

**CITY OF STANTON  
MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**(Ordinance No. 259)**

At a regular meeting of the City Commission for the City of Stanton held at Tuesday on April 14, 2026 beginning at 6:30 the following Ordinance was offered for adoption by Commissioner McGill and was seconded by Commissioner Corwin :

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3,  
SECTION 2-71 ENTITLED "MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE"  
OF THE STANTON CITY CODE.**

THE CITY OF STANTON (the "City") ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Amendment of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-71. Section 2-71 of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3 of the Stanton City Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 2-71. – Membership and terms of office.**

- (a) The planning commission shall be comprised of seven members.
  - (1) Two of the members of the planning commission shall also be members of the city commission serving in an ex officio capacity. These members shall be appointed by resolution of the city commission and shall serve on the planning commission for the duration of the period of time set forth by the appointing resolution (but no longer than that person's tenure on the city commission). These members shall be the mayor and one commissioner.
  - (2) The membership of the planning commission shall, to the extent that is practical, be representative of important segments of the city such as the economic, governmental, educational, and social development of the city, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the city such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry, and commerce. The membership of the planning commission shall also, to the extent that it is practical, be representative of the entire geography of the city.
  - (3) The authority to appoint members of the planning commission shall be vested in the affirmative vote of a majority of the city commission after a nomination has been made by the mayor.
  - (4) After an individual's first appointment and before reappointment, such individual shall have attended training for commission members, pursuant to section 2-75.

- (b) Membership on the planning commission shall be limited to electors of the city, except that one member of the planning commission may be a nonresident of the city.
- (c) With the exception of the ex officio members of the planning commission, no member of the planning commission shall hold any other board or committee position with the city, and no member of the planning commission may be employed by the city at any time during his or her term of office.
- (d) With the exception of the ex officio members of the planning commission, the term of office for all other members of the planning commission shall be for three years. Terms shall take effect on July 1. In the event that a term of office for a member of the planning commission expires and the city commission has not appointed a successor, that member shall continue to serve until such time as a successor is appointed.
- (e) A member of the planning commission may be removed from the membership of the planning commission for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office only upon the recommendation of the mayor and by majority vote of the city commission after a public hearing has been held.
- (f) Any member of the planning commission who is absent without being excused by the affirmative vote of the planning commission for three consecutive meetings, or a total of 30 percent of the regular meeting of the planning commission during a 12-month period, shall be deemed to have vacated his or her membership on the planning commission.
- (g) Members of the planning commission shall have a duty to vote on all items of business considered by the planning commission except for those items of business where a member has been excused for having a conflict of interest. If a member of the planning commission feels that he or she may have a conflict of interest on any particular item of business, that member shall publicly state the reason for the conflict and request to be excluded from action and/or discussion for that particular item of business by a majority vote of the remaining members of the planning commission.
- (h) A conflict of interest shall include:
  - (1) The planning commission member or an immediate family member is involved in a request for which the planning commission is asked to make a decision. The term "immediate family member" is defined as the planning commission member's spouse, the member's or the member's spouse's children (including adopted) and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses, parents and step-parents, brothers and sisters and their spouses, grandparents, parents-in-law, grandparents-in-law, or any person residing in the planning commission member's household.
  - (2) The planning commission member has a business or financial interest in the property that is the subject of the request or has a business or financial interest in the applicant's company, agency or association.

- (3) The planning commission member owns or has a financial interest in any property immediately adjoining the property involved in the request.
- (4) There is a reasonable appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the planning commission member declaring such conflict or by the remaining members of the planning commission.

**Section 2. Repealer.** Any other ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**Section 3. Conflict.** Nothing in this Ordinance will be construed in such a manner so as to conflict with existing City ordinances, except as otherwise stated herein. Furthermore, nothing in the Ordinance shall be construed in such a manner so as to conflict with any law of the state of Michigan.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of ten (10) days after a copy of this Ordinance (or summary thereof) is published as required by law.

The vote regarding the adoption of this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: Basom, Corwin, Holloway, McGill, Kuhn

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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 Bill Ferguson  
 City of Stanton Mayor

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 Sarah Johnson  
 City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the City Commission for the City of Stanton at the date, time, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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By: Sarah Johnson  
Clerk, City of Stanton