

Standish Township  
Planning Commission Special Meeting September 2, 2025

1. Call to Order

Trombley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call

Present: Trombley, Schwab, Buttrick

Absent: Castle and Stukel

3. A motion was made to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Buttrick and seconded by Schwab. Voice vote 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

4. New Business

1. Public hearing for Standish City Special Use Permit. A motion was made to open a public hearing. Schwab made the motion, and it was seconded by Buttrick. Voice vote: 3 Ayes and 0 Nays. Public comment was held. A motion to close public hearing was made by Schwab and seconded by Buttrick. Voice vote: 3 Ayes and 0 Nays. Public hearing closed.

2. Planning Commission recommendations for Special Use Permit. The permit was discussed among members. A motion was made by Buttrick to recommend approval of the special use permit, and Schwab seconded. Voice vote: 3 Ayes and 0 Nays.

3. Public hearing for text amendments to Zoning Ordinance 2014-11-01. ( see attached text admendments). A motion was made by Schwab to open a public hearing and seconded by Buttrick. Voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0.
4. Public hearing opened. Public comment was held. A motion was made by Buttrick to close the public hearing and seconded by Schwab. Voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.
5. Planning commission recommends the text amendments. See attached. The members discussed the text amendments, and a motion was made by Schwab to recommend approval of the text amendments. Buttrick seconded. Voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried.
6. Public comment was held, however there was no public comment.
7. Announcements: The last regular meeting of the Standish Township Planning Commission will be held on October 7th, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
8. Adjournment: A motion was made by Buttrick to adjourn the meeting, and Schwab seconded. Voice vote: Ayes 3, Nays 0. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Minutes taken by Amy Buttrick, Standish Township Trustee

Attachment - Ordinance Text Amendment Recommendations

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**STANDISH TOWNSHIP  
ARENAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-\_\_\_\_\_**

At a Regular meeting of the Standish Township Board of Trustees, Arenac County, Michigan, held at the Standish Township Hall, 4997 Arenac State Road, Standish, Michigan 48658 on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., Standish Township Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved to adopt the following ordinance, which motion was seconded by Standish Township Board Member \_\_\_\_\_:

*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STANDISH TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-11-01 (the "Zoning Ordinance"), TO REMOVE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE ARENAC COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT*

Standish Township hereby ordains:

**Section 1. AMENDMENT TO INDEX, ARTICLE 10, SUBSECTION 10.5.** Article 10, subsection 10.5 of the Index to the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

10.5 Land Use Permit Required to Obtain Building Permits.....10-2

**Section 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.12. Minimum Standards for Dwellings.** Section 2.12.b of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

All dwellings shall be constructed or placed upon and anchored to a foundation that complies with the applicable provisions of the State of Michigan Building Code, as administered by Standish Township or the individual or entity designated by the Township to administer the provisions of said code.

**Section 3. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.12. Minimum Standards for Dwellings.** Section 2.12.c of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

All dwellings shall comply with all current building fire and safety codes as adopted by Standish Township.

**Section 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.35. Outdoor Wood Furnace.** Section 2.35.F. of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Permit**

Prior to the installation and operation of an OWF, a request for a LUP shall be made to the Zoning Administrator. Applicant must complete all information on LUP form including the following:

1. A drawing showing the proposed location of the OWF, the location of the building to be served, the lot lines of the subject lot, and the location of the principal buildings on any adjacent lot together with the measurement of the required setbacks.
2. A drawing showing the dimensions of the OWF including the proposed chimney/stack height.
3. The name of the manufacturer and the model of the OWF.

After review of the application, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a permit upon determining that the OWF complies with this Ordinance and may conduct additional inspections during and/or at the end of the installation to confirm compliance with this Ordinance. After obtaining a permit from the township zoning administrator the applicant must also obtain appropriate permit from the Township Building Department or the individual or entity designated as the Township Building Department.

**Section 5. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.5. General Sign Standards.** Section 8.5.b. of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

All signs shall be subject to the Building and Safety Codes of the State of Michigan as adopted by Standish Township.

**Section 6. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8.8. Commercial Zoning Districts.** Section 8.8.f.2. of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

The sign shall be properly anchored and wired and shall meet all Township Building and Safety Codes.

**Section 7. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 10.5. Land Use Permit Required to Obtain Building Permit.** Section 10.5 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**10.5 Land Use Permit Required to Obtain Building Permit**

The Land Use Permit shall be required to secure a required building permit issued by Standish Township.

A Land Use Permit for an ADA handicapped ramp will be issued, but fee will be waived.

**Section 8. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.2. Definitions.** The definition of Dangerous Building set forth in Section 11.2 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Dangerous Building**

Means any building or structure, residential or otherwise that has any of the following defects or conditions:

- a. Whenever any portion has been damaged by fire, wind, flood, or by other means so that the structural strength or stability is less than the minimum requirements of the State of Michigan Building Code as administered by the Township.
- b. Whenever any portion, member or appurtenance is likely to fall or collapse and thereby injure persons or damage property.
- c. Whenever for any reason the building or structure is manifestly unsafe for the purpose for which it is used, as determined by the Building Official or the individual or entity designated as the Township Building Official.
- d. Whenever the building or structure has been so damaged or has become so dilapidated that it creates an attractive nuisance to children or other persons who might enter the structure to their danger, or so that it creates a harbor for vagrants or criminals.
- e. Whenever the building or structure is unsanitary or unfit for human habitation, or is in a condition that is likely to cause sickness or disease when so determined by the County Health Officer.
- f. Whenever any building becomes vacant, dilapidated, and open at a door or window so that the interior of the building is left exposed to the elements or accessible to entrance by trespassers.

**Section 9. Severability.** If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal, or ineffective by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such section, clause, or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void, or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this Ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

**Section 10. Repealer.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 11. Publication.** The Clerk shall publish this Ordinance within ten days in a newspaper printed and circulating within the Township of general circulation.

**Section 12. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication.

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name], [Municipality, Role]

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Standish Township at a duly scheduled public meeting of the Standish Township Board of Trustees held on [Date], pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above Ordinance was duly published in the \_\_\_\_\_ newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within Standish Township on [Date].
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded the above Ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the Standish Township Board of Trustees voting, and how each member voted.

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Jennings, Standish Township Clerk