**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS**
**ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**
**ORDINANCE NO. 04-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 6, SECTION 6.01 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS ZONING ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance to Amend Article 6, Section 6.01, Intent, of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of the Village of Douglas, concerning the R-3 Neighborhood Conservation District.

**THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS DOES HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1: PREAMBLE.**

**WHEREAS,** the City seeks to maintain the traditional residential character and development pattern of the R-3 Neighborhood Conservation District; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to align the intent and purpose of the R-3 Neighborhood Conservation District with the City of Douglas Master Plan, including the Urban Residential future land use designation; and

**WHEREAS,** the City desires to clarify the applicability of the R-3 Neighborhood Conservation District to areas where the district may be expanded.

**SECTION 2: AMENDMENT.** Article 6, R-3 Neighborhood Conservation District, Section 6.01 of the City of the Village of Douglas Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

ARTICLE 6: R-3 NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Section 6.01 Intent and Purpose

A. Intent. It is the intent of the Neighborhood Conservation District to encourage housing types that fit the historic character of the original Douglas Plat and adjacent City Center district. Development should reinforce the established neighborhood pattern and architectural form, allowing for a variety of housing forms where designed to blend with surrounding residences and maintain a walkable, cohesive neighborhood environment.

B. Purpose. The purpose of the Neighborhood Conservation District is to preserve and strengthen the traditional residential character of the original Douglas Plat and surrounding historic neighborhoods while supporting the housing goals identified in the City's Master Plan in areas where this zoning district is expanded. This district is intended to maintain the walkable, human-scaled development pattern that defines these areas, protect established neighborhood form and character, and guide new development, both on vacant land and in infill areas, in a manner consistent with the community's long-term vision.

C. The R-3, Neighborhood Conservation District is identified as a compatible zoning district for the implementation of the Urban Residential future land use designation in the City of Douglas Master Plan.

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4: REPEALER.** All other ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5: PUBLICATION.** Within fifteen (15) days of its adoption, this Ordinance or a notice of adoption summarizing this Ordinance, as required by law, shall be published by the City Clerk in a newspaper of general circulation in the City in accordance with Act 110 of 2006.

**SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after the date of publication.

Ordinance Offered by:
Ordinance Supported by:

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

First Reading:
Second Reading:
Date of Publication:
Effective Date:

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED ON THIS _____ DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026.**

_____ _____
Cathy North, Mayor Date

_____ _____
Laura Kasper, City Clerk Date

Ordinance Adoption Date:
Ordinance Effective Date:

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of the Village of Douglas at a regular meeting held on _____ _____, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the City Charter and the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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Laura Kasper, City Clerk