

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD
Leelanau County, Michigan

Ordinance No. _____
ZO 2017-04-22

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, IN ACCORANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT, ACT 110 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 2006, AS AMENDED [MCL 125.3101 ET SEQ.], TO AMEND SECTION 2.2 TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR DWELLING, MULTI AND TO MODIFY THE EXISTING DEFINITIONS FOR PARCEL, LOT, LOT AREA AND NET LOT AREA; AMEND SECTION 3.14 TO REINTRODUCE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MULTI-DWELLING DEVELOPMENTS; ADD NOTE 'I' TO SECTION 5.6 TO REFERENCE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY REQUIREMENTS TO SECTION 3.14; MODIFY SECTION 7.1.2 SO RESIDENTIAL BASE DENSITY IS DETERMINED USING NET ACREAGE; MODIFY SECTION 7.2.2 SO RESIDENTIAL DENSITY IS BASED OFF OF NET LOT AREA; MODIFY SECTION 8.4.12 TO HAVE SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICANTS SUBMIT THE GROSS LOT AREA AND NET LOT AREA.

The Charter Township of Elmwood Ordains:

Section 1: Amendment

1. Amend Section 2.2, specifically to add the following definitions:

Dwelling, Multi. A building or buildings on a single lot with at least two dwelling units, including any attached dwelling, as defined in this Ordinance.

2. Amend Section 2.2, specifically to modify the below definitions to read as follows:

Parcel. See Lot.

Lot. A parcel of land having frontage along a road or right-of-way on which a principal use or uses and its accessory uses are located, or intended to be located, together with any open spaces required by this Ordinance. A site condominium lot shall also be considered a lot for purposes of compliance with the regulations of this Ordinance.

Lot Area, Gross. The total horizontal area within the boundary lines of a lot not including right-of-way easements.

Lot Area, Net: The lot area excluding unbuildable areas of the lot. Examples for unbuildable areas include existing and proposed ingress and egress easements, wetlands, and bodies of water. (Amendment ZO 2017-04-09, Ordinance #2021-1, Effective January 29, 2021)

3. Amend Section 3.14, specifically so it reads as follows:

SECTION 3.14 MULTI-DWELLING REQUIREMENTS

- A. Intent. The intent of this Section is to recognize the growing need for housing within the Township, while at the same time encouraging sustainable multi-dwelling developments so these developments do not overburden the lots on which they are located and do not impose unreasonably adverse impacts on the surrounding lots. Further, this Section seeks to ensure that any multi-dwelling development of lots remains consistent with underlying zoning requirements.
- B. Multi-dwelling Development Requirements. All multi-dwelling developments that are permitted in any zoning district shall comply with the following requirements:
1. Every dwelling unit within a multi-dwelling development shall have a minimum width of twenty-four (24) feet and a minimum living area of seven hundred twenty (720) square feet.
 2. The minimum net lot area for a multi-dwelling development shall be 12,500 sq ft.
 3. Except as provided in subsection 6 below, the maximum number of dwelling units permitted (density) within a multi-dwelling development shall be determined by dividing the net lot area of the lot on which the multi-dwelling development will be located by the minimum lot size of the zoning district in which the multi-dwelling development will be located. When the density calculation results in a whole number, plus any fraction, then the calculation shall be rounded up to permit one additional dwelling unit. In addition, when a density calculation results in any fraction less than a whole number, then the developer shall be allowed to construct one (1) dwelling unit on the lot. Finally, in the case of a multi-dwelling development in the General Commercial (GC), Neighborhood Commercial (NC), Light Industrial (LI), and Shoreline Commercial (SC) Zoning Districts, 6,250 sq ft may be utilized instead of the minimum lot area when calculating the number of dwelling units.
 4. If the density of a multi-dwelling development exceeds one dwelling unit per acre, then the development shall have shared utility systems (septic and well) or connect into public utility systems (sewer and water).
 5. The Planning Commission may consider density bonuses within Planned Developments as allowed and defined within Section 7.1.2 of this Ordinance.
 6. In no instance shall density be permitted to exceed twelve (12) dwelling units per acre.

4. Amend Section 5.6, Table of Dimensional Requirements to create a new 'Note I' under

footnotes. This 'Note I' will read as follows:

Note I: **Density.** The maximum number of dwelling units permitted on a lot in any zoning district referenced in this table shall comply with Section 3.14 of this Ordinance.

5. Amend Section 7.1.2.C to read as follows:

SECTION 7.1.2 General Requirements

C. **Residential Base Density:** The maximum base residential density and number of permitted Dwelling units shall be determined by dividing the total net lot area by the minimum lot size of the underlying zoning district.

6. Amend Section 7.2.2 to read as follows:

SECTION 7.2.2 Application And Review Procedures

E.1.d. A residential density calculation indicating the total number of dwelling units divided by the net lot area, and a more detailed residential density calculation that divides the number of a specific unit type by the net lot area associated with that specific unit type.

7. Amend Section 8.4.12 (Requirements for Site Plan Approval) to read as follows:

12. The gross lot area and net lot area.

Section 2: Severability.

If any sections, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance. The Township Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part, section, subsection, phrase, sentence and clause irrespective of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, phrases, sentences or clauses be declared invalid.

Section 3: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days following publication.

Public Hearing: _____

Adopted: _____

Effective: _____

