

**LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
COUNTY OF STEARNS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMERCIAL KENNELS WITHIN LYNDEN TOWNSHIP.

THE TOWN BOARD OF THE LYNDEN TOWNSHIP ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Intent. It is the intent of this Interim Ordinance to allow Lynden Township to study and review its Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances to determine what changes, if any may be required in the regulation of commercial kennels and to make appropriate changes in the same in order to protect the value of properties within Lynden Township, to ensure proper land use controls, and to facilitate compatibility between such property and the surrounding property.

Section 2. Authority and Purpose. The Township Board is empowered by Minn. Stat. 462.355, Subd. 4 to pass an interim ordinance, applicable to all or a portion of its jurisdiction, for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

Section 3. Temporary Prohibition. For one year after the effective date of this ordinance, or until such earlier time as the Lynden Township Board determines by resolution that the reasons for the moratorium no longer exist, no commercial kennels shall be established within Lynden Township.

Section 4. Misdemeanor. Any person, persons, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.02, Subd. 3, or as subsequently amended, plus costs of prosecution.

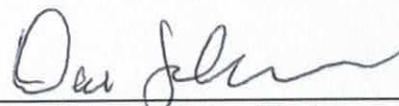
Section 5. Injunctive Relief. In the event of a violation of this ordinance, the Township may institute appropriate actions or proceedings, including requesting injunctive relief to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate such violations.

Section 6. Separability. It is hereby declared to be the intention that the several provisions of this ordinance are separable in accordance with the following: if any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any provision of this ordinance to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance not specifically included in said judgment.

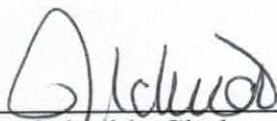
Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication, and shall remain in effect until one year after the effective date, unless a shorter period of time is approved by proper resolution of the Lynden Township Board.

PASSED by the Township Board of the Lynden Township this 1st day of February, 2016.

LYNDEN TOWNSHIP



Dave Johnson, Vice Chair



Jenny Schmidt, Clerk