

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
Ordinance 2006-1
Adopted January 16, 2006**

Rental Storage Ordinance Amendments

An ordinance to amend portions of Chapters 3 and 4 as described below:

The Township of Vergennes hereby ordains:

Section 1. Amend by adding Section 201.304 (C) (14), RA District, Special Exception Uses, to read as follows:

201.304 "R-A" Rural-Agricultural District.

3.04.

C. *Special Exception Uses.*

14. Rental Storage Special Exception Use Permit subject to Section 201.431 (B).

Section 2. Amend by adding Section 201.431 (B) Rental Storage Special Exception Use Permit, to read as follows:

201.431B Rental Storage Special Exception Use Permit

4.31B

A. Any building existing on or before February 1, 2003 may be used for rental storage (which use is otherwise not permitted) upon the Township Board finding that the Applicant has applied for and met the following requirements to obtain a Special Exception Use Permit. Following the issuance of a Special Exception Use Permit, the permit may be revoked if any of the conditions giving rise to the permit are violated.

1. The buildings utilized for storage shall be located upon any parcel or contiguous land which is referred to as the "rental storage area" and which is owned by the Applicant or the Applicant's parents, brothers or sisters. For purposes of this subpart, land shall be considered contiguous even if separated by a road right-of-way and regardless of differences in the tax identification numbers(s) assigned to the property. However, if the rental storage area approved for rental storage is sold, split, or otherwise changed in its dimensions, then the Special Exception Use Permit may be revoked unless an amendment to the Permit is applied for and granted by the Township Board. The applicant shall provide adequate maps and legal descriptions to determine the land area and buildings which will serve as the rental storage area.
2. A dwelling is not required to be located upon the property upon which the storage facilities are located.

3. Except for normal maintenance, no changes shall be made to the outside appearance of any building or any part of the rental storage area and there shall be no other visible evidence of the conduct of such rental storage business upon the rental storage area.
4. No merchandise, equipment, or articles shall be available for sale on the rental storage area as part of the operation of the rental storage.
5. Other than de minimis amounts, no flammable, caustic, or other hazardous materials shall be permitted to be stored as part of the rental storage.
6. Other than items or vehicles owned by the owners of the rental storage area, no vehicles, equipment, or materials shall be stored on the rental storage area outside of the buildings used for rental storage.
7. A person shall apply for a Special Exception Use Permit on a form provided by the Township and the applicant shall pay the required application fee and any other charges imposed by the Township. If requested by the zoning administrator or Township Board, the applicant shall provide additional information showing the location of buildings, parking areas or any other features of the property related to such application. Once the application is complete, the zoning administrator shall transmit the application and any additional materials to the Township Board. The public hearing, application review and approval standards shall be in conformance with section 201.502 Special Exception Uses.

(Amended: Ord. No. 06-1, 01-16-2006)

Section 3. Conflicts. If any provision of the Vergennes Township Ordinance conflicts with this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, the most restrictive provision shall be applied.

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Dated: _____

By: _____
Mari Stone, Clerk

Certification

I, Mari C. Stone, Township Clerk of the Township of Vergennes, hereby certify that Ordinance 2006-1 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on January 16, 2006, 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 January 25, 2006.

Mari C. Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk