

**KEENE TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-13-26 A**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 26-1-13 A, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING MORATORIUMS**

At a meeting of the Township Board for Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, held on January 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at Township Hall, 8505 Potters Road, Saranac, MI 48881.

PRESENT: C. Hendrick, S. Smiley, H. Melton, W. Pflugradt

ABSENT: N. Wolff

The following preamble and resolution was offered by S. Smiley 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, the Township Board has adopted such a zoning ordinance (the “Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to consider an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding temporary moratoriums on the review or issuance of zoning approvals for land uses in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding temporary moratoriums on January 8, 2026, and recommended adoption of such an amendment (the “Proposed Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has now considered the recommended Proposed Amendment and desires to adopt the Proposed Amendment, as amended by the Township Board,

as reflected in Ordinance No. 26-1-13 A, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Moratoriums (the “Ordinance”), attached as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board finds that the Ordinance promotes public health, safety, and welfare.

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

1. Ordinance No. 26-1-13 A, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Moratoriums (the “Ordinance”), as amended and as attached as **Exhibit A**, is adopted.
2. The Ordinance will be filed with the Township Clerk,
3. The Township Clerk is directed to publish notice of adoption of the Ordinance, in a form substantially similar to Exhibit B, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.
4. Any resolutions that conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.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: C. Hendrick, S. Smiley, H. Melton, W. Pflugradt

NAYS: None

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 January 13, 2026.

Holli Melton

Holli Melton  
Keene Township Clerk

**EXHIBIT A**

**KEENE TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-1-13 A**

**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

The Township Board may, by resolution, impose a temporary moratorium on the review or issuance of any applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for existing, new, or emerging land uses in the Township if the Township Board determines that a temporary moratorium is necessary to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan or zoning ordinance to address land uses that may impact the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents or property. A temporary moratorium may also be imposed by the Township Board upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission when the Planning Commission determines that a moratorium is needed to allow it sufficient time to review and recommend amendments to the master plan or zoning ordinance concerning existing, new, or emerging land uses that may adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents or property. The resolution must state the purpose of the moratorium and include findings of the Township Board or Planning Commission 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. 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. Notice of the resolution must be published within fifteen (15) 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 3. 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 4. Effective Date.**

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

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **KEENE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a regular meeting of the Township Board of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 26-1-13 A, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Moratoriums. The Ordinance is available for inspection at the Township Hall, 8505 Potters Road, Saranac, MI 48881, during regular business hours. Copies may be obtained for a charge. The Ordinance takes effect 7 days after this publication. A summary of the Ordinance follows.

#### **SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-1-13 A**

**Section 1. New Section 3.22 of Zoning Ordinance Regarding Moratoriums.** Section 1 of the Ordinance adds a new Section 3.22 to the Keene Township Zoning Ordinance. The new Section 3.22 permits the Township Board to, by resolution, impose temporary moratoriums on the review or issuance of zoning applications, permits, rezoning, licenses, or approvals for land uses.

**Section 2. Validity and Severability.** Section 2 of the Ordinance makes its provisions severable.

**Section 3. Repealer.** Section 3 of the Ordinance repeals ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with the Ordinance, but only to the extent necessary to give the Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** Section 4 of the Ordinance makes it effective 7 days after its publication.