

**THE CITY OF MUNISING HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**An Ordinance to establish zoning districts and regulations governing the development and use of land within the City of Munising in accordance with the provisions of Act 207 of 1921, as amended; to provide for regulations governing nonconforming uses and structures; to provide for a Zoning Board of Appeals and for its powers and duties; to provide for permits, fees, penalties and other administrative provisions to enforce this Ordinance; and to provide for regulations regarding conflicts with other ordinances or regulations.**

**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE OF ZONING**

Section 101 Purpose

- A. Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, this Ordinance has been established for the purpose of:
1. Promoting and protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare;
  2. Promoting and conserving the character and social and economic stability of the residential, commercial, industrial and other **use** areas;
  3. Securing the most appropriate **use** of land;
  4. Protecting the character and stability of the City’s valuable natural resources--its **hillsides**, Lake Superior **shoreline**, and other natural features;
  5. Promoting the orderly and beneficial development of residential and non-residential areas within the City of Munising;
  6. Regulating the intensity of **use** of land and **lot areas** and determining the area of **open spaces** surrounding **buildings** and structures necessary to provide adequate light, air, access and privacy to protect the public health;
  1. Provide adequate distance between **buildings** to lessen the spread of fire;
  8. Lessening and avoiding congestion or other traffic related problems on the public highways and roads;
  9. Providing for the needs of housing and commerce for future growth;
  10. Protecting the public and adjacent uses from fire, explosion, noxious fumes or odors, excessive heat, dust, smoke, glare, noise, vibration, radioactivity, and other health and safety hazards;

11. Preventing the overcrowding of land and undue concentration of **buildings** and structures so far as possible and appropriate in each zoning **district** by regulating the use and bulk of **buildings** in relation to the land surrounding them;
12. Enhancing social and economic stability in the City;
13. Conserving the taxable value of land, **buildings** and structures in the City;
14. Enhancing the aesthetic desirability of the environment throughout the City;
15. Conserving the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services to conform with the most advantageous uses of land;
16. Facilitating adequate and economical provision of transportation, water, sewers, schools, recreation and other public requirements.

#### Section 102 Munising Planning Commission

- A. The City of Munising Planning Commission has been created in accordance with the provisions of Act 285 of 1931, as amended. In accordance with Section 12 of Act 285 the Planning Commission has assumed the powers and duties of a zoning commission as described in Act 207 of 1921, as amended.

#### Section 103 Short Title

- A. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “City of Munising Zoning Ordinance.”