

ALMENA TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

At a regular meeting of the Almena Township Board, Van Buren County, Michigan, held at Almena Township Hall on January 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., Joe Kadic moved to adopt the following Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Shirley Fickel:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ALMENA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ANIMAL SHELTERS OR COMMERCIAL KENNELS AS A SPECIAL LAND USE IN THE AGLD ZONING DISTRICT AND REDUCE THE MINIMUM ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES WITH OUTDOOR RUNS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF AND VISITORS TO ALMENA TOWNSHIP.**

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMENA ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Amendment of Article 2, Section 2.50 – Land Use Regulations.** The Almena Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 2.50, is hereby amended to add the following uses to the AGLD District in Table 2.50 as a Special Use: Animal Shelter or Commercial Kennel

**Section 2. Amendment of Article 6, Section 6.210 – Specific Use Requirements.** The Almena Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.210, is hereby amended to retitle the section from “Kennel, Commercial,” to “Kennel, Commercial or Animal Shelter” and to reduce the minimum acreage requirement to four (4) acres in Section 6.210 A, to read in its entirety as follows:

- A. Minimum Acreage. Animal shelters and commercial kennels with outdoor runs shall not be approved on lots and parcels less than four (4) acres.

**Section 3. Severability.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

**Section 4. Repeal.** All provisions contained in other Township ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are repealed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect seven days after publication of a notice of adoption of this Ordinance, unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.3402. If referendum procedures are initiated, this Ordinance will take effect in accordance with MCL 125.3402.

