

**ALLENDALE TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Text Amendment Hearing:** The hearing is to consider a text amendment to the Allendale Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by addition of Section 23.19 – Kennels.

**Amendment:** Section 23.19 – Kennels is proposed to be added to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Section 23.19 – Kennels.

- a. All dog kennels shall be operated as a special use in conformance with all applicable County, State, and Federal regulations.
- b. Buildings wherein dogs are kept and/or exercise areas for the dogs shall not be located in any required front, rear, or side yard setback area. Any dog that is exercised outside of the building or other enclosed area must be in an approved exercise area and an employee must be with any such dog at all times while outside the building or other enclosed area. All exercise or other outdoor areas shall only be utilized during a continuous period of time not to exceed sixteen (16) hours, as approved by the Planning Commission.
- c. Enclosure areas for each dog shall meet or exceed the minimum area recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations publication issued January 2017, or subsequent publication, or other professional organization upon supporting documentation provided to the Planning Commission. Each enclosure shall be of such construction as will adequately and comfortably house any dogs kept therein during any season of the year and its conditions shall meet the requirements of Section 300.1.5.5 of the Code of Ottawa County, Michigan,\* regarding Conditions of Kennel, which was codified on April 9, 2019, as it may be subsequently amended.
- d. All dog kennels shall be enclosed by a fence or other suitable barrier to a height that will contain the dogs and prevent exit from the Lot or premises. At minimum, all dog kennels shall meet the requirements of Section 300.1.5.4 of the Code of Ottawa County, Michigan,\* regarding double fencing, which was codified on April 9, 2019, as it may be subsequently amended.
- e. All noise and odors shall be contained within the Lot or premises and any such noise from barking or odor from the dogs shall be controlled by Section 300.1.6.4 of the Code of Ottawa County, Michigan,\* regarding Nuisance, Aggressive or Dangerous Animal or barking dog, and Section 300.1.8.1 of the Code of Ottawa County, Michigan,\* regarding Keeping of Animals, respectively, which was codified on April 9, 2019, as it may be subsequently amended. Further, any such noise shall be controlled by Section 2 of the Allendale Charter Township Disorderly Conduct Ordinance
- f. All kennels shall provide the following:
  - i. Hours of operation, including outdoor animal activity
  - ii. The size, nature, character and dog capacity
  - iii. The proximity to adjoining properties

- iv. The noise, odor, or other disturbances for adjoining properties and the surrounding neighborhood as a result of the operation
- v. Summary of operations and the handling of the dogs, including, but not limited to, the number of employees, the number of handlers available to each dog, parking area, signage, and etcetera, any other information that the Planning Commission deems appropriate.
- vi. Measures to control sound from within the building and/or site

\*Code of Ottawa County, Michigan available at: [www.miottawa.org](http://www.miottawa.org)

**Public Hearing:**

**WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020**  
**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
**WHERE: ALLENDALE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OFFICES**  
**6676 LAKE MICHIGAN DRIVE**  
**ALLENDALE, MICHIGAN 49401**

You are invited to attend the hearing to listen to a presentation on the proposed text amendment and to offer comments and ask questions. The text amendment may be examined by any person and more information is available at the Township Department of Planning and Community Development. Written comments will be accepted prior to the hearing at the Township Offices at the address below. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Department of Planning & Community Development  
6676 Lake Michigan Drive  
P.O. Box 539  
Allendale, MI 49401  
(616) 895-6295 ext. 2

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