

THORPE TOWNSHIP
HUBBARD COUNTY, MINNESOTA
Ordinance No. 6-3, 2013

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE THORPE TOWNSHIP
ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING RECREATIONAL USES**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Thorpe ordains:

SECTION 1. Definitions Amended. Article I, Section 40 of the Thorpe Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the double underlined material and deleting the ~~stricken~~ material as follows:

Campground: A commercial or non-commercial area or tract of land developed or used for temporary overnight use by those using tents and which is primarily used for recreational purposes and retains an open air or natural character.

Recreational Vehicle: A recreational motor vehicle (whether self-propelled, towed, or carried) designed and used for temporary or seasonal living quarters. The term includes, but is not limited to, travel trailers (including those that telescope or fold down), chassis-mounted campers, motor homes, campers, fifth-wheel camper trailers, and park model trailers.

Recreation-Oriented Commercial Use: Non-motorized, seasonal recreation use, secondary to the principal use of the property. A recreational vehicle park does not constitute a recreation-oriented commercial use.

Recreational Vehicle Park: Any site, tract, or parcel of land containing facilities developed to provide temporary living quarters for two or more recreational vehicles regardless of whether the land is developed or owned by a private, public or non-profit organization and regardless of whether the park caters to the general public or is restricted to organizational or institutional members and their guests only. A recreational vehicle park is not included in, and does not constitute, a resort, recreation-oriented commercial use, or campground.

Resort: A private commercial recreational development which includes multiple units, which may include cabins, intended for habitation on temporary basis for relaxation or recreational purposes. Resorts are considered commercial planned unit developments.

SECTION 2. New Section Regarding Allowed and Prohibited Uses. Article II of the Thorpe Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Section 40 as follows:

Section 40. Allowed and Prohibited Uses.

Only those uses specifically listed in this Ordinance as being allowed within a particular zoning district as a permitted or conditional use may occur within that zoning district. The purpose of prohibiting all uses not listed as being allowed within a zoning district is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by specifically identifying those uses the Town Board has determined are compatible and otherwise appropriate to allow within a zoning district rather than attempting to contemplate and identify all possible uses that are prohibited in a zoning district. However, in order to avoid confusion, the Town Board wishes to inform owners and the public that it has found, based on the potential for negative impacts on neighboring owners, the community, and the environment, that certain uses are not appropriate within the Township. Without limiting or modifying the foregoing, the following uses are expressly prohibited within all of the Township's zoning districts:

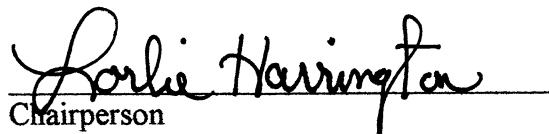
1. Recreational vehicle parks

SECTION 3. Incorporate Amendment. The Clerk is authorized and directed to incorporate this amendment, as well as any previous amendments, into the Thorpe Township Zoning Ordinance, to sign it together with the Chairperson as the official zoning ordinance, and to file the zoning ordinance in the Clerk's office.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on the first day of publication after adoption.

Adopted on the 3rd day of June, 2013.

BY THE TOWN BOARD


Chairperson

Attest: _____
Clerk