

**WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO.05212025**  
**AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE**  
**WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1.02, 3.02B, 4.02A, 4.02B, AND 7.09B OF THE WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERSMEET ORDAINS:**

1. The Township Board amends those sections of the Watersmeet Township Zoning Ordinance set forth below (see underlined, struck through, and renumbered sections).
2. Except as amended below, the Watersmeet Township Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any provision of said Zoning Ordinance in conflict with the below changes shall be of no further force or effect.
3. This amended ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of 30 days after publication of the ordinance.

Adopted and approved by the Township Board of the Township of Watersmeet, Gogebic County, Michigan, on the 21st of May, 2025.

YVONNE CLARK, Township Supervisor

KIRSTEN BOEHM, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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COUNTY OF GOGEBIC )

I hereby certify that the below Amended Ordinance of the Township of Watersmeet, Gogebic County, Michigan, was duly adopted by the Watersmeet Township Board at a regular meeting the 21st day of May, 2025 with the following votes:

AYE: 5

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

KIRSTEN BOEHM, Township Clerk

A copy of the ordinance amendment may be viewed on the township website at [www.watersmeet.us](http://www.watersmeet.us) or requested from the town clerk at the township office located at N4689 1st Street, Watersmeet, MI 49969 or by calling the clerk at 906-358-4501; Mon- Fri 9 am to 3 pm or by emailing her at [townclerk@watersmeet.us](mailto:townclerk@watersmeet.us).

**ORDINANCE NO. 05212025**

**SECTION 1.02 Purposes**

The fundamental purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Township of Watersmeet and the land and resources of the township as authorized under the above-mentioned act. This Ordinance also seeks to protect the property rights of landowners to utilize their land in reasonable and responsible ways without causing detrimental effects to the other landowners of the township.

**3.02B Uses by Special Approval, as provided by Section 7.09**

1. Nursery Schools, Day Nurseries and Child Care.
2. Library, Schools, Churches, and Community Center Buildings
3. Hotels, Boarding Houses and Tourist Homes.
4. Greenhouses growing products for commercial sale
5. Retail Stores and Shops.
6. Structures for multiple families (Apartment buildings, Condominiums, Duplex)
7. Short term rental (twenty seven days or less) single family dwelling.

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**4.02A Primary Uses (Without Special Approval)**

1. All uses provided in R-1and R-2.
2. Lodging, boarding and tourist facilities (which does not include short-term single family dwelling rentals)
3. Mobile Homes and two-family dwellings.
4. Primary and secondary schools.
5. Churches and other buildings of a religious nature, but not including tents or other temporary structures.
6. Retail stores and shops including antique shops, when conducted primarily within buildings having four walls and a roof.
7. Personal service shops, such as beauty parlors, barber shops, tailor shops shoe repair, and the like.
8. Professional offices, such as doctors, lawyers, dentists, engineers, and architects.
9. Restaurants, food and drink services, but not including drive-ins.
10. Banks, Show rooms, Undertaking Establishments,
11. Recreational facilities, but not including drive-ins.
12. Public buildings.
13. Civic, social and fraternal buildings.

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**4.02B Uses by Special Approval, as provided by section 7.09.**

1. Gasoline stations, garages, motor vehicle and repair shops.
2. Parking lots. Used -car lots.
3. Drive-in establishments.
4. Trailer coach and mobile home parks.
5. Veterinary services and hospitals, but not including dog kennels.
6. Dry cleaning. Self-service laundries.
7. Dance halls.
8. Transformer stations and substations, including service or storage yards.
9. Warehouses. Storage buildings.
10. Manufacturing and assembly plants, lumber and mill operations including applicable storage yards.
11. Short term rental (twenty seven days or less) single family dwelling.

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**7.09B Specific Requirements**

1. Written application addressed to the Township Planning Commission shall be made through the office of the Zoning Administrator, and shall include the following:
  - a. Name of applicant and owner of premises.
  - b. Legally recorded description of premises.
  - c. Description of proposed use, including parking facilities, if required, and any exceptional traffic situation that the use may occasion.
  - d. Sketch drawn to approximate scale-showing size of building or structure and location on premises.
  - e. Sewage and waste disposal and water supply facilities, existing or proposed for installation adequate to meet the propose usage for the special use and has adequate documentation from UPWHD.
  - f. Use of premises on all adjacent properties.
  - g. A statement by applicant appraising the effect of proposed use on adjacent properties and general development of the neighborhood.
2. Additional short term rental specific requirements:
  - a. For short term rental, if not an owner, a local agent/ caretaker must be available within a 30 mile or 60 minute travel distance to render assistance to the renter(s) and respond to complaints.
  - b. Short term rental application must be renewed every 2 years.
3. The Zoning Administrator shall file his recommendations with the Township Planning Commission. The Planning Commission, in reaching its determination, shall consider among other things:
  - a. Whether the sewage disposal facilities and water supply will be safe and adequate.
  - b. Whether the location, use and nature of the operation will be in conflict with the primary permitted uses of District or neighborhood.
  - c. Whether the use will be objectionable to adjacent or nearby properties and not compatible with the primary uses of the District.
  - d. Whether the use will discourage, hinder or downgrade the development and use of adjacent premises and neighborhood.
  - e. Whether the use will create a major traffic problem or hazard.
4. The short term rental zoning certificate applicant is required to follow the instructions of the existing short term rental zoning certificate application process, as provided by the Zoning Administrator.

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