



# Charter Township of Orion

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**Fire Department**

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To: Village of Lake Orion Planning Commission  
From: Jeff Williams, Fire Marshal  
Re: Lake Orion Lumber Yard – Site Plan Review #1  
Date: May 28, 2026

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The Orion Township Fire Department has completed its review of the application for Lake Orion Lumber Yard for the limited purpose of compliance with the Village of Lake Orion's Ordinance's, Michigan Building Code, and all applicable Fire Codes.

Based upon the application and documentation provided, the Fire Department has the following recommendations:

- Approved
- Approved with Comments (See below)
- X Not approved

Comments:

1. Fire apparatus access road width where fire hydrants are present shall be not less than 26 feet in width.
  - a. The entire fire access road that surrounds the event barn shall be 26' in width and shall be constructed of either asphalt and or concrete.
  - b. At this time the fire department finds it acceptable for the parking areas to be gravel. It must be understood that these areas will be inspected on a routine basis for proper maintenance and sustainability.
2. The turning radius for the emergency apparatus roads shall be in accordance with the Orion Township Fire Department turning performance analysis template. Overlays of the template shall be shown on the plans.
  - a. The appropriate template shall be shown circulating all areas of the site. Any area where the template cannot circulate shall be reconfigured to accommodate the fire department truck turning template.
3. Fire department access roads 20 to 26 feet wide shall be posted with NO PARKING FIRE LANE signage on both sides of the fire apparatus access road. Fire department access roads greater than 26 feet shall only require posting on one side of the roadway.
  - a. All signage locations shall be shown on the revised plans.
4. Fire Department Connections shall be located on the street side of the building or facing approved fire apparatus access roads, fully visible and recognizable from the street, fire apparatus access road or nearest point of the fire department vehicle access or otherwise approved by the fire code official.
  - a. After our review of the site and noted information pertaining to the use and occupant loads of the structures, it has been determined by both the Orion Township Building Official and myself that the Event Barn and Mixed Use / Hotel buildings shall be fully fire suppressed. This information along with



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proposed FDC locations shall be shown on the revised plans for further review and approval.

If there are any questions, the Fire Department may be reached at 248-391-0304 ext. 2004.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey Williams*

Jeff Williams, Fire Marshal  
Orion Township Fire Department