

**ORONOKO CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 88**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORONOKO CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 3.12 PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS.

ORONOKO CHARTER TOWNSHIP, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Amendment of Section 3.12.** Section 3.12 of the Oronoko Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

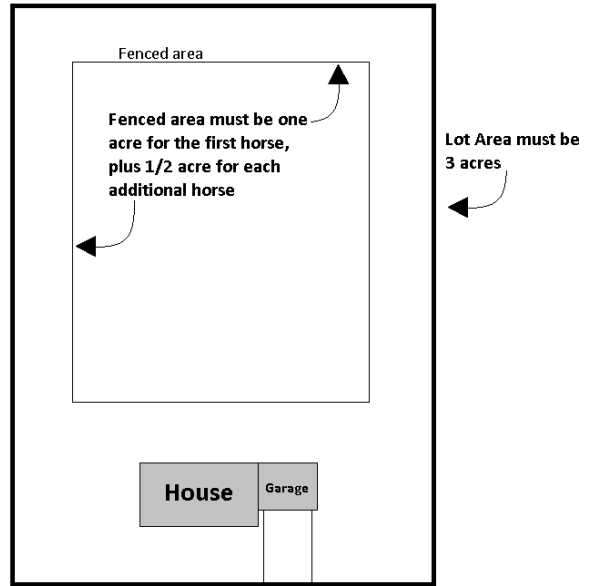
**3.12 KEEPING OF ANIMALS**

- A. The keeping of customary household pets is permitted as an accessory use in all Zoning Districts provided that the provisions of this Ordinance and other Township and County regulations are met.
- B. Farm animals and livestock are permitted in the A-R and E-1 districts only and are permitted without restriction provided that Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices as defined by the Right to Farm Act are followed.
- C. This Section shall not prohibit the keeping of small domestic animals or livestock for supervised youth agricultural experiences sponsored by an organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code of 1986, or by any subsequent corresponding IRS code of the United States as from time to time amended, in any area which is zoned for residential use, on lots of one (1) or more acres.
- D. The keeping of horses on non-farm parcels shall be permitted in the A-R and E-1 districts only, provided that the parcel on which the horses are kept maintains a minimum lot area of 3 acres. (*amended May 13, 2014*)

Further, the horses shall be kept within a fenced in area that provides a minimum of once acre for the first horse and an additional ½ acre for each additional horse. The fenced area shall be set back at least ten (10) feet from any property line and shall not be within fifty

(50) feet of any domestic well. Horses shall be provided with an accessory structure for protection against the weather.

E. The provisions of this section do not apply to farms and farm operations as defined in the Right to Farm Act (Act 93 of 1981), provided that such farms and farm operations are in compliance with adopted Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMPs).



**Section 2. Severability and Captions.** This Ordinance and the various parts, sections, subsections, sentences, phrases and clauses thereof are hereby declared severable. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby. The captions included at the beginning of each Section are for convenience only and shall not be considered a part of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Repeal.** Any existing ordinance or resolution that is inconsistent or conflicts with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance is ordered to take effect seven (7) days following publication of adoption in the Journal Era, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township, under the provisions of 2006 Public Act 110, except as may be extended under the provisions of such Act.

**MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE:**

Proposed by Board member: Trustee Rich Albers  
Supported by Board member: Trustee Don Damron

**Roll Call:**

Ayes: Treasurer Lawrence Schalk, Trustee Don Damron, Trustee Rich Albers, Clerk Suzanne Renton, Trustee Marc Kerlikowske, Trustee Robert Palmer, Supervisor Mike Hildebrand.  
Nays: None.  
Abstain: None.  
Absent: None.

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ENACTED:**

The foregoing Ordinance was enacted by the Oronoko Charter Township Board of Trustees, Berrien County, State of Michigan on the 13th day of September 2016 and approved by its Supervisor and Clerk on said date.

ORONOKO CHARTER TOWNSHIP

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Hildebrand, Supervisor

and

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Suzanne Renton, Clerk

First Reading: May 3, 2016

Second Reading: September 13, 2016

Publication of Notice: September 21, 2016