

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GARFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP,
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Garfield Board will conduct public hearings during its regular meeting on January 14, 2025, commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, as required under the provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the items to be considered at the public hearings include, in brief, the following:

1. Consideration of proposed Amendment 1 to Ordinance No. 49, Stormwater Ordinance. The Amendment would remove references to Grand Traverse County as the principal enforcement agency and assign Charter Township of Garfield as the sole enforcement agency for this Ordinance. The Amendment also addresses the following inconsistencies in the current Ordinance:
 - Removes references to the Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner as the primary enforcement agent and establishes the Township as the sole enforcement agency.
 - Removes references to Grand Traverse County design standards and replaces with references to Township design standards,
 - Removes references to the Grand Traverse County Soil Erosion Control Ordinance in favor of more generic references to soil erosion control review,
 - Removes reference to the Grand Traverse County Construction Board of Appeals as the appeals body for the Ordinance in favor of the Township Building Code Board of Appeals,
 - Removes references to Grand Traverse County Fee Schedule in favor of a Fee Schedule adopted by the Township Board.

An electronic copy of the proposed Amendment 1 to Ordinance No. 49 is available under the Public Notices on the Garfield Township website www.garfield-twp.com.

2. Consideration of proposed Ordinance No. 78, Control of Soil Erosion and Sedimentation, which would allow Garfield Township to administer its own Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control program by requiring proper provisions for water disposal and the protection of soil services during and after earth change activities. Activities requiring a permit include:
 - An earth change (including soils from grading activities within or adjacent to the earth change area) that disturbs one or more acres.
 - An earth change within 500 feet of the Waters of the State.
 - Earth changes involving slopes of 20% or greater.

An electronic copy of the proposed Ordinance No. 78 is available under the Public Notices on the Garfield Township website www.garfield-twp.com.

3. Such other and further matters as may properly come before the Township Board at the public hearing.

You are invited to attend this hearing. If you are unable to attend, written comment may be submitted to the Garfield Township Board at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Township Board at said hearing. In addition, all materials relating to these requests may be examined at the Garfield Township Zoning Department office at the above address during the Township's regular hours of 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Garfield Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities upon the provision of reasonable advance notice to Garfield Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Garfield Township by writing or calling Lanie McManus, Clerk, Ph: (231) 941-1620.

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