



ARTICLE 5 – R-R RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Section 5.1---Description of District

This district is composed of land in rural areas of the Township where land use consists primarily of single-family residential dwellings, farms, and other compatible rural activities. It is the purpose of this district to preserve the rural character of these designated areas, while encouraging the preservation of active agriculture, sensitive environmental features, and large open spaces within the Township. Although it is recognized that much of the land area within this district may eventually be converted from farm and vacant fields to residential use, it is intended to allow low density, rural residential development while encouraging the preservation of large tracts of land for agriculture or conservation. This district is intended to further the goals and objectives of the Ross Township Master Plan on the preservation of rural character, open space, and natural resources.

Section 5.2---Permitted Uses

- A. Single family dwelling.
- B. Two-family and semi-detached (duplex) dwellings.
-  C. Agricultural production; provided the keeping of livestock, poultry, fur-bearing animals, or honey bees is prohibited in recorded plats. 
- D. Home occupation.
- E. Family day care home.
- F. Foster care (small group) facility.
- G. Accessory uses or buildings, when in accordance with the provisions of Section 18.4.
- H. Signs, when in accordance with the provisions of Section 18.2.
- I. On-Farm Biofuel Production Facility (Type I).
- J. Roadside stand, subject to the following:
 - 1. A roadside stand shall not exceed 150 square feet in area. The 150 square foot area dedicated as the 'roadside stand' may be located within a larger structure.
 - 2. A roadside stand may only be located within a larger structure if the larger structure complies with the lot, yard and area requirements in Article 15.

3. A roadside stand that is less than 25 square feet in area or is only left in place seasonally may be located adjacent to the abutting road right-of-way. All other lot, yard and area requirements in Article 15 shall apply.
4. Awnings may be established on up to three sides of a roadside stand and shall not project more than four feet from the stand. In the event the roadside stand is located within a larger structure, the awnings may only be established on that portion of the structure constituting the roadside stand.
5. A parking area equivalent to one parking space per 25 sq. ft. of the roadside stand area is required. Parking areas are not subject to paving requirements but shall be clearly marked and provide adequate turn-around area outside of the road right-of-way.
6. It is the intent of this Section to provide only for the limited seasonal sale of agricultural and related products. It is not intended to encourage the size of investment in equipment that would require a commercial district.

K. Farm market, subject to the following:

1. Sales of farm products or commodities that have been processed/converted into a value-added product are permitted. Such farm products or commodities shall meet State of Michigan Guidelines for 'cottage food' items.
2. A parking area equivalent to one parking space per 25 sq. ft. of the farm market area is required. Parking areas are not subject to paving requirements but shall be clearly marked and provide adequate turn-around area outside of the road right-of-way.

Section 5.3---Special Land Uses

- A. Campground.
- B. Church.
- C. Cemetery.
- D. Parochial and private schools.
- E. Earth removal, quarrying, gravel processing, mining and related mineral extraction businesses.
- F. Golf course.

- G. Kennel
- H. Private, non-commercial club.
- I. Public utility buildings and structures necessary for the service of the community, except that:
 - 1. There is no zoning restriction for utilities to be located in public streets or public rights-of-way.
 - 2. Public utility activities of an industrial character such as repair and maintenance yards, storage facilities, or activities which generate electronic interference are prohibited.
- J. Publicly owned and operated buildings and uses including community buildings and public parks, playgrounds and other recreational areas.
- K. Horse boarding or riding stable.
- L. Ski park.
- M. Conference and training center.
- N. Group day care home.
- O. Retreat and educational center.
- P. Wireless Communications Support Structure.
- Q. Open space preservation development.
- R. Youth soccer practice field.
- S. Clustered land development.
- T. On-Farm Biofuel Production Facility (Type II or Type III).
- U. Veterinary Clinic.



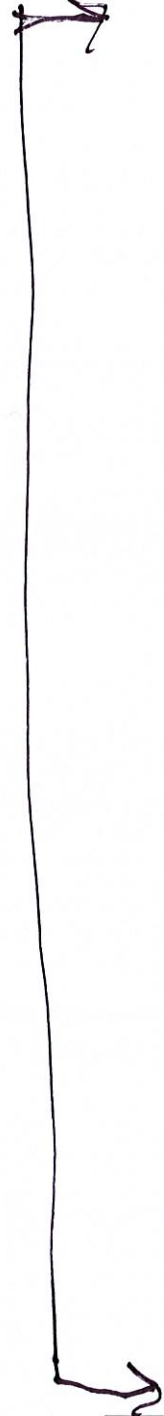
Section 5.4---Lot, Yard and Area Requirements

Except as elsewhere specified herein, the lot, yard and area requirements shall be as specified in Article 15.



Section 5.5---Conditions and Limitations

The keeping of horses, cattle, and similar animals in this district, except for a horse boarding or riding stable approved as a special land use, is subject to the following requirements.

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- A. The premises shall have a lot area of at least five (5) acres.
 - B. The premises shall have at least one (1) acre of pasture area per each "animal unit" as defined in Section 2.2 of this Ordinance.
 - C. Land used as pasture area to comply with sub-part B shall include only land that is primarily used for the production of forage upon which livestock graze, and shall be characterized by a predominance of vegetation consisting of desirable forage. Sites such as loafing areas, confinement areas, feedlots, and other such areas which have livestock densities that preclude a predominance of desirable forage species from growing thereon are not considered pasture for purposes of this provision.
 - D. The following facilities and areas shall be located at least the specified distance from all existing residences on adjacent properties:
 - 1. barns and shelters --- 150 feet.
 - 2. pens, paddocks, riding rings, loafing areas, and other similar areas where such livestock are confined (but not including pasture areas) --- 100 feet.
 - 3. animal waste storage areas --- 100 feet.
 - 4. pasture areas --- 50 feet.
 - E. The following facilities and areas shall be located at least the specified distance from all adjoining property lines:
 - 1. pens, paddocks, riding rings, loafing areas, and other similar areas where such livestock are confined (but not including pasture areas) --- 50 feet.¹
 - 2. animal waste storage areas --- 75 feet. ¹
 - F. Boarded horses not owned by the property owner shall not exceed fifty percent of the horses kept on the property.

¹ Where facilities have a confined capacity of 50 or more animal units the minimum required property line setback shall be such greater distance as may be determined by the Zoning Administrator to conform with the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Production Facilities issued by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development, which are hereby incorporated by reference for this purpose.

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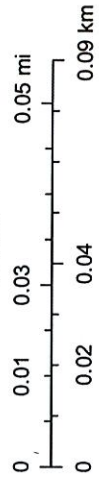
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- Address Points
- Government Units

- Street Centerlines
- State Trunkline Highway
- County Local Road

- Parcels
- Lakes

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