

ZONING ORDINANCE CITY OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN

PREAMBLE

An ordinance established under Act 207, Public Acts of 1921, as amended, governing the City of Midland, to provide for the establishment of zoning districts within which the purpose use of land and natural resources may be encouraged and regulated; to provide for the location, the size, and uses that may be made of the minimum open spaces; to provide for sanitary, safety, and other protective measures; to provide for the maximum number of families that may be housed in dwellings, buildings, and structures; to provide for the administration and amendment of said ordinance; to provide for appeals and for the organization and procedures to be followed by the Zoning Board of Appeals; and to provide for the violation of said ordinance.

ARTICLE 1.00

INTENT AND SHORT TITLE

Section 1.01 -- SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the City of Midland Zoning Ordinance. Within the following text it may be referred to as the Ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 1.02 B INTENT

It is the purpose of this Zoning Ordinance to promote the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare of the inhabitants of Midland by encouraging the use of lands and natural resources in accordance with their character, adaptability and suitability for particular purposes; to enhance social and economic stability; to prevent excessive concentration of population; to reduce hazards due to flooding; to conserve and stabilize the value of property; to provide adequate open space for light and air; to prevent fire and facilitate the fighting of fires; to allow for a variety of residential housing types and commercial and industrial land uses; to minimize congestion on the public streets and highways; to facilitate adequate and economical provision of transportation, sewerage and drainage, water supply and distribution, and educational and recreational facilities; to establish standards for physical development in accordance with the objectives and policies contained in the Master Plan (Comprehensive Development Plan); and to provide for the administration and enforcement of such standards.