



BOARD ACTION SUMMARY SHEET

MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026

TOPIC: Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Public Hearing)

BACKGROUND BRIEF:

The purpose of this agenda item is to facilitate a Planning Commission discussion regarding potential amendments to the Village of Lake Orion Zoning Ordinance, specifically **Section 13.11 – Accessory Buildings and Structures** and **Section 13.17 – Parking and Storage of Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers, Motor Homes, Watercraft, Vessels, Trucks, and Other Items**. The discussion is intended to identify areas of clarification, consistency, and potential updates prior to any formal amendment process.

Sections 13.11 and 13.17 of the Zoning Ordinance regulate the placement, size, use, and storage of accessory buildings and certain vehicles or recreational equipment on residential and non-residential properties. Over time, questions have arisen regarding interpretation, enforcement consistency, and alignment with current property use trends and community expectations.

Common issues identified include:

- Overlap or ambiguity between accessory structure regulations and storage provisions
- Definitions and dimensional standards for accessory buildings
- Allowable locations and duration of storage for recreational vehicles and similar items
- Enforcement challenges due to unclear or outdated language

These issues have prompted a review of the ordinance sections to determine whether amendments are warranted to improve clarity, usability, and consistency with the Village's planning goals.

The Planning Commission serves in an advisory capacity on zoning ordinance matters. At this stage, the Commission is asked to:

- Review the existing ordinance language
- Discuss identified concerns or areas of confusion
- Consider whether updates are needed to better reflect current conditions and best practices
- Provide direction and feedback to staff and the Planning and Zoning Coordinator

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To **[open/close]** the public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments to **Section 13.11 – Accessory Buildings and Structures** and **Section 13.17 – Parking and Storage of Mobile Homes, Travel Trailers, Motor Homes, Watercraft, Vessels, Trucks, and Other Items**.