

Article 1: Title and Purpose

Amendments

ARTICLE I

TITLE AND PURPOSE

SEC. 1.1 SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE".

SEC. 1.2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Zoning Ordinance is to provide for the regulation of land development and the establishment of zoning districts in the portions of the Charter Township of Plymouth outside the limits of cities and villages which regulate the use of land and structures; to meet the needs of the state's citizens for food, fiber, energy and other natural resources, places of residence, recreation, industry, trade, service and other uses of land; to ensure that use of the land shall be situated in appropriate locations and relationships; to limit the inappropriate overcrowding of land and congestion of population, transportation systems, and other public facilities; to facilitate adequate and efficient provisions for transportation systems, sewage disposal, water, energy, education, recreation, and other public service and facility requirements; and to promote public health, safety and welfare.

For these purposes, the Charter Township of Plymouth shall divide the Township into districts of such number, shape and area as it considers best suited to carry out this Ordinance; to provide for the regulation of land development and the establishment of districts which apply only to land areas and activities which are involved in a special program to achieve specific land management objectives and avert or solve specific land use problems, including the regulation of land development and the establishment of districts in areas subject to damage from flooding or erosion; to designate or limit the location, the height, number of stories, and size of dwellings, buildings, and structures that may be erected or altered, and specific uses for dwellings, buildings, and structures, including trailer coaches and manufactured housing, that may be erected, occupied, used or altered; to establish the area of yards, courts, and other open spaces, and the sanitary, safety and protective measures that shall be required for the dwellings, buildings and structures, including trailer coaches and manufactured housing; and to establish the maximum number of families which may be housed in dwellings, buildings and structures in the Charter Township of Plymouth, erected or altered.