

# EASY APPROACH TO DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A ZONING ORDINANCE

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| Adoption of zoning ordinance or amendment at any regular or special meeting of the township board. (MCL 125.3401) | ↔ Within 15 days ↔ | Publication must take place within a 15-day period after adoption. (MCL 125.3401) |
| <i>Roll-call majority vote of the board to adopt.</i>   |                    | <i>Complete text or a summary is permitted.</i>                                   |



Written letter of intent must be filed within 7 days of publication



**Petition requirements:** “...., a petition signed by a number of registered electors residing in the portion of the township outside the limits of cities and villages equal to not less than 15% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor, at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected, ...” (MCL 125.3402)



↕ (Count begins 30 days from date of publication) ↕



- (1) Within 7 days of publication a notice of intent is NOT filed with clerk. Ordinance is effective on the 8th day after publication or at such later date after publication as may be specified by the township board. (MCL 125.3402)
- (2) A notice of intent IS filed within the 7 days, however, the petition is never filed with the clerk or is determined to be invalid. The ordinance will become effective the 31st day after publication. (MCL 125.3402)
- (3) A notice of intent is filed, a petition is submitted and is determined to be valid. The township board must then schedule an election to determine the outcome. Ordinance is effective upon election certification. (MCL 125.3402)