

ARTICLE 1

**TITLE, PURPOSE
ENABLING AUTHORITY AND CONDITIONS
OF ENACTMENT**

Charter Township of South Haven of Van Buren County, Michigan ordains:

SECTION 1.01 TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the South Haven Township Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1.02 PURPOSE OF THIS ZONING ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION OF INTENT

An ordinance to: provide for the regulation of the development and use of land in the Township as authorized by the Township Rural Zoning Act; create districts wherein land uses, structures, and development are regulated; define terms; establish procedures for administration and enforcement; create a Zoning Board of Appeals; provide for site plan review, Planned Unit Developments, Special Land Uses, and Nonconforming Uses; specify lot, yard, area, height and frontage requirements; regulate access, parking, signs, and other miscellaneous development and use of land, all as authorized by the Township Rural Zoning Act; provide for penalties for violation and for severability; and repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION 1.03 STATE LEGISLATION ENABLING AUTHORITY

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Public Act 184 of 1943 (MCL 125.271-125.301) as amended, and, when so far as it is applicable, Public Act 168 of 1959 (MCL 125.321-125.333), as amended, of the State of Michigan. Said Public Acts covering Township Planning (Act 168) and Zoning (Act 184) are hereby made a part of this Ordinance as if contained verbatim in their complete textual forms, as amended.

[Editor's note: The above cited public acts have all been rescinded. P.A. 184 has been replaced by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, as amended, and P.A. 168 has been replaced by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, P.A. 33 of 2008].

SECTION 1.04 ENACTMENT DECLARATION

This Zoning Ordinance, and its contained provisions, are hereby declared to be necessary to the providing of a planned orderly growth and development of South Haven Township, in the interest of providing for the public health, safety, peace, enjoyment, convenience, comfort and other aspects of the general welfare of the residents of this Township in order to provide adequately for the necessities in the pursuit of their daily living pattern. This Zoning Ordinance is hereby ordered to be given immediate effect thirty (30) days after its passage by the South Haven Township Board of Trustees and publication as required by law.

SECTION 1.05 RELATIONSHIP TO ADOPTED MASTER PLAN

The zoning map and text - the plans and specifications for the future development and redevelopment of the Township - are based upon the adopted Master Plan, as amended, for South Haven Township. In particular, the Master Plan components for Land Use, Transportation and Public Utilities and Facilities have been and will continue to be a basis for amending or changing the Zoning Ordinance Map and Text in the future.