



# Charter Township of Garfield

Grand Traverse County

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## ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (ZOA) APPLICATION

### ASSISTANCE

This application must be completed in full. An incomplete or improperly prepared application will not be accepted and will result in processing delays. Before submitting an application, it is recommended that you contact the Planning Department to arrange an appointment to discuss your proposed application. Time is often saved by these preliminary discussions. For additional information or assistance in completing this development application, please contact the Planning Department at (231) 941-1620.

### ACTION REQUESTED

Map Amendment (Rezoning)  
Text Amendment  
Conditional Rezoning

### PROJECT / DEVELOPMENT NAME

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

*Name:*  
*Address:*  
*Phone Number:*  
*Email:*

### AGENT INFORMATION

*Name:*  
*Address:*  
*Phone Number:*  
*Email:*

### OWNER INFORMATION

*Name:*  
*Address:*  
*Phone Number:*  
*Email:*

CONTACT PERSON

Please select one person to be contact person for all correspondence and questions:

*Applicant:*

*Agent:*

*Owner:*

PROPERTY INFORMATION

*Property Address:*

*Property Identification Number:*

*Legal Description:*

*Zoning District:*

*Master Plan Future Land Use Designation:*

*Area of Property (acres or square feet):*

*Existing Use(s):*

*Proposed Use(s):*

REQUIRED SUBMITTAL ITEMS

A complete application for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment consists of the following:

Application Form:

- One original signed application
- One digital copy of the application (PDF only)

Application Fee:

Fees are established by resolution of the Garfield Township Board and are set out in the current Fee Schedule as listed on the Planning Department page of the Township website (<http://www.garfield-twp.com>). Please make check out to Charter Township of Garfield.

Fee

Escrow Fee:

Additional fees may be required if a review by independent professional help is deemed necessary by the Township. If required, such additional fees must be placed in escrow by the applicant in accordance with the escrow policies of the Township and prior to any further processing of this application. Any unused escrow funds shall be returned to the applicant. Please complete an Escrow and Review (ER) Application form.

For Map (Rezoning) Amendment only, the following must be included:

Site Diagram

- Ten complete stapled 11"x17" paper sets
- One digital set (PDF) only

Supporting Information

- Ten paper copies of the Impact Statement for Map (Rezoning) Amendment
- One digital copy of the Impact Statement for Map (Rezoning) Amendment (PDP only)

For Text Amendment only, the following must be included:

- Ten paper copies of the Impact Statement for Text Amendment
- One digital copy of the Impact Statement for Text Amendment (PDF only)

For Conditional Rezoning only, the following must be included:

Site Development Plan

- Ten complete stapled 11"x17" paper sets
- Two complete bound 24"x36" paper sets
- One digital set (PDF only)

Supporting Information

- Ten paper copies of the Impact Statement for Conditional Rezoning
- One digital copy of the Impact Statement for Conditional Rezoning (PDF only)
- Ten paper copies of the Offer of Conditions for Conditional Rezoning
- One digital copy of the Offer of Conditions for Conditional Rezoning (PDF only)

Digital items to be delivered via email or USB flash drive

IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT

A written impact statement of the application as it relates to § 421.E of the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant shall have the burden of justifying the amendment, including identifying specific reasons warranting the amendment, and providing any supporting data and information.

1. Master Plan Consistency. Rezoning should be consistent with the intent and purpose of the adopted master plan.
2. Adverse Impacts on Neighboring Lands. The Township shall consider the nature and degree of an adverse impact upon neighboring lands. Lots shall not be rezoned in a way that is substantially inconsistent with the uses of the surrounding area, whether more or less restrictive. The Township finds and determines that vast acreages of single-use zoning produces uniformity with adverse consequences, such as traffic congestion, air pollution, and social separation. Accordingly, rezoning may promote mixed uses subject to a high degree of design control.
3. Suitability as Presently Zoned. The Township shall consider the suitability or unsuitability of the tract for its use as presently zoned. This factor, like the others, must often be weighed in relation to the other standards, and instances can exist in which suitably zoned lands may be rezoned upon proof of a real public need, substantially changed conditions in the neighborhood, or to effectuate important goals, objectives, policies, and strategies of the master plan, specification, or this ordinance.
4. Changed Conditions. The Township shall consider whether any conditions have changed, since the zoning ordinance was adopted, that might justify the amendment.
5. Health, Safety, and Welfare. The ordinance amendment must bear a substantial relationship to the public health, safety, or general welfare, or must protect and preserve historical and cultural places and areas. The rezoning ordinance may be justified, however, if a substantial public need or purpose exists.
6. Public Policy. Certain public policies in favor of the rezoning may be considered. Examples include a need for affordable housing, economic development, mixed-use development, or sustainable environmental features, which are consistent with neighborhood, area, or specific plans.
7. Size of Tract. The Township shall consider the size, shape, and characteristics of the tract in relation to the affected neighboring lands. Ordinance amendments shall generally not rezone a single lot when there have been no

intervening changes or other saving characteristics. Proof that a small tract is unsuitable for use as zoned, or that there have been substantial changes in the immediate area, may justify an ordinance amendment.

8. Other Factors. The Township may consider any other factors relevant to a rezoning application under state law.

#### IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

A written impact statement of the application as it relates to § 421.E of the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant shall have the burden of justifying the amendment, including identifying specific reasons warranting the amendment, and providing any supporting data and information.

1. Master Plan Consistency. A text amendment should be consistent with the intent and purpose of the adopted master plan.
2. Changed Conditions. The Township shall consider whether any conditions have changed since the zoning ordinance was adopted that might justify the amendment.
3. Health, Safety, and Welfare. The ordinance amendment must bear a substantial relationship to the public health, safety, or general welfare, or must protect and preserve historical and cultural places and areas.
4. Public Policy. Certain public policies in favor of the rezoning may be considered. Examples include a need for affordable housing, economic development, mixed-use development, or sustainable environmental features, which are consistent with neighborhood, area, or specific plans.
5. Other Factors. The Township may consider any other factors relevant to a zoning text amendment application under state law.

#### IMPACT STATEMENT FOR CONDITIONAL REZONING

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#### OFFER OF CONDITIONS FOR CONDITIONAL REZONING

A written offer of Conditions as described in § 422.B(3) of the Zoning Ordinance. An owner of land may voluntarily offer, in writing, conditions relating to the use and/or development of land for which a rezoning is requested.

1. The owner's offer of conditions may not purport to authorize uses or developments not permitted in the requested new zoning district.
2. The owner's offer of conditions shall bear a reasonable and rational relationship to the property for which rezoning is requested.
3. Any use or development, proposed as part of an offer of conditions that would require a special land use permit under the terms of this ordinance, may only be commenced if a special land use permit for such use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
4. Any use or development, proposed as part of an offer of conditions that would require a variance under the terms of this ordinance, may only be commenced if a variance for such development is ultimately granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
5. Any use or development, proposed as part of an offer of conditions that would require site plan approval under the terms of this ordinance, may only be commenced if site plan approval for such use or development is ultimately granted in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.
6. The offer of conditions may be amended during the process of rezoning consideration, provided that any amended or additional conditions are entered voluntarily by the owner.

#### SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

Submittal deadlines are listed on the Planning Department page of the Township website (<http://www.garfield-twp.com>). Please note that the listed dates are the deadlines after which submittals will not be considered for the indicated meeting. Any errors or missing information on an application submitted at the deadline will result in a delay in the processing of the application. An earlier submittal is encouraged to avoid possible delays.

#### WAIVERS

Submittal Waiver:

At the discretion of the Zoning Administrator in the case of a Site Diagram, or the Director of Planning in the case of an Administrative Site Plan or a Site Development Plan, the requirement to submit a Site Diagram, an Administrative Site Plan or a Site Development Plan may be waived in any of the following cases when it is determined that the submission would serve no useful purpose:

1. The erection or enlargement of an accessory structure;
2. The enlargement of a principal building by less than 20 percent of its existing gross floor area, provided such enlargement will not result in a requirement for additional off-street parking;
3. A change in principal use where such change would not result in an increase in impervious surface area, additional off-street parking, site access, other external site characteristics or a violation of this ordinance.

Data Waiver:

1. The Zoning Administrator may waive a particular element of information or data otherwise required for a Site Diagram upon a finding that the information is not necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance.
2. The Director of Planning may waive a particular element of information or data otherwise required for a Site Development Plan upon a finding that the information or data is not necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance or that such information or data would not bear on the decision of the approval authority.

SITE PLAN

Check that your site plan includes all required elements for a Site Development Plan (SDP). Please use the Required Site Plan Elements Checklist below.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If applicable, provide the following further information:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not Applicable</u>
A. <u>Sanitary Sewer Service</u>			
1. Does project require extension of public sewer line?			
If yes, has a Utility Agreement been prepared?			
2. Will a community wastewater system be installed?			
If yes, has a Utility Agreement been prepared?			
If yes, provide construction plans and specifications			
3. Will on-site disposal be used?			
If yes, is it depicted on plan?			
B. <u>Water Service</u>			
1. Does project require extension of public water main?			
If yes, has a Utility Agreement been prepared?			
2. Will a community water supply be installed?			
If yes, has a Utility Agreement been prepared?			
If yes, provide construction plans and specifications			
C. <u>Public utility easements required?</u>			
If yes, show on plan.			
D. <u>Stormwater Review/Soil Erosion</u>			
1. Soil Erosion Plans approved by Soil Erosion Office?			
If so, attach approval letter.			
If no, are alternate measures shown?			
2. Stormwater Plans approved by Township Engineer?			

If so, attach approval letter.

If no, are alternate measures shown?

Note: Alternate measures must be designed and sealed by a registered Engineer.

#### E. Roads and Circulation

1. Are interior public streets proposed?

If yes, has Road Commission approved (attach letter)?

2. Will public streets connect to adjoining properties or future streets?

3. Are private roads or interior drives proposed?

4. Will private drives connect to adjoining properties service roads?

5. Has the Road Commission or MDOT approved curb cuts?

If yes, attach approved permit.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

If there is any other information that you think may be useful in the review of this application, please attach it to this application or explain it on a separate page.

#### REVIEW PROCESS

1. Upon submittal of this application, Staff will review the materials submitted and will, within ten (10) working days, forward a determination of completeness to the applicant. If the submission is incomplete or noncompliant with the Zoning Ordinance, it will be returned to the applicant for revision. Once the submission is revised, Staff will again review it for completeness and again forward a determination to the applicant within ten (10) working days. This procedure shall be repeated until a complete submission is received.
2. Once the application is deemed to be complete and submitted according to the application deadlines, it will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission will determine if the application is complete and schedule a public hearing.
3. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the application to the Township Board.
4. Prior to making a decision, the Township Board will hold a second public hearing on the application. Following the public hearing, the Township Board will make a decision to approve or deny the application.
5. If a Conditional Rezoning is approved or approved with conditions, the decision of the Township Board shall be incorporated into a written report and decision order.

#### PERMISSION TO ENTER SUBJECT PROPERTY

Permission is hereby granted to Garfield Township staff and Planning Commissioners to enter the premises subject to this application for the purposes of making inspections associated with this application, during normal and reasonable working hours.

Owner Signature:

Applicant Signature:

Agent Signature:

Date:

OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION

If the applicant is not the registered owner of the lands that is the subject of this application, the owner(s) must complete the authorization set out below.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ authorize to make this application on my/our behalf and to provide any of my/our personal information necessary for the processing of this application. Moreover, this shall be your good and sufficient authorization for so doing.

Owner Signature:

Date:

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned affirms that he/she or they is (are) the owner, or authorized agent of the owner, involved in the application and all of the information submitted in this application, including any supplemental information, is in all respects true and correct. The undersigned further acknowledges that willful misrepresentation of information will terminate this permit application and any permit associated with this document.

Owner Signature:

Date:

Applicant Signature:

Date:



Required Site Plan Elements Checklist (See § 956 of the Zoning Ordinance) Site Diagram (SD) / Administrative Site Plan (ASP) / Site Development Plan (SDP)	SD	ASP/ SDP
<b>A. Basic Information</b>		
1. Applicant's name, address, telephone number and signature		
2. Property owner's name, address, telephone number and signature		
3. Proof of property ownership		
4. Whether there are any options or liens on the property		
5. A signed and notarized statement from the owner of the property that the applicant has the right to act as the owner's agent		
6. The address and/or parcel number of the property, complete legal description and dimensions of the property, setback lines, gross and net acreages and frontage		
7. A vicinity map showing the area and road network surrounding the property		
8. Name, address and phone number of the preparer of the site plan		
9. Project title or name of the proposed development		
10. Statement of proposed use of land, project completion schedule, any proposed development phasing		
11. Land uses and zoning classification on the subject parcel and adjoining parcels		
12. Seal of the registered engineer, architect, landscape architect, surveyor, or planner who prepared the plan, as well as their name, address and telephone number		
<b>B. Site Plan Information</b>		
1. North arrow, scale, and date of original submittal and last revision		
2. Boundary dimensions of natural features		
3. Natural features such as woodlots, water bodies, wetlands, high risk erosion areas, slopes over twenty-five percent (25%), beach, drainage, and similar features		
4. Proposed alterations to topography and other natural features		
5. Existing topographic elevations at two-foot intervals except shown at five-foot intervals where slopes exceed 18%		
6. Soil erosion and sediment control measures as required by the Grand Traverse County Soil Erosion Department.		
7. The location, height and square footage of existing and proposed main and accessory buildings, and other existing structures		
8. Location and specifications for any existing or proposed (above or below ground) storage facilities for any chemicals, salts, flammable materials, or hazardous materials. Include any containment structures or clear zones required by county, state or federal government authorities		
9. Proposed finish floor and grade line elevations of any structures <i>*Required only for habitable construction within the floodplain on site diagrams and administrative site plans.</i>	*	
10. Existing and proposed driveways, including parking areas		
11. Neighboring driveways and other vehicular circulation features adjacent to the site		
12. A dimensional plan indicating the location, size and number of parking spaces of the on-site parking areas, and shared parking areas		
13. Identification and dimensions of service lanes and service parking, snow storage areas, loading and unloading and docks		
14. Proposed roads, access easements, sidewalks, bicycle paths, and other vehicular and pedestrian circulation features within and adjacent to the site		
15. Location and dimensions of curb cuts, acceleration, deceleration and passing lanes		
16. Location of neighboring structures that are close to the parcel line or pertinent to the proposal		
17. Location of water supply lines and/or wells		
18. Location of sanitary sewer lines and/or sanitary sewer disposal systems		
19. Location, specifications, and access to a water supply in the event of a fire emergency		
20. Sealed (2) stormwater plans including the location and design of storm sewers, retention or detention ponds, swales, wastewater lines, clean out locations, connection points and treatment systems		
21. A utility plan including the location of all other utilities on the site including but not limited to natural gas, electric, cable TV, telephone and steam		
22. A sign plan indicating the location, size and specifications of all signs and advertising features, including cross sections		
23. A lighting plan including exterior lighting locations with area of illumination illustrated by point values on a photometric plan, Kelvin rating, as well as the type of fixtures and shielding to be used		
24. Proposed location of any open spaces, landscaping and buffering features such as buffer areas, vegetation belts, fences, walls, trash receptacle screening, and other screening features with cross sections shown		
25. A Landscape plan and table identifying the species, size of landscape materials, and number proposed, compared to what is required by the Ordinance. All vegetation to be retained on site must also be indicated, as well as, its typical size by general location or range of sizes as appropriate		
26. Statements regarding the project impacts on existing infrastructure (including traffic capacity, schools, and existing utilities, and on the natural environment on and adjacent to the site)		
27. Changes or modifications required for any applicable regulatory agencies' approvals		