

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**AMENDMENT TO VALLEY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 242**

ADOPTED: September 14, 2010

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2010

An Ordinance to amend the Valley Township Zoning Ordinance by the addition of Chapter XX, Camping, and Sections 20.01 through 20.16 regulating camping on vacant and private property and to discourage blight; and to repeal all parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and to provide for an effective date of said ordinance.

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SECTION I

CHAPTER XX, CAMPING, SECTIONS 20.01 THROUGH 20.16

Valley Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by the addition of Chapter XX, Camping. The new Chapter and sections will read as follows:

Section 20.01, *Statement of Purpose*. To regulate camping on vacant, private property and to discourage blight of old, un-used campers left on the property.

Section 20.02, *Definitions*.

Camper: This term shall be defined to include, but not limited to items commonly referred to as camper trailer, travel trailer, motor home, fold-down or pop-up trailer, or fifth-wheel trailer typically used as a sleeping place.

Setback: The distance of a structure or other feature (as a well or septic system) from the property line or other feature.

Section 20.03 Campers must remain legally licensed, if required.

Section 20.04 Campers must remain mobile.

Section 20.05 The camping site shall not become a permanent residence or fixture.

Section 20.06 If unoccupied for more than two (2) weeks, camper must be removed.

Section 20.07 Only family members may camp on the private property.

Section 20.08 No camping fees must be charged.

Section 20.09 Campers must register with Valley Township.

- Section 20.10 Campers must comply with setbacks required in that district with a minimum of ten (10) feet.
- Section 20.11 Allegan County Health Department regulations apply to the disposal of sanitary waste.
- Section 20.12 Campfires must be attended at all times.
- Section 20.13 All animals must be controlled at all times.
- Section 20.14 Quiet time will be 10 PM. Noise levels must comply with Township Ordinance.
- Section 20.15 Garbage must be removed regularly.
- Section 20.16 Complaints must be made in writing and turned into the Valley Township hall. Valley Township blight rules and Allegan County Health Department rules apply.

SECTION II

EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

This ordinance shall take effect eight days following proper publication of notice of its adoption in accordance with and subject to Michigan Public Act 297 of 1996. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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