

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**Ordinance No. 2004-6**  
Adopted April 19, 2004

**Animal and Pet Restrictions in Residential Areas**

**An ordinance to amend certain portions of Chapter 4, General and Special Regulations of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.**

**The Township of Vergennes hereby ordains:**

**Section 1.** Amend Chapter 4 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, to amend the following section as shown in the adopted text below:

**201.404 Animal and pet restrictions in residential areas.**

4.04.

- A. Except as may be permitted by the Vergennes Township Residential Property Farm Animal Ordinance, the keeping of pigeons having free access outside their cages, or the permanent keeping of poultry, pigs, hogs, horses or livestock or more than three (3) dogs or cats is prohibited within or upon any platted properties, subdivided areas, or condominium subdivisions used primarily for residential purposes or within or upon any area located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of such platted properties or subdivided areas; provided, however, that any litter of dogs or cats which causes the aforesaid limit of three (3) to be exceeded shall not constitute a violation of this provision for a period of four (4) months after birth except that no more than two (2) such litters shall be allowed on the aforescribed premises within any consecutive twelve (12) month period.
- B. In any district, where animals are permitted, a stable, barn, or animal shelter shall be located not less than seventy-five (75) feet from any adjoining property line.

**Section 2. CONFLICTS.** If any provision of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance conflicts with this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall be applied.

**Section 3. SEVERABILITY.** Should any section or part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional, null or void by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not have any effect on the validity of the remaining sections or parts of this ordinance.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, unless a notice of

intent to petition for referendum pursuant to Section 12 of the Township Zoning Act (Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended) is filed with the Township Clerk.

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Mari Stone, Clerk

Certification

I, Mari C. Stone, Township Clerk of the Township of Vergennes, hereby certify that Ordinance 2004-6 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 19, 2004, and the Ordinance or a summary of the ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Vergennes, on April 28, 2004.

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Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk