

CHAPTER 1
TITLE, PURPOSE AND INTERPRETATION

Section 1.01. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Pierson Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 1.02. Purpose. This Ordinance has the purpose and is intended to promote the public health, safety and general welfare; to encourage the use of land in accordance with the character and adaptability of the land and also to limit the improper use of land; to conserve natural resources and energy to meet the needs of the public for food, fibre and other natural resources, places of residence, recreation, industry, trade, service and other uses of land; to ensure that uses of land shall be situated in appropriate locations and relationships; to avoid the overcrowding of population; to provide adequate light and air; to lessen congestion on the public roads and streets; to reduce hazards to life and property; to facilitate adequate provisions for transportation uses, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, education, recreation and other public requirements; and to conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services so as to obtain the most advantageous uses of land, resources and other property interests.

Section 1.03. The Effect of Zoning. Except as stated in this Ordinance, no land, building, structure or premises within the Township shall be used or occupied, and no building, structure or part thereof shall be erected, razed, moved, placed, reconstructed, extended, enlarged or altered.

Section 1.04. Scope.

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall be in addition to all other ordinances and regulations in effect within the Township. This Ordinance shall not repeal, abrogate, annul or in any way impair or interfere with existing provisions of other ordinances or regulations, except as specifically stated herein, nor shall this Ordinance repeal or affect private restrictions or restrictive covenants, all of which shall continue to have whatever effect may be imparted to them by law.

- (b) Where this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, limitations or requirements upon the use of lands, buildings and structures than are imposed or required by other laws, ordinance, regulations, private restrictions or restrictive covenants, the provisions of this Ordinance shall control.

Section 1.05. Legal Basis. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Township Rural Zoning Act, being Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended.