

NOTICE TO OVID TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OVID TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

The Ovid Township Board, on May 10, 2021, adopted Ordinance No. 31 whose purpose is to amend the Township's zoning ordinance as it pertains to the construction of solar energy systems within the Township, and the restrictions, requirements and guidelines for the construction of such systems within the Township. The ordinance also modifies certain requirements and guidelines related to special use approvals and the abandonment of wind energy conversion systems and wireless telecommunication facilities. The following is a summary of said Ordinance.

SECTION I **AMENDMENT TO SECTION 20.05.B**

This section amends the zoning ordinance as to the effective duration of any special use approvals granted under the zoning ordinance.

SECTION II **ADDITION OF SECTION 20.02.C**

This section amends the zoning ordinance to add this new section in order to permit the removal of a particular lot or parcel of land as a condition of approval to an application for special use.

SECTION III **ADDITION OF SECTION 20.06** **"OTHER PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL USES"**

This section amends the zoning ordinance to add this new section which establishes the restrictions, requirements and guidelines for when a special use is abandoned, when established setbacks may be altered, and the establishment of a complaint resolution process regarding a special use.

SECTION IV **AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15.38**

This section amends the zoning ordinance to entirely replace Section 15.38 regarding the restrictions, requirements and guidelines for the construction of solar energy systems within Ovid Township, specifically:

- Section 15.38.A** – describing the purpose and intent of Section 15.38.
- Section 15.38.B** – establishing the required standards and procedures for Accessory Solar Energy Systems permitted within the Township.
- Section 15.38.C** – establishing the required standards and requirements for a solar energy facility, regardless of the maximum kWh capacity.
- Section 15.38.D** - establishing the required standards and requirements for Solar Farms permitted as a special use within the Township.
- Section 15.38.E** – establishing the requirements for any application for a special use for a Solar Farm.

SECTION V
AMENDMENT TO SECTION 15.37.D.13

This section amends the zoning ordinance to entirely replace Section 15.37.D.13 regarding the abandonment of any wind energy conversion system.

SECTION VI
AMENDMENT SECTION 15.36.I

This section amends the zoning ordinance to entirely replace Section 15.36.I regarding the abandonment of any wireless telecommunication facility.

SECTION VII
ADDITION OF SECTION 23.04.E

This section amends the zoning ordinance to add this new section in order to establish the right of a resident to file a complaint for a violation of an approved Special Use and the process that will be followed upon the filing of such a complaint.

SECTION VIII
REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

This section sets forth that any and all ordinances that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in conflict or inconsistent with the Ordinance.

SECTION IX
SAVINGS CLAUSE

This section sets forth that this Ordinance will not affect any pending litigation, founded or growing out of any ordinance, resolution, or order that have been repealed, or any rights, claims privileges, immunities or causes of actions that have already occurred.

SECTION X
SEVERABILITY

This section sets forth that if any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain valid.

SECTION XI
EFFECTIVE DATE

This section sets forth that this Ordinance will take effect on the 7th day after the publication of this Notice.

The above summarized Ordinance effects all properties and areas located in the Township of Ovid, Branch County, Michigan.

Anyone wishing to inspect or purchase a copy of the above summarized Ordinance can do so by calling 517-238-5099 and scheduling an appointment with the Ovid Township Clerk.

Amy Havasy, Clerk
Ovid Township