

**LEELANAU TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Leelanau Township Board, at a special meeting on March 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM held by Electronic Remote Access in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, adopted Ordinance No. 2 of 2021 that reads as follows:

**TOWNSHIP OF LEELANAU
COUNTY OF LEELANAU, STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2021
ADOPTED: March 17, 2021
EFFECTIVE: Upon Publication**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL
VEHICLE PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS**

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations relating to a moratorium on considering applications for recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds in the commercial resort district while the Township completes a study of the zoning regulations pertaining thereto and possible subsequent revisions to the current Zoning Ordinance; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF LEELANAU
LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDAINS:

**SECTION I
FINDINGS**

In accordance with Public Act 246 of 1945, MCL 41.181 *et seq.*, as amended, Leelanau Township has determined the following:

1. It has been over 15 years since the Leelanau Township Zoning Ordinance has been studied with regard to recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds as a special use within the commercial resort district.
2. In 2020 the Township received an application ("Application") for a special use recreational vehicle park and campground in a commercial resort district. The Application was subsequently rejected as incomplete.
3. In the time that the Application was considered, before rejection as incomplete, the Township received substantial comments and information from the public raising public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding use of the commercial resort district property for a recreational vehicle park and campground.

4. The Township Board has public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding the special use of a recreational vehicle park and campground in the commercial resort district and finds that it is time to study the zoning regulations with regard to such use.
5. The Township finds that imposing a moratorium upon the consideration of any applications for special use for a recreational vehicle park and campground in the commercial resort district, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary for, among other reasons, the following reasons:
 - A. Michigan courts have recognized that a moratorium is a common and legitimate planning tool to preserve the status quo while formulating a development strategy.
 - B. The contemplated moratorium would allow the study of the public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding the special use of a recreational vehicle park and campground in the commercial resort district and allow for any needed Zoning Ordinance update and implementation process to occur.
 - C. The contemplated moratorium would allow the study and possible implementation of revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to occur with citizen input and involvement, public debate, and full consideration of all issues and points of view.
 - D. The contemplated moratorium would allow for consideration of changes in land use that have occurred since the provisions regarding recreational vehicles and campgrounds were last addressed.
6. A moratorium should be imposed upon the consideration of any applications for special use recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds in the commercial resort district for 180 days or until an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is adopted, whichever occurs first.

SECTION II **MORATORIUM**

A moratorium is imposed upon the consideration of any applications for special use recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds in the commercial resort district for 180 days or until an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is adopted, whichever occurs first.

SECTION III **TERM OF MORATORIUM**

The moratorium imposed by this ordinance will remain in effect for 180 days after the effective date of this ordinance, or until amendments to the Zoning Ordinance become effective, whichever occurs first. Before this moratorium expires, the Township may by resolution extend the moratorium as appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete amendments to its ordinances. If an extension is adopted, the Township will publish notice of that.

SECTION IV
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V
REPEAL

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VII
EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

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