

**EATON COUNTY
ZONING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 30, 2021**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room, Eaton County Courthouse, 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.

Planning Commission Committee Members present: Brian Ross, Tim Cattron, Ben Tirrell, and Jim Mott

Staff present: Claudine Williams

Public Comments: No public was present

Ms. Williams went over the general text amendment draft, dated September 29, 2021, which has been updated with last month's changes. Temporary Housing was discussed in reference being harmonious to the neighboring properties. The Committee decided to delete this line as it would be difficult to enforce. Ms. Williams went over items added since the last meeting; several areas in Article 7 need updated to say Manufactured Home instead of Mobile Home, and the Board of Appeals has requested an amendment to Section 14.10.2 to allow for accessory buildings, for storage only, for government facilities to have reduced setbacks. Discussion was held. The Committee decided to move forward with these additions. "Camping" on property was also discussed.

Ms. Williams went over the draft Wind language amendments dated September 29, 2021. The Committee also discussed and addressed suggested changes provided from Ben Tirrell. Items discussed were disturbance of the land, decibel levels, county staff or a designated agent having access to the site, and PA 451 of 1994 and what it included. Ms. Williams will gather information in reference to these items for the next meeting. She said the next step will be to develop requirements for On-Site WES.

Ms. Williams gave an update on staff's research into hemp. She explained the USDA considers hemp an agricultural product and the rules and licensing requirements in place to grow and process hemp are regulated by MDARD. Taking this information into consideration when evaluating zoning, a hemp grow operation could be considered a customary agricultural operation and a processing facility could be an agricultural business. Discussion was held. The committee did not feel a zoning amendment was needed at this time to accommodate for any additional regulations for hemp growing and/or processing.

Public comment: No public was present.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.