

RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING TEXT
AMENDMENTS AT AUGUST 6, 2025 MEETING**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
RUTLAND, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Rutland Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on August 6, 2025, which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Rutland Charter Township Hall located at 2461 Heath Road, within the Charter Township of Rutland, Barry County, Michigan. The items to be considered at this public hearing are as follows:

1. § 220-5-3.H of the Rutland Charter Township Code (in Article V of the Rutland Charter Township Zoning Ordinance) pertaining to the keeping of livestock as a special land use in the CR Country Residential District is proposed to be amended so as to allow the Planning Commission to approve a special land use permit for the keeping of a maximum of 12 hens and chickens on a lot with an area of less than 3 acres but at least 1 acre, pursuant to the otherwise applicable approvable standards and requirements; other minor terminology changes are also proposed.

The Rutland Charter Township Code, Master Plan, and the tentative text of the above-referenced proposed zoning text amendment(s), may be examined by contacting the Rutland Charter Township Clerk at the Township Hall during regular business hours on regular business days maintained by the Township offices from and after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the hearing/meeting, and further may be examined at the hearing/meeting.

The Planning Commission reserves the right to modify the proposed amendment(s) at or following the hearing/meeting and to make its recommendations accordingly to the Township Board.

Rutland Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.


Robin Hawthorne, Clerk
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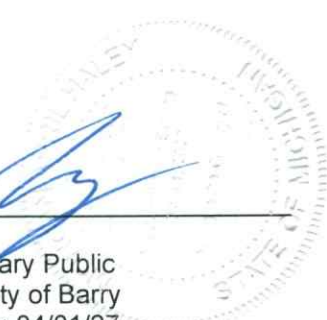
On July 10, 2025 I (or my designee) conspicuously posted at the Rutland Charter Township offices and on the Township website a copy of the Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Text Amendments at August 6, 2025 Meeting.


Robin Hawthorne, Clerk
Rutland Charter Township

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 10, 2025.




Morgan April Haley, Notary Public
State of Michigan, County of Barry
My Commission Expires: 04/01/27



**TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF CHAPTER 220 OF RUTLAND
CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF
LIVESTOCK IN CR COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (TO SET FOR
PUBLIC HEARING AT AUGUST 6, 2025 PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING)**

ITEM I

§ 220-5-3.H. of the Rutland Charter Township Code, pertaining to the keeping of livestock on a non-commercial basis in the CR Country Residential District, is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

- H. Keeping of livestock on a non-commercial basis is allowable accessory to an existing dwelling on the premises, subject to all applicable provisions of this Chapter, including the generally applicable special land use approval standards specified in § 220-20-3., and also the following density, setback, and other requirements:
1. The minimum lot area for the keeping of any such **animals livestock** is three acres. **The Planning Commission may approve a lot area of less than three acres but at least one acre for the keeping of a maximum of twelve (12) hens and chickens, pursuant to the otherwise applicable approval standards and requirements.**
 2. There shall be at least two acres of lot area per animal unit kept on the premises. For purposes of this provision, only, the number of animals per animal unit shall be determined as follows:
 - A. Slaughter and feeder cattle: one animal equals 1.00 animal unit.
 - B. Mature dairy cattle: one animal equals 1.42 animal units.
 - C. Horses: one animal equals 1.00 animal unit.
 - D. Swine (weighing over 55 lbs.): one animal equals 0.40 animal unit.
 - E. Sheep and lambs: one animal equals 0.10 animal unit.
 - F. Laying hens or broiler chickens: one animal equals 0.01 animal unit.
 - G. Any other types or sizes of livestock not listed here are to be calculated as one thousand pounds live weigh equals 1.00 animal unit.
 3. All areas in which the **animals livestock** are confined shall be located at least 100 ft from all existing dwellings on adjacent properties.
 4. All areas in which the **animals livestock** are confined shall be located at least 50 ft from any wellhead, **and shall** not including any drain field.
 5. **Keeping of Chickens.**
 - A. Roosters are prohibited.

- B. ~~Otherwise permissible chicken shall at all time be confined to a chicken coop or otherwise enclosed structure and not allowed to free range.~~ Chickens must be confined to a chicken coop or enclosed structure. An outside, completely enclosed run attached to the coop may be provided.
- C. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens likely to attract rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin shall be secured and protected in sealed containers.