ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TALLMADGE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.16(B)2 – KEEPING OF ANIMALS, FARM ANIMALS; TO AMEND SECTION 10.06(A)5 – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, REQUIRED CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 11.06(A)5 – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, REQUIRED CONDITIONS AND; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY, TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL, AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF TALLMADGE, COUNTY OF OTTAWA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Keeping of Animals, Farm Animals. Section 3.16(b)2 of the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to state in its entirety as follows.

Section 3.16(b)2 – Farm Animals

The keeping of poultry and fowl is permitted in the RP, R-1, and L Districts as an accessory use, provided that the number of such animals does not exceed six (6) animals for the first one and one half (1 1/2) acres and one (1) additional animal for each additional one quarter (1/4) acre thereafter.

* 1. Poultry and fowl in the RP, R-1, and L Districts shall not be free range and shall be securely contained within a fenced area so as to restrict such animals to the lot on which they are kept.
  2. The fenced area where the poultry and fowl are kept shall be located within the rear yard and shall be at least 20 feet from any side or rear lot line.
  3. Roosters shall not be permitted in the RP, R-1, and L Districts.

Section 2. Development Standards, Required Conditions. Section 10.06(a)5 of the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to state in its entirety as follows.

Section 10.06(a)5 – Development Standards, Required Conditions

There shall be no outside storage or processing of any goods, display inventory, or equipment, unless authorized as a Special Use, subject to the provisions of Chapter 19. All outdoor storage or processing shall also comply with the following requirements:

1. Any area devoted to outdoor storage or processing shall be located in the Side or Rear Yard.
2. Outdoor storage or processing shall be prohibited in the Front Yard, the minimum required Side Yard, and the minimum required Rear Yard.
3. Screening that is adequate to completely shield the outdoor storage or processing from view to all property lines shall be provided. Where appropriate, landscaping may be used for screening and such landscaping shall provide for complete screening at the time of planting and shall maintain the screening year round. Landscaping shall not be the only method of screening. Screening used where the outdoor storage or processing area would otherwise be visible from the right-of-way shall complement the character of the building materials on the front of the building.
4. In no case shall the outdoor storage or processing exceed the maximum fence height provided by this Ordinance.
5. The maximum area devoted to outdoor storage or processing shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the ground floor area of the Principal Building on the same Lot hosting the outdoor storage or processing.

Section 3. Development Standards, Required Conditions. Section 11.06(a)5 of the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended to state in its entirety as follows.

Section 11.06(a)5 – Development Standards, Required Conditions

There shall be no outside storage or processing of any goods, display inventory, or equipment, unless authorized as a Special Use, subject to the provisions of Chapter 19. All outdoor storage or processing shall also comply with the following requirements:

1. Any area devoted to outdoor storage or processing shall be located in the Side or Rear Yard.
2. Outdoor storage or processing shall be prohibited in the Front Yard, the minimum required Side Yard, and the minimum required Rear Yard.
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4. In no case shall the outdoor storage or processing exceed the maximum fence height provided by this Ordinance.
5. The maximum area devoted to outdoor storage or processing shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the ground floor area of the Principal Building on the same Lot hosting the outdoor storage or processing.

Section 4. Severability. This Ordinance and its various parts are hereby declared to be severable. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This amendment to the Tallmadge Charter Township Zoning Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Tallmadge Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, after a public hearing as required pursuant to Michigan Act 110 of 2006, as amended; after introduction and a first reading on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025 and after posting and publication following such first reading as required by Michigan Act 359 of 1947, as amended. This Ordinance shall be effective on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, which date is the eighth day after publication of a Notice of Adoption and Posting of the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance in the *Grand Rapids Press*, as required by Section 401 of Act 110, as amended. However, this effective date shall be extended as necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 402 of Act 110, as amended.

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