

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTEREY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 18-01 Adopted: X Effective: 10-19-18

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 10.42 TO THE MONTEREY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING AND REGULATING CERTAIN AGRITOURISM USES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

MONTEREY TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for the Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall on October 1, 2018, the following amendment to the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member **E Collier** and seconded by Township Board Member **Eric Commons**.

Yeas: H Reinart, J Frank, L Commons, E Commons, E Collier

Nays:

Motion Passed X Failed

ARTICLE 1:

Adopt Chapter 10.42 in its entirety to read as presented on the attached pages.

ARTICLE II. SEVERABILITY:

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and in effect.

ARTICLE III. REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance is ordered to take effect the eighth day following publication of notice of its adoption in accordance with the Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006 as amended. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Jennifer Frank

Date: 10-1-18

Jennifer Frank, Monterey Township Clerk

Publication date: 10-11-18

Effective date: 10-19-18

SECTION 10.42 AGRITOURISM

- A. Intent.** It is the intent of this Section to permit active agriculturally used parcels to offer activities, events and/or attractions which provide education and exposure to Agriculture. In addition, some of these events or attraction may create “value added” activities or services that enhance the marketing of the agricultural industry, attract tourists, and provide agricultural education, recreation, and entertainment.
- B. Special Uses.** The following are examples of activities, individually or collectively, that may be permitted by the Planning Commission as a Special Use in the AG or R-1 Zoning Districts as uses accessory to otherwise permitted farm and farm market operations:
1. Bakeries
 2. Cider mill
 3. Cooking demonstrations and food retreats
 4. Corn mazes, bonfires, hay rides, haunted barns/trails, non-motorized trail runs and similar offerings.
 5. Farm tours, farm education programs
 6. On-farm events (wedding/celebration/meeting) facilities
 7. On-farm distilleries
 8. Petting Farms
 9. Wine Tasting
- C. Standards for Approval**
1. The proposed use must be an accessory to and on the same or adjacent parcel to a working farm, operated by the applicant.
 2. The parcel upon which the use is proposed must be not less than twenty (20) acres.
 3. The proposed use must be on property with frontage upon a public or private road that is maintained year-round.
 4. A Site plan must be presented and approved for the use per Section 10.24. The following exceptions may be made by the Planning Commission and Township Board in consideration of these uses:
 - a. Lighting may be reduced to the minimum levels to provide safety to guests.
 - b. Screening requirements may be increased or decreased from Ordinance requirements to allow increased protection of neighboring parcels from sound, light, traffic, odor, fumes, dust. etc. which may be caused by the proposed use.
 - c. Parking requirements may be waived or relaxed to keep the rural theme intact.
 - d. Use of existing structures that are currently non-conforming to setback requirements may be considered for use as long as the nonconformity is not increased.
 5. A Safety Plan including provisions for evacuation, inclement weather, fire, and injury shall be examined and approved by the Township Fire Authority and Allegan County Sheriff. The approved plan and letters of approval by these authorities shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator prior to commencement of the use or occupancy of any structures.
 6. Use or construction of any structure for this use will meet State of Michigan Construction Codes. Approval of any Special Use Permit will not constitute Building Official approval.