

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids, held in the Township Hall, 1836 East Beltline Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the 18th day of September, ²⁰⁰⁷~~2006~~, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: ~~DeVries, Afendoulis Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering~~

ABSENT: Members: None

The following ordinance was offered by Member Merchant and supported by Member VanPopering

ORDINANCE NO. 458

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS

[Amendments Relating to Community Special Event Signs, Portable Signs,
Parking of Recreational Vehicles , and
Prohibition of Certain Portable Accessory Buildings]

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS ORDAINS:

[COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENT SIGNS]

Section 1. **Signs Not Needing a Permit.** Section 30.5 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection 6 thereof, pertaining to community special event signs.

Section 2. **Sign Permits and Application.** Section 30.6 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 30.6 SIGN PERMITS AND APPLICATION.

1. **Permits Required.** All signs, except those listed in Section 30.4 or 30.5, require a permit under this Chapter. No sign requiring a permit as provided by this Chapter shall be erected, used, constructed or altered until a permit has first been obtained under this Section. A sign permit shall not be issued for a sign unless the sign fully

complies with the requirements of this Chapter. The property owner shall at all times maintain in force a valid sign permit for any sign requiring a permit.

2. Application. Application for a sign permit shall be made to the Township Office, along with a fee in the amount established by resolution of the Township Board. The permit application shall be reviewed in accordance with the following procedures:

- a. Required Drawings and Information.

- i. An application for construction, creation, or installation of a new sign or for alteration of an existing sign shall be accompanied by detailed drawings and accompanying narrative statements to show and describe the dimensions, design, structure, and location of each sign. A single application and permit may include multiple signs on the same lot.
- ii. An application for a community special event sign shall indicate the total number of signs to be installed, the date of the special event being advertised, and the dates on which the signs will be displayed, which shall not be longer than 10 days and which shall commence not sooner than ten days before the special event being advertised. A deposit in an amount determined by the Township Board by resolution shall accompany the application for a community special event sign, which shall be returned to the applicant after the conclusion of the special event, provided that all signs have been removed by the applicant within 48 hours of the conclusion of the special event which is being advertised. If all signs have not been removed within 48 hours of the conclusion of the special event being advertised, the applicant shall be deemed to have forfeited the entire deposit and the Township shall be authorized to remove and dispose of the community special event signs.

- b. Completeness. After receiving an application for a sign permit, the Township shall review it for completeness. If the Township determines that it is complete, the application shall then be processed. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the Township shall send to the applicant a written notice specifying how the application is deficient.

- c. Issuance or Rejection. After the submission of a complete application for a sign permit, the Township shall either: (1) issue the sign permit, if the sign that is the subject of the application conforms in every respect with the requirements of this Chapter; or (2) reject the sign permit if the sign that is the subject of the application fails in any way to conform with the requirements of this Chapter. The Township may impose reasonable conditions on a sign permit, including, but not limited to, a condition limiting

the number of community special event signs that can be displayed for a single special event.

3. Electrical Signs. All signs requiring electrical service shall be reviewed for compliance with the Township's electrical code. Approval of electrical signs shall be noted on or attached to the sign permit.

Section 3. **Regulations for Community Special Event Signs.** Section 30.8(5) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

5. Community special event signs are permitted in any zoning district, subject to the following restrictions:
 - a. – c. [No change]
 - d. All signs shall be removed within 48 hours of the conclusion of the special event which is being advertised. If this requirement is not complied with, the applicant shall forfeit the deposit submitted with the sign permit application and the Township may remove and dispose of all special event signs that have not been removed by the applicant.
 - e. Community special event signs shall comply with all conditions imposed pursuant to Section 30.6(2)(c) of this Ordinance, including any condition relating to the maximum number of signs for a single special event.

[PORTABLE SIGNS]

Section 4. **Definition – Portable Sign.** Section 30.2 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so that the definition of “Portable Sign” shall read in its entirety as follows:

Portable Sign: A sign that is not permanent or affixed to a building or structure and by its nature may be or is intended to be moved from one location to another, whether rented or owned, such as “A” frame signs or signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way, unless the vehicle is used for vehicular purposes in the normal day-to-day operations of a business located on the same premises where the vehicle is parked. If a vehicle having a sign attached to it or painted on it is parked, for 48 hours or more, so as to be visible from a public right-of-way, and the sign displayed on the vehicle relates to or advertises an establishment, product, merchandise, good, service or entertainment which is not

located, sold, offered, produced, manufactured or furnished on the same property where the vehicle is parked, such facts shall be prima facie evidence that the vehicle is being used as a portable sign.

Section 5. Signs Prohibited. Subsection 2 of Section 30.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

2. Portable signs, including a vehicle used as a portable sign, except as permitted by this Chapter.

[PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES]

Section 6. Definition – Recreational Vehicle. Section 2.1 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended by the insertion of the following new term and definition:

Recreational Vehicle: Vehicles used primarily for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, motor homes, travel trailers (but not mobile homes), campers, pop-up campers, watercraft, snowmobiles, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, dune buggies, camper tops and other similar vehicles, including the trailers used, or which could be used, to transport them. Snowmobiles, motorcycles, or all terrain vehicles stored or transported on a trailer designed to carry multiple recreational vehicles shall count as one recreational vehicle. A recreational vehicle shall not include a one-axle utility trailer used primarily for the purpose of hauling residential yard debris or residential yard supplies.

Section 7. Parking of Recreational Vehicles. Subsection 3 of Section 4.18 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

3. Parking of Recreational Vehicles.

Not more than one recreational vehicle owned by the occupant of a dwelling may be stored (but not occupied) on the same lot where the owner's dwelling is located. The recreational vehicle may be stored in the side or rear yard of the dwelling, but not within any portion of the minimum side yard or the rear yard required for an accessory building on the lot. The recreational vehicle may not be stored in the front yard. A recreational vehicle that is parked in the driveway for more than 48 consecutive hours shall be deemed to be stored on the lot for the purposes of this subsection.

Section 8. Recreational Vehicles in the Rural Residential District. Subsection 2 of

Section 5.4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

2. Not more than one recreational vehicle owned by the occupant of a dwelling may be stored (but not occupied) on the same lot where the owner's dwelling is located. The recreational vehicle may be stored in the side or rear yard of the dwelling, but not within any portion of the minimum side yard or the rear yard required for an accessory building on the lot. The recreational vehicle may not be stored in the front yard. A recreational vehicle that is parked in the driveway for more than 48 consecutive hours shall be deemed to be stored on the lot for the purposes of this subsection.

Section 9. Recreational Vehicles in the Suburban Residential District. Subsection 2

of Section 6.4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

2. Not more than one recreational vehicle owned by the occupant of a dwelling may be stored (but not occupied) on the same lot where the owner's dwelling is located. The recreational vehicle may be stored in the side or rear yard of the dwelling, but not within any portion of the minimum side yard or the rear yard required for an accessory building on the lot. The recreational vehicle may not be stored in the front yard. A recreational vehicle that is parked in the driveway for more than 48 consecutive hours shall be deemed to be stored on the lot for the purposes of this subsection.

Section 10. Recreational Vehicles in the R-1 Single-Family Residential District.

Subsection 2 of Section 7.4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended so as to read in its entirety as follows:

2. Not more than one recreational vehicle owned by the occupant of a dwelling may be stored (but not occupied) on the same lot where the owner's dwelling is located. The recreational vehicle may be stored in the side or rear yard of the dwelling, but not within any portion of the minimum side yard or the rear yard required for an accessory building on the lot. The recreational vehicle may not be stored in the front yard. A recreational vehicle that is parked in the driveway for more than 48 consecutive hours shall be deemed to be stored on the lot for the purposes of this subsection.

[PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN PORTABLE ACCESSORY BUILDINGS]

Section 11. Construction Standards for Accessory Buildings in the Rural Residential

District. Section 5.4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended by the addition of subsection 8 thereto, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

8. Accessory buildings shall be constructed with durable, hard-sided materials, such as wood, metal or pre-manufactured siding, that are weather- and rust-resistant, and shall be regularly maintained so as to reasonably retain their original appearance and so as to be free from mechanical or structural defects. Accessory buildings having construction materials consisting of a plastic tarp, or similar type of flexible fabric, stretched over a frame of poles or similar materials, are prohibited.

Section 12. Construction Standards for Accessory Buildings in the Suburban

Residential District. Section 6.4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended by the addition of subsection 7 thereto, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

7. Accessory buildings shall be constructed with durable, hard-sided materials, such as wood, metal or pre-manufactured siding, that are weather- and rust-resistant, and shall be regularly maintained so as to reasonably retain their original appearance and so as to be free from mechanical or structural defects. Accessory buildings having construction materials consisting of tarpaulin or other type of flexible fabric or similar material, stretched over a frame of poles or similar objects or devices, are prohibited.

Section 13. Construction Standards for Accessory Buildings in the R-1 Single-Family

Residential District. Section 7.4 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids is hereby amended by the addition of subsection 7 thereto, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

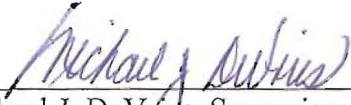
7. Accessory buildings shall be constructed with durable, hard-sided materials, such as wood, metal or pre-manufactured siding, that are weather- and rust-resistant, and shall be regularly maintained so as to reasonably retain their original appearance and so as to be free from mechanical or structural defects. Accessory buildings having construction materials consisting of tarpaulin or other type of flexible fabric or similar material, stretched over a frame of poles or similar objects or devices, are prohibited.

Section 14. **Publication/Effective Date.** A summary of the regulatory effect of this Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen days after adoption. The ordinance shall become effective seven days after said publication.

AYES: Members: DeVries, Afendoulis, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering

NAYS: Members: None _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.



Michael J. DeVries, Supervisor
Charter Township of Grand Rapids



Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
Charter Township of Grand Rapids

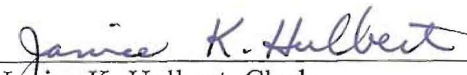
First Reading: September 4, 2007

Second Reading: September 18, 2007

Ordinance Becomes Effective: October 2, 2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Grand Rapids at a public meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
Charter Township of Grand Rapids