

RESOLUTION FOR A TOWNSHIP BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP

SAGINAW COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Trustees of Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, held on the 20th day of June, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

RESOLUTION #: 2022-06-02

PRESENT: Supervisor Krupp, Treasurer Yaros, Clerk Yaros, Trustee Peterman and Trustee Wendling.

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Supervisor Krupp and supported by Clerk Yaros.

Township of Maple Grove Business Licensing Ordinance

**Section 1: Title**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Maple Grove Township Licensing Ordinance.

**Section 2: Definitions**

As used in this ordinance:

"Business" means any trade, occupation, profession, work, commerce or home based business or other activity owned or operated for profit by any person within the township excluding, however, political, charitable or religious establishments and home occupations.

"Home-Based Business" A business carried on by an occupant on the same property on which the occupant lives, including manufacturing, services, sales of goods and services made or provided on the premises. The use is intended to allow residents to conduct economic activities on their property at a scale greater than a home occupation but less than a full-scale commercial or industrial enterprise.

"Home Occupation" An occupation or profession, including instruction in a craft or fine art, carried on by an occupant of a dwelling unit, within that structure only, as a secondary use which is clearly ancillary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes.

"Licensing Agent" means the Township Clerk or such other township official or employee as may be designated by resolution of the Township Board.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, association or corporation.

"Township" means the Township of Maple Grove.

### **Section 3: Purpose**

The purpose of the ordinance is to assist the Township with information to provide more adequate police and fire protection; more equal and equitable real and personal property taxation; better efficiency and economy in furnishing public utility services within the Township; more comprehensive and informed planning and zoning for uses of land and structures within the Township; and to establish a registry of businesses operating within the Township for the general information of the public and for the promotion of the Township.

### **Section 4: License Requirements**

No person may commence or continue a business, as herein defined, within the Township without having first obtained a Township license therefore as hereinafter provided and without maintaining such license in current effect during any business operation or activity.

### **Section 5: Procurement Procedure for License**

No license to commence or continue a business shall be issued until the owner or operator thereof shall have first submitted an application to the licensing agent of the Township on a form provided by the licensing agent for such purposes. All applications shall be accompanied by an application fee. Upon the filing of a properly completed application and upon payment of the fee, the licensing agent shall issue a license to the person to commence or continue the business designated in said application (Exhibit B) if the business complies with the Township ordinances.

### **Section 6: Conditions of License**

The license issued under this ordinance shall be effective until March 31st of the succeeding year with renewals of the same to be issued upon application and payment of the fee thereof in the same manner as set forth herein for the original issuance of the license. No license shall be issued by the licensing agent where the existing or proposed business would be illegal under any law or ordinance of the United States of America, the State of Michigan, the county having jurisdiction thereof, or the township. No license may be transferred by the holder to any other person except upon prior approval of the Township Board. The Township Board shall approve requests to transfer a license unless the Township determines that the business in question does not comply with the Township's ordinances or other applicable federal, state, or county laws or ordinances. The licensing agent shall have the right of inspection of the business premises to assure compliance with Township ordinances. In the event of any noncompliance with the provisions of Township ordinances after a license has been issued, the same may be revoked by order of the licensing agent until the noncompliance has been corrected as determined by said agent.

### **Section 7: Exemptions**

No license shall be required of any political, charitable or religious establishment or home occupations situated within the Township. The provisions of this ordinance are not applicable to any agency of the United States of America, the State of Michigan, or any political subdivisions thereof.

**Section 8: Penalty Clause**

Any person, firm, or corporation, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with, or who resists enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00), along with the Township's costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the violation.

**Section 9: Severability Clause**

Should any portion of this ordinance adopted hereby be declared unconstitutional, illegal or of no force and effect by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion thereof shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other part or portion thereof.

**Section 10: Effective Date and Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances**

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its publication following final adoption as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. In addition, any business licensing ordinances or resolutions previously in effect within the Township are hereby repealed in their entirety.

AYES: Supervisor Krupp, Treasurer Yaros, Clerk Yaros and Trustee Wendling.

NAYS: Trustee Peterman.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



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Tish Yaros, Maple Grove Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Trustees of Maple Grove Township, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 20, 2022, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act