

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
AMENDMENT 26-002 TO ZONING ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE BY AMENDING ARTICLE 6.0 (DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES), ONLY AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN.

NOW HEREBY the Charter Township of White Lake ordains the following amendments to the White Lake Charter Township Zoning Ordinance:

PART 1: Article 6.0, Development Procedures, Section 6.8, Site Plan Review and Approval, to assign the Township Board as the approving body for Final Site plans, to read as follows:

A site plan shall be submitted for all new construction, structural alteration, or substantial change in use, as determined by the Director of the Community Development Department, for all principal permitted uses in the AG; SF; NB-O; LB; RB; GB; PB; PD; ROS; LM; E; ROP; TC; PG; NMU; RM-1; RM-2; R1-A, R1-B,

R1-C, and R1-D (except individual single-family homes on an established lot or unit), for all Special Land Uses in every district, and for any other use which requires an off-street parking lot.

An application for site plan approval shall be filed with the Director of the Community Development Department at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. Nothing in this section shall be construed to guarantee an application will be considered by the Planning Commission within 21 days of filing unless all staff and consultant reviews have been received. A fee may be established by the Township Board to cover the cost of processing such site plans. When the required number of copies of the application and the site plan drawing are received, the matter will be scheduled for review by the Township and their consultants. Once all comments and reviews of the staff and consultants indicate the plans are ready for Planning Commission consideration, they will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their next regular meeting with a recommendation for preliminary approval, conditional approval, or denial.

The Planning Commission will review the Preliminary Site Plan and will forward it on to the Township Board with a recommendation for approval, approval with conditions, or denial. Following the review and recommendation by the Planning Commission of the Preliminary Site Plan, the plan will be reviewed by the Township Board. The Township Board will either approve, approve with conditions, or deny the Preliminary Site Plan.

Following approval of the Preliminary Site Plan by the Township Board, the Planning Commission will review the Final Site Plan and will forward it on to the Township Board with a recommendation for approval, approval with conditions, or denial.

Following Township Board approval of the Final Site Plan, Final Engineering Plans must also be submitted for review by the Township and their consultants. The following chart lists the items required on all site plans and the stage(s) at which the information is required.

PART 2: Amend Article 6.0, Development Procedures, Section 6.8-F, to assign the Township Board as the approving body for Final Site plans and provide additional clarity in the written ordinance, to read as follows:

Criteria for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval – The Planning Commission shall review all Preliminary and Final Site Plans and forward a recommendation for approval, approval with conditions, or denial to the Township Board. The Township Board shall take final action on all Preliminary and Final Site Plans, upon finding:

- i. The applicant has submitted the required information, and it is in a complete and understandable form to allow an accurate description of the proposed uses(s) and structure(s) in terms of density, location, area, height, bulk, placement, setbacks, performance, characteristics, parking, and traffic circulation.
- ii. There is proper relationship between major thoroughfare and proposed service drives, driveways and parking areas so as to encourage the safety and convenience of pedestrian and vehicular traffic and points of access to public thoroughfares have been minimized.
- iii. The location of buildings, outside storage receptacles, parking areas screen walls and utility areas is such that the adverse effects of such uses will be minimized for the occupants of that use and the occupants of surrounding areas.
- iv. Provisions have been made for proper development of roads, easements and public utilities and to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the Township.
- v. The development of the site is such that it does not serve as a physical barrier or detriment to the development of adjacent land.

- vi. The extent to which natural features and characteristics of the land will be preserved has been addressed.
- vii. The use proposed for the site is a use permitted in the district and complies with all applicable requirements of the White Lake Township Zoning Ordinance and any other applicable code or ordinance.
- viii. The proposed use is consistent with the Township's Master Plan and the Highland Road Corridor Plan as amended.

PART 3: Amend Article 6.0, Development Procedures, Section 6.8.G.i, Site Plan Review and Approval, to assign the Township Board as the approving authority for Final Site Plans, to read as follows:

Final Site Plan Approval has been granted by the Township Board, and

PART 4: Amend Article 6.0, Development Procedures, Section 6.8-H.ii Site Plan Review and Approval, to assign the Township Board as the approving body for Final Site plans, to read as follows:

The Township Board shall review and have the authority to grant Final Site Plan Approval, once the site plan is determined to be in compliance with the applicable standards of the Zoning Ordinance. Township Board approval of a Final Site Plan shall not be made prior to Preliminary Site Plan Approval by the Township Board, and receipt of a report from all appropriate Township departments, Township Planner, Township Engineer, and/or Township Attorney.

PART 5: Amend Article 6.0, Development Procedures, Section 6.8.I, Site Plan Review and Approval, to assign the Township Board as the approving body for Final Site plans, to read as follows:

Approval Valid for Two (2) years

Upon approval of a final site plan by the Township Board, a building permit shall be requested by the applicant within twenty-four (24) months, or the site plan shall be declared invalid. The Township Board may grant a twelve (12) month extension based upon confirmation by the Director of the Community Development Department or his/her designee that there have been no Ordinance changes affecting the site plan since the time of original approval. Upon receipt of a building permit, reasonable construction shall be commenced within six (6) months and shall be completed within twenty-four (24) months, or the site plan and building permit shall be declared to be invalid, unless the applicant requests an extension.

REMAINDER OF ORDINANCE

Except as expressly amended by this Ordinance Amendment, the balance of the Charter Township of White Lake Zoning Ordinance, as amended, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

This Ordinance Amendment does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or any liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment pending or incurred prior to the effective date of this Ordinance Amendment.

SEVERABILITY

Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance Amendment be declared unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance Amendment, which shall continue in full force and effect.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

A public hearing on this Ordinance Amendment was held before the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of White Lake at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2026. Following receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation, this Ordinance Amendment was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake at a meeting duly called and held on the 21st day of July 2026 and ordered to be published as prescribed by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance Amendment shall become effective seven (7) days after publication as prescribed by law.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance Amendment adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of White Lake at a regular meeting duly called and held on the 21st day of July 2026.

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Charter Township of White Lake