

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 278

CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP PERTAINING TO THE DEFINITION OF “PERSON” AND TO SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRING LAKE, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. “Person” Definition. The definition of “person” in Section 1-2 of Chapter 1 of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances is restated in its entirety as follows.

Person. The term “person” means any individual, business, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, club, joint venture, estate, trust, or equivalent entity, governmental unit, and any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the individuals constituting such group or unit.

Section 2. “Family” Definition. The definition of “family” in Section 6-102 of Article V of Chapter 6 of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances is added in its entirety as follows.

Family shall be defined as it is defined in the township zoning ordinance, as amended.

Section 3. “Family Occupancy” Regulation. The regulation of “family occupancy” in Section 6-104(a) of Article V of Chapter 6 of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances is restated in its entirety as follows.

Family occupancy. Any member of a family, as well as that family member’s guests, may occupy a dwelling as long as that family member’s family or an entity in which the family member has an ownership or control interest owns the dwelling and the occupancy is without remuneration to the owner. Family occupancy also exempts guest houses or similarly separate dwellings legally located on the same premises as the owner's domicile, when occupied by family guests, exchange students,

visitors, medical caregivers, and child caregivers, without remuneration to the owner.

Section 4. “Rental Limitations” Amendment. The “rental limitations” in Section 6-107 of Article V of Chapter 6 of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances are restated in their entirety as follows.

Sec. 6-107. - Rental limitations.

- (a) A dwelling that is issued a license under this article may be rented subject to the following limitations.
 - (1) In the agricultural district, a dwelling may be rented for any time period, as often as the owner decides. Accordingly, short-term rentals are permitted in this district.
 - (2) In the rural residential district, a dwelling may be rented for any time period, as often as the owner decides. Accordingly, short-term rentals are permitted in this district.
 - (3) In the R-3 district, a dwelling may be rented for any time period, as often as the owner decides. Accordingly, short-term rentals are permitted in this district.
 - (4) In the R-4 district, a dwelling may be rented for any time period, as often as the owner decides. Accordingly, short-term rentals are permitted in this district.
 - (5) In the mixed use commercial district, a dwelling may be rented for any time period, as often as the owner decides. Accordingly, short-term rentals are permitted in this district.
- (b) In the R-1 district, no short-term rentals are permitted. Only rental periods of 28 days or more are permitted.
- (c) In the R-2 district, no short-term rentals are permitted. Only rental periods of 28 days or more are permitted.
- (d) Limited short-term rentals, as defined in section 6-102, may occur in any district.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan, on October 12, 2020, and it is ordered to take effect 30 days after publication of its contents or a summary of its contents in the *Grand Haven Tribune*, a local newspaper of general circulation in the Township, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended.

John Nash, Township Supervisor

H. Carolyn Boersma, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, H. Carolyn Boersma, Clerk for the Township of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Code of Ordinances Amendment Ordinance was adopted at a special meeting of the Township Board held on October 12, 2020. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: John Nash, Ron Lindquist, Catherine Pavick, Jerry Rabideau, and Rachel Terpstra. The following members of the Township Board were absent: Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board Lindquist, Pavick, Rabideau, Terpstra and Nash voting in favor and no members of the Board voting in opposition. The Ordinance or a summary was published in the *Grand Haven Tribune* on October 17, 2020.

H. Carolyn Boersma, Township Clerk