

ARTICLE 4

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

SECTION 4.01 INITIATING AMENDMENTS AND FEES

The Township Board may on its own action or on a recommendation from the Planning Commission, amend, modify, supplement or revise the district boundaries or the provisions and regulations herein established whenever the public necessity, convenience or the general welfare require such amendment. Said amendment may be initiated by resolution of the Township Board, the Planning Commission or by petition of one or more owners of property to be affected by the proposed amendment. Except for the Township Board, or the Planning Commission, the petitioner or petitioners requesting an amendment shall at the time of application pay the fee in accordance with the requirements specified in section 2.05. No part of the fee shall be returnable to the petitioner.

SECTION 4.02 AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

The procedure for making amendments to this ordinance shall be as follows:

- A. Each petition for amendment initiated by one or more owners of property shall be submitted to the Township Board who shall refer it to the Planning Commission for recommendation.
- B. After deliberation on any proposal, the Township Planning Commission shall conduct at least one hearing, notice of which shall comply with the requirements in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as may be amended. The notices shall include the places and times at which the tentative text and any maps of the zoning ordinance may be examined.
- C. Upon completion of the public hearing provided above, and following recommendation by the Township Planning Commission, the proposed amendment or supplement shall be submitted to the Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission for review and recommendation. The petition shall then be returned to the Township Board by the Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission for final action.
- D. After receiving the proposed amendment, the Township Board may adopt the amendment with or without changes.
- E. All provisions of this article shall be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as the same may be from time to time amended, which act is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 4.03 CONFORMANCE OF COURT DECREE

Any amendment for the purpose of conforming a provision thereof to the decree of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be adopted by the Township Board and the amendment published.