

**ARTICLE 1**  
**TITLE, INTERPRETATION AND SCOPE**

**SECTION 1.1: PURPOSE**

1.1.1 **Title:** This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Port Sanilac, Michigan.”

1.1.2 **Legal Basis:** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority and requirements of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Public Act 110 of 2006), as amended.

**SECTION 1.2: PURPOSES**

1.2.1 **Purposes:** The purposes of this Ordinance include the:

- A. Protection of public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare;
- B. Promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Port Sanilac;
- C. Protection and conservation of property and property values;
- D. Promoting the use of land and resources in accordance with character, adaptability and plan of further growth and development.
- E. Providing for compatible uses and development of land with reduced congestion by buildings, traffic and population and with provisions for water, transportation, sewage, schools, parks, lights and other public requirements;
- F. Promoting increased safety from fire, erosion, flood and other dangers; Division of the Village into compatible use districts;
- G. Conforming land uses to social, demographic, economic, technological changes and other developmental trends with a flexible and objective Ordinance based on statutory and common law;
- H. Providing for administration of this Ordinance; and
- I. Promoting and maintaining an architectural theme aesthetically consistent with the history and nautical heritage of the Village.

1.2.2 **Other Purposes:** It is not the intent of this Ordinance to legitimize activities which are prohibited by local Ordinance, state law, or federal law. If any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Village intends that portion to be disregarded, reduced and/or revised so as to be recognized to the fullest extent possible by law. The Village further states that it would have passed and adopted what remains of any portion of this Ordinance following the removal, reduction or revision of any portion so found to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 1.3: INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION**

1.3.1 **Introduction:** In interpreting and applying the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

- A. This Zoning Ordinance does not repeal, abrogate, annul or in any way impair or interfere with existing provisions of other laws or Ordinances, except those specifically or implicitly repealed by this Zoning Ordinance, nor any private

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restrictions placed upon property by covenant, deed or other private agreement unless repugnant hereto.

- B. Whenever any regulations made under authority of this Zoning Ordinance require a greater or impose other more restrictive standards than are required in, or under, any other Ordinance or statute, the provisions of the regulations made under authority of this Zoning Ordinance shall govern.
- C. Whenever the provisions of any other Ordinance or statute impose other more restrictive standards than are required by any regulations made under authority of this Zoning Ordinance, the provisions of such statute shall govern.

**1.3.2 Language and Definitions:** Many words, terms and phrases within this Ordinance have a meaning that may be different from their everyday use. Article 2, Definitions, presents definitions of words, terms, and phrases used within this Ordinance. Section 2.2.1 presents rules for the interpretation of words and phrases in the Ordinance.