

# THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL

## PREAMBLE

An ordinance to establish zoning districts and thereby to regulate and promote: the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Township of Whitehall; the location and use of structures and land, including the permitted and special uses of same, the height and size of structures, the dimensions of yards and other open spaces, the use, size, and type of signs, parking and loading requirements, the density of population; to encourage the use of lands in accordance with their character and adaptability; to limit the improper use of land; to conserve natural resources and energy; to meet the needs of the State's residents for foods, fiber, and other natural resources, places of residence, recreation, industry, trade, service, and other appropriate uses of land; to insure that uses of land shall be situated in appropriate locations and relationships; to avoid overcrowding of population and structures; to provide adequate light and air; to lessen congestion on public roads and streets; to reduce hazards to life and property; to facilitate adequate provision for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, education, recreation, and other public requirements; to conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services; to conform with the most advantageous uses of land, resources, and properties; to provide for completion, enforcement, and amendment of this Ordinance; to provide for the completion, extension, substitution, or elimination of non-conforming uses; to provide for a Zoning Board of Appeals and to define the powers and duties thereof; to designate and define the powers and duties of the official or officials in charge of the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance; to provide for the payment of fees for all types of zoning permits and zoning actions; to provide penalties for the violation of this Ordinance; and to repeal the previous Township Zoning Ordinance of Whitehall. This Ordinance is enacted under the authority of P.A. 184 of 1943, as amended.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, COUNTY OF MUSKEGON, STATE OF MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:**