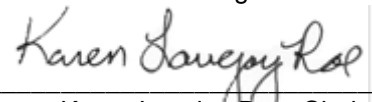
8. **AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XVIII: “Specific Use Provisions”** by amending Section 1807 “Colleges and Universities,” to require colleges and universities and other such institutions of higher learning, public and private, offering courses in general, technical or religious education and not operated for profit, be developed only on sites of at least 40 acres in area, not be permitted on any portion of any recorded subdivision plat, and no building shall be closer than 80 feet to any property line.

9. **AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE XVIII: “Specific Land Use Provisions”** by amending Section 1822 “Restaurants” to provide that restaurants in the OS-1 and B-1 zoning districts meet certain specific conditions; and

Whereas, proposed Ordinance 2020-491 correctly memorializes the recommendations of the Township’s Commission and this Board finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interest of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti.

Now Therefore, Be it resolved that the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Board of Trustees hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the attached Ordinance No. 2020-491 in its entirety.

I, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2020-13 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2020.



Karen Lovejoy Roe, Clerk
Charter Township of Ypsilanti