

TOWNSHIP OF OAKFIELD
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

Public notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the Township of Oakfield (the “Township”), Kent County, Michigan, will hold three public hearings on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakfield Township Hall, 10300 – 14 Mile Road, Rockford, Michigan, on three proposed ordinances to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance. The principal provisions of the amended ordinances can be summarized as follows:

1. Chapter 4 Amendments. The first amending ordinance would amend Section 4.28 regarding Domestic Animals to provide regulations regarding the keeping of livestock on properties in the R-R Rural Residential District and the L-R Lake Residential District, other than farms covered by the Right to Farm Act, including acreage requirements, enclosure requirements, and setback requirements. It would also amend Section 4.28 to allow the keeping of chickens, other than on farms covered by the Right to Farm Act, within certain zoning districts, subject to enclosure requirements. It would also amend Zoning Ordinance to add the keeping of livestock and the keeping of chickens as a permitted accessory use in the applicable zoning districts.

2. Battery Energy Storage Systems. The second amending ordinance would amend Chapter 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of “Battery Energy Storage Systems” as a new Section 2.2(h), and would also reallocate the subsection references of the current Section 2.2(h) through (z) accordingly. It would also amend Chapter 4 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding general provisions to add a new Section 4.42 to provide regulations for battery energy storage systems, including providing definitions, general requirements, the application procedure, system and location requirements, and fire protection requirements for battery energy storage systems. The new Section 4.42 would also provide regulations for utility-scale battery storage systems under Michigan Public Act 233 of 2023. The second amending ordinance would also amend Chapter 12 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding special land uses to add battery energy storage systems as a special land use, and add small off-site battery energy storage systems as a special land use in the R-R Rural Residential District, and small, medium or large off-site battery energy storage systems as a special land use in the C General Commercial District and the I-1 Light Industrial District.

3. Short-Term Rentals. The third amending ordinance would amend Chapter 2 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition of “Short Term Rentals” as a new Section 2.5(l), and would also reallocate the subsection references of the current Section 2.5(l) to (s) accordingly. It would also amend Chapter 4 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a new Section 4.43 to provide regulations for short term rentals, including providing definitions, describing the applicability and exceptions to the regulations, general requirements, and address the penalties for violation of short-term rental regulations and that the Township is not liable for the same. It would also require all short-term rentals to register with the Township annually, provide requirements for the annual registration, and provide the procedure to revoke short-term rental registration. It would also amend the Zoning Ordinance to add short-term rentals as a permitted use, subject to compliance with the new Section 4.43, in the R-R Rural Residential and L-R Lake Residential Districts. If

adopted, the third amending ordinance would become effective 90 days after publication of the ordinance or a summary of its provisions.

The text of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments are on file at the Township Hall, and may be reviewed by interested persons during the Township's regular business hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearings and comment on the proposed amendments. Written comments may be submitted to the Township at the above-stated address prior to or during the public hearings.

Dated: October 3, 2025

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF OAKFIELD