

CHAPTER 18 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

SECTION 18.01 INITIATION OF AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Ordinance may be initiated in the manner as provided by law in the Zoning Act. (Amended 7/28/93)

SECTION 18.02 AMENDMENT PETITION PROCEDURE. All petitions for amendment to this Ordinance shall be in writing signed, and filed in triplicate with the Township Clerk for presentation to the Township Board. Such petitions shall include the following:

- (a) The petitioner's name, address, and interest in the petition as well as the name, address, and interest of every person having a legal or equitable interest in any land which is to be rezoned;
- (b) The nature and effect of the proposed amendment;
- (c) If the proposed amendment would require a change in the Zoning Map, a fully dimensioned map showing the land which would be affected by the proposed amendment, a legal description of such land, the present zoning district of the land, the zoning district of all abutting lands, and all public and private right-of-way and easements bounding and intersecting the land to be rezoned;
- (d) The alleged error in the ordinance which would be corrected by the proposed amendment, with a detailed explanation of such alleged error and detailed reason why the proposed amendment will correct the same;
- (e) The changed or changing conditions in the area or in the Township that make the proposed amendment reasonably necessary to the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare;
- (f) All other circumstances, factors, and reasons which the petitioner offers in support of the proposed amendment.

SECTION 18.03 AMENDMENT PROCEDURE. After initiation,. amendments to this ordinance shall be considered in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as it may be amended from time to time. Notice of the public hearing required before the Planning Commission, and any other associated public hearings to be held concerning an amendment, shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.04 of this zoning ordinance. (Amended 05-08)

SECTION 18.04 REZONING CRITERIA. In reviewing an application for the rezoning of land, whether the application is made with or without an offer of conditions, factors that should be considered by the Planning Commission and the Township Board include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Whether the rezoning is consistent with the policies and uses proposed for that area in the Township's Master Land Use Plan;
2. Whether all of the uses allowed under the proposed rezoning would be compatible with other zones and uses in the surrounding area;
3. Whether any public services and facilities would be significantly adversely impacted by a development or use allowed under the requested rezoning; and

4. Whether the uses allowed under the proposed rezoning would be equally or better suited to the area than uses allowed under the current zoning of the land.
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