

KEENE TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 12-9-25 A

A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

At a meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Keene, Ionia County, Michigan, held on December 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Township Hall, 8505 Potters Road, Saranac, MI 48881.

PRESENT: N. WOLFF, C. HENDRICK, S. SMILEY, H. MELTON
W. PFLUGRADT

ABSENT: NONE

The following preamble and resolution was offered by H. MELTON and seconded by W. PFLUGRADT

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 *et seq.* (the "MZEA"), the Township has the authority to regulate the use of land within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Section 401(3) of the MZEA provides that "[t]he legislative body may refer any proposed amendments to the [Planning Commission] for consideration and comment within a time specified by the legislative body[;]" and

WHEREAS, Section 22.01 of the Township's Zoning Ordinance permits the Township Board, on its own motion, to initiate proposals for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding moratoriums on the review or issuance of any and all applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for special or other existing, new, or emerging land uses in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that initiating such amendment is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Township Board of Keene Township resolves as follows:

1. The Township Board initiates a proposal for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, attached as **Exhibit A** (the "Proposed Amendment"), regarding moratoriums on the review or issuance of any and all applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for special or other existing, new, or emerging land uses in the Township.

2. The Planning Commission is directed to hold a public hearing to consider the Proposed Amendment within 45 days of this Resolution and to make a recommendation to the Township Board on its adoption.

3. Any and all resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed, but only to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

A vote on the above Resolution was taken and was as follows:

YEAS: N. WOLFF, C. HENDRICK, S. SMILEY, H. MELTON, W. PFLUGRADT

NAYS: 0

ADOPTED.

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board at a meeting held on December 9, 2025.



Holli Melton
Keene Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A

KEENE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING
MORATORIUMS**

The Township of Keene ordains:

Section 1. Addition of New Section 3.22 to the Zoning Ordinance.

A new Section 3.22 is added to Article III of the Zoning Ordinance and reads in its entirety as follows:

Section 3.22 – Moratorium by Resolution

- A. The Township Board, by resolution, may impose a temporary moratorium upon the review or issuance of any and all applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for special or other existing, new, or emerging land uses in the Township if the Township Board desires to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan or zoning ordinance to regulate land uses that may impact the health, safety or welfare of Township residents or property.
- B. The resolution must state the purpose of the moratorium and include findings of the Township Board in support of the moratorium and why the Township Board has determined that the temporary moratorium is necessary and in the best interest of the public health, safety or welfare.
- C. Any resolution adopted pursuant to this Section must specify the length of the initial moratorium which shall not exceed twelve (12) months. In addition to the initial moratorium, the Township Board may extend the temporary moratorium if the Township Board determines that more time is necessary to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan or zoning ordinance to regulate land uses. Any extension shall not exceed six (6) additional months.
- D. Notice of the resolution must be published within seven (7) days of its adoption. The notice must include the following:
 1. A summary of the resolution's effect.
 2. The length of the moratorium and whether an extension is possible.
 3. Where the public may inspect the resolution enacting the moratorium.

Section 2. Validity and Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 1. Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this Ordinance are repealed, but only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after its publication pursuant to MCL 125.3401.

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