

Mastodon Township

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MASTODON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE PREPARED FOR THE PUBLIC

Additions

- **Chicken Keeping Regulations (Section 350):** Introduced detailed rules for keeping hens in RR zones, including permit requirements, setbacks, and sanitation standards.
 - **Accessory Structure Definitions:** Expanded to include hunting blinds, dock boxes, and temporary canopies.
 - **RV Use Guidelines:** New section outlining seasonal RV placement limits by parcel size and zoning district.
 - **Performance Standards for Industrial Zones:** Added outdoor storage rules, fencing requirements, and clarified prohibited uses.
 - **Civil Infraction Framework:** Replaces misdemeanor penalties with escalating daily fines for violations.
 - **Youth Livestock Exemption:** Allows limited livestock for youth programs in RR zones under specific conditions.
 - **Fences (Section 680 and 681)** General and District specific requirements.
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Deletions

- **Misdemeanor Penalties:** Removed criminal enforcement language; replaced with civil infractions.
 - **Outdated Land Division Reference:** Eliminated mention of PA 591 of 1996; now references PA 288 of 1967.
 - **Special Land Uses in Industrial Zones:** Removed allowance for discretionary uses in I districts—now strictly limited.
 - **Lots adjoining Public Roads (Section 802)**
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Clarifications

- **Setback Tables:** Footnotes added for accessory buildings and erosion control overlays; waterfront setbacks now specify exceptions for seasonal structures.
- **Zoning District Use Descriptions:** Refined language for MUF, RR, A, C, and I districts to better define permitted and conditional uses.
- **Permit Processes:** More explicit guidance on application, expiration, and renewal for zoning permits.
- **Land Division Standards:** Clarified that divisions must comply with state law and recommends a separate ordinance for future regulation.
- **Telecom & Mining Sections:** Now explicitly defer to state/federal law and outline bonding, reclamation, and inspection protocols.