

ORDINANCE NO. 328
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES 320, CHAPTER 480-12 H (1) (b)

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this amendment is to allow an expectation of keeping of small hobby animals chickens (*hens only*) on lots less than one acre.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS

1). Chapter § 480-12 Uses permitted subject to conditions. (R-1, R-2 and R-3 One- Family Residential Districts)

H. Hobby animals. The keeping of animals for non-farm use accessory to a one-family residence, referred to as hobby animals, is permissible, subject to the following conditions. This subsection shall not apply to the keeping of dogs, cats and other household pets ordinarily kept indoors. This subsection shall also not apply to livestock and other animals kept as part of a farm or farm operation. For the purposes of this subsection, large hobby animals shall include horses and other equines, cattle, swine, sheep, lambs, goats, ostrich, emu, llama, alpaca and similar sized animals. Small hobby animals shall include rabbits, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, and similar sized animals.

(1) The minimum lot size for the keeping of hobby animals shall be as follows:

(a) For large hobby animals, three acres. Two large hobby animals shall be permitted for the first three acres. For each additional one acre, one additional large hobby animal shall be permitted.

(b) For small hobby animals, one acre. Six small hobby animals shall be permitted for the first one acre. For each additional one acre, six additional small hobby animals shall be permitted.

[1] An exception shall be made for the keeping of up to four chickens (hens only) on lots less than one acre.

(c) Lots greater than 40 acres shall have no animal quantity restrictions.

(d) Notwithstanding the above, offspring of said hobby animals may be kept on the lot for the time period which is customary for the species involved.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, rule, regulation, section or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason

by any Court, it shall not affect any other part or portion thereof, other than the part declared void or inoperable.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

All Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication after adoption.

SECTION 6. INSPECTION OF ORDINANCE.

A copy of this Ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Township Hall, 5111 River Road, East China, Michigan 48054, during regular posted office hours.



Sandra Smith, Clerk
Charter Township of East China

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance Number **328**, duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of East China, St. Clair County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2024 at which all members were present except Blackstock, 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 minutes of said meeting were kept and have been or will be made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that Member Westrick moved for adoption of said Ordinance and that Member Smith supported said Motion.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: Westrick, Smith, Hart, Babel, Reichle, Knotts, Hart.
and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None.

I further certify that the following events and dates occurred in the adoption of this Ordinance.

DATE INTRODUCED: JUNE 3, 2024

DATE PUBLISHED: JUNE 5, 2024, Times Herald Newspaper

DATE ADOPTED AFTER INTRODUCTION: JUNE 17, 2024

DATE PUBLISHED AFTER ADOPTION: JUNE 18, 2024, Times Herald Newspaper

EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 18, 2024



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STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF MACOMB }ss

The Times-Herald, a newspaper published in the city of Port Huron, St. Clair County, State of Michigan, and personal knowledge of the facts herein state and that the notice hereto annexed was Published in said newspapers in the issue:

06/18/2024

and that the fees charged are legal.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/18/2024

TYNA SMITH

GINA HUFF
Notary Public State of Michigan
County of Livingston
My commission expires March 9, 2029
Acting in the County of Macomb

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