



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
May 7, 2026 6:00 PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS
 3. ROLL CALL
 4. PRESENTATIONS
 - A. #SockOutSuicide
 - B. Polar Dash & Splash Donation
 5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS
 6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT
 7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 9. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Communications
 - B. Minutes
 - (1) April 21, 2026 Regular Township Board Meeting
 - (2) April 21, 2026 Closed Session Meeting
 - C. Bills
 - D. AAPI Heritage Month Resolution
 - E. Jewish American Heritage Month Resolution
 - F. Designation of Code Enforcement Officials for Civil Infractions
 - G. Drain Maintenance Funding Authorization Resolutions
 - H. Celebrate Meridian Drone Show Services Agreement
 10. BOARD ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-01: Eyde/Capstone – Hannah Boulevard – Conditional Rezoning – PO, Professional Office, and RAA, One-Family, Low Density Residential, to RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 Dwelling Units per Acre, Subject to a Conditional Rezoning Agreement
 - B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-02: 2936 Jolly Road – Tekchandani Rezoning – C-1, Commercial, to RB, One-Family, High Density Residential
 - C. Ordinance 2026-03-Data Center Moratorium-Introduction
 - D. Ordinance 2026-04-Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium-Introduction
 - E. Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes Legal Services Agreement
 11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Parking Ordinance Update #3
 - B. Tailgaters SDD Resort Liquor License Application
 - C. Chicken Ordinance Update
 12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
 13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
 14. CLOSED SESSION– Motion for the Township Board enter into closed session Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the Township Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with ordinance enforcement litigation involving 5837 Carlton Street now pending in Ingham County District Court, namely case number 25M93588-ON because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township.
 15. ADJOURNMENT
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All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained from the Supervisor. Appointment of Supervisor Pro Tem and/ or Temporary Clerk if necessary. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting: Township Manager Tim Dempsey, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required.

Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall

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May 15,
2026

#SockOut Suicide

Okemos
ACTION

Presented by: Joe Chizick and Autumn Gebara

Wear Bright Socks. Start the Conversation. Save Lives.



MORE INFO: www.sockoutsuicide.com

By participating in #SockOutSuicide, I pledge to:

- Seek help or call 988 if I am having suicidal thoughts.
- Encourage others to seek help from a professional if they are struggling.
- Call 988 or 911 if I think someone is in danger of suicide.

**FRIDAY,
MAY 15,
2026**



Event Partners:





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- Encourage others to seek help from a professional if they are struggling.
- Call 988 or 911 if I think someone is in danger of suicide.

PLEASE REMEMBER: YOU MATTER.
THE WORLD IS BETTER WITH YOU IN IT.
#SOCKOUTSUICIDE



Why is this important?

- There is a huge stigma around mental health and suicide.
 - We want to start those hard conversations early on and prevent the stigma from stopping people from seeking help when they need it!



SAVE THE DATE

**PLAYMAKERS
#SOS FUN RUN**

**#SOCKOUT
SUICIDE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14
5:30-7:15 PM**

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS



SCHULER BOOKS

ASIAN BUFFET

tropical
SMOOTHIE
CAFE



HENRY'S PLACE
NEIGHBORHOOD PUB



LAFONTAINE
AUTOMOTIVE GROUP



DUNKIN'



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MSU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

We appreciate your donations & support!!
WWW.SOCKOUTSUICIDE.COM

What are we asking of you?

- Issue an official proclamation supporting #SockOutSuicide.
- Promote the event on township social media.
- Add the event to township calendars.
- Attend or participate in the 5K (May 14 at 6pm).
- Show public support for mental health awareness and wear your colorful socks on May 15.

Questions?



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**CONSENT AGENDA
BOARD
COMMUNICATIONS**

From: [Okelly, Barbara Ann](#)
To: [Board](#)
Cc: [Tim Dempsey](#); [Dan Opsommer](#); [Courtney Wisinski](#); [Cherie Wisdom](#); [Steve Vagnozzi](#); [Ellen Portnoy](#); [Jean McDonald](#); [Suzanne Leialoha](#); [Sonya Boruszewski](#); [Jane Cheritt](#)
Subject: Comments to Township Board 4-21-26
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 12:40:52 PM

Greetings--

Later this evening you will hear an update on the search for a new Senior Center facility. Unless there has been a development that we're not aware of, the possibility of using the \$5 million grant from the State has been cut off by the new State requirement that any facility using the grant be up and occupied by September 30 of this year.

The Advisory Board of the Senior Center encourages the Township Board to focus now on working with the Okemos and Haslett Schools to find an interim solution—a place where senior center activities can be carried on for about three years while a longer-term solution is developed, perhaps involving a new bond and/or millage. We are making the same request of the Okemos School Board. Based on conversations with Okemos School personnel, we anticipate a need for a temporary home for about three years, starting in May 2028, when we need to vacate our current location in Chippewa Middle School.

We very much hope that our members and Advisory Board will be involved in these discussions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara O'Kelly (she/her)
Co-President, Advisory Board of the Meridian Senior Center

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 20, 2026

CONTACT: Jack Hughes, Project Engineer
517.853.4470 | hughes@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township to Host Annual Spring Recycling Day
Regional Event Returns to Meridian Mall on April 25

Meridian Township, Mich. --Meridian Township will soon host its annual Spring Recycling Day for mid-Michigan residents. This event will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

This annual drive-through event will take place in the shared parking lot between Marketplace on the Green (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos) and High Caliber Karting and Entertainment (1982 West Grand River Avenue, Okemos).

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- **Scrap Metals:** Washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, mowers, and snow blowers
- **Bikes:** Bikes and bike parts
- **Appliances, Small Fridges/Freezers, and Dehumidifiers:** \$10 suggested donation unless you are a Consumers Energy customer
 - Consumers Energy customers can bring a copy of their utility bill and may be eligible for a rebate
- **Document Shredding:** Staples, paperclips, and small spiral binders accepted
- **Latex Paint:** Please keep in the original can, don't mix colors. Can be liquid or dry.
 - \$1 per quart can
 - \$3 per gallon can
 - \$15 per bucket
- **Egg Crates:** Styrofoam, Plastic, and Pulp
- **Styrofoam:** No Packing Peanuts, #4 Foam or Insulation.

UNACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Gasoline, oil, or light bulbs in metal appliances
- X-rays, 3-ring binders, large binder clips, VHS tapes, or CDs
- Oil-based paint or stains

For questions, please contact Project Engineer Jack Hughes at 517.853.4470 or hughes@meridian.mi.us. You can also visit meridian.mi.us/events for more information.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 21, 2026

CONTACT: Angela Demas, Township Clerk
517.853.4304 | demas@meridian.mi.us

May 5 Special Election Information from the Meridian Township Clerk's Office
Meridian Township Residents to Vote on Ingham ISD Bond Proposal

Meridian Township, MI – On Tuesday, May 5, 2026, registered voters in Meridian Township will have the opportunity to vote on the Ingham Intermediate School District (ISD) Bond Proposal. With Election Day approaching, the Meridian Township Clerk's Office would like to remind residents about how they can participate in the May 5 special election.

The full text of the ballot proposal and sample ballots can be viewed online at michigan.gov/vote or in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos).

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Starting today, April 21, all voter registration must be done in person at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office with proof of residency.

Clerk's Office hours can be found below:

- Regular Business Hours: Monday – Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Special Hours: Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Election Day: Tuesday, May 5 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot. Voters may apply online at michigan.gov/vote or at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot in person is **Monday, May 4 at 4:00 pm**, except for those who register to vote on Election Day.

Absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day to be counted. Absentee ballots can be deposited into one of the four Meridian Township drop boxes, mailed to the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, tabulated at the early voting site during the designated period, or tabulated at the polls on Election Day.

Drop Box Locations:

- Meridian Township Municipal Building (Outside) | 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
- Meridian Township Municipal Building (Inside) | 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos
- Haslett Library (Outside Front Entry) | 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett
- Okemos Library (Outside Front Entry) | 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos

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April 21, 2026

CONTACT: Angela Demas, Township Clerk
517.853.4304 | demas@meridian.mi.us

EARLY VOTING

All qualified voters have the option to vote early in person beginning **Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3**. The Early Voting Center will be held in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Township Municipal Building (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos) and is open from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm** on all three days.

Any unreturned absentee ballots can also be tabulated during the early voting period.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Polls will open at 7:00 am on Tuesday, May 5. Polling locations and ballot drop boxes will close at 8:00 pm.

Voters must bring a valid ID to their polling location. Valid IDs on Election Day include a Michigan driver's license or state ID, a driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state, a federal, state, county, or local government-issued photo ID, a U.S. passport, a military ID with photo, a student ID with a photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning, or a tribal ID card with a photo. If voters do not have their ID, they must sign an affidavit before casting their vote.

To find your polling location, visit michigan.gov/vote. A precinct map is also available online at meridian.mi.us/elections. For questions about the special election, please contact the Meridian Township Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 28, 2026

CONTACT: Tom Cary, Market Manager
517.853.4600 | farmersmarket@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Farmers' Market Moves Outdoors for Summer Season
Market to Run Every Saturday from May through November 21

Meridian Township, MI – Starting Saturday, May 2, the Meridian Township Farmers' Market will return outdoors at the Marketplace on the Green Pavilion (1995 Central Park Drive, Okemos).

The market will be open **every Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**, running from **May 2 through November 21**. Each week, the market features 60-70 vendors offering hot, ready-to-eat foods, fresh produce, meats, cheese, eggs, baked goods, breads, flowers, crafts, and much more.

Wednesday market days will begin June 3 and run through October 28, with hours from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Market accepts SNAP, DUFEB, and Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH. Most Farmers' Market vendors accept payment by credit card, but all vendors accept cash.

For the latest vendor information and market updates, visit the Farmers' Market website at www.meridian.mi.us/FarmersMarket. The vendor list is updated weekly and will be available prior to the Saturday markets.

For questions, please contact Market Manager Tom Cary at 517.712.2395 or email farmersmarket@meridian.mi.us.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 29, 2026

CONTACT: Angela Demas, Clerk
517.853.4304 | demas@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Clerk's Office to Begin Early Voting on May 1
Three Consecutive Days of Early Voting Available for May 5 Special Election

Meridian Township, MI – Before the May 5 special election, registered voters in Meridian Township will have the opportunity to vote early at an in-person voting location.

Qualified voters have the option to vote early in person beginning on **Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3**. The Early Voting Center will be held in the Town Hall Room of the Meridian Township Municipal Building (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos) and is open from **9:00 am to 5:00 pm** on all three days.

The Clerk's Office will also be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, to assist residents.

An early voting site operates similarly to a polling location that voters would use on Election Day. Early voters will be issued a ballot to cast their vote and insert it into the tabulator at the early voting site. Anyone voting by absentee ballot can also return it to the early voting site.

To check voter registration status, visit michigan.gov/vote. For questions about the special election, please contact the Meridian Township Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us. Additional information can also be found online at meridian.mi.us/elections.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Variance Request 26-06
1589 Lake Lansing

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE
Variance Request #26-06
1589 Lake Lansing Road
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517.853.4560) to hear all persons interested in a variance request from Mayfair Real Estate LLC. The applicant is proposing to add an outdoor fridge that does not meet the required accessory structure setback from buildings at 1589 Lake Lansing Road. The subject site is zoned C-1, Commercial.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing in the Department of Community Planning and Development office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, 48864), Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, or on the Township's website at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/businesses/development-projects>. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to chapman@meridian.mi.us, or at the public hearing.

Publish: City Pulse Angela Demas
April 29, 2026 Township Clerk

1 Affidavit, please



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Variance Request 26-05
1614 & 1622 Grand River & V/L 25-252-006

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE

Variance Request #26-05
1614 & 1622 Grand River & V/L 25-252-006
Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Meridian will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building, Town Hall Room, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI, 48864 (phone 517.853.4560) to hear all persons interested in a variance request from TG Properties Meridian LLC. The applicant is proposing to exceed the maximum number of vehicle fueling stations at 1614 & 1622 Grand River & V/L 25-252-006. The subject site is zoned C-2, Commercial.

Materials related to the request are available for viewing in the Department of Community Planning and Development office (5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, 48864), Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, or on the Township's website at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/businesses/development-projects>. Written comments may be sent prior to the public hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Charter Township of Meridian, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864, or by email to chapman@meridian.mi.us, or at the public hearing.

Publish: City Pulse Angela Demas
April 29, 2026 Township Clerk

1 Affidavit, please



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Ordinance #26-02

Tekchandani Enterprises - 2936 Jolly Road

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE**

Ordinance #26-02 - Tekchandani Enterprises - 2936 Jolly Road

The Township Board at its regular meeting on April 21, 2026 approved for introduction and subsequent adoption Ordinance #26-02, a request to rezone approximately 0.44 acres of land at 2936 Jolly Road from C-1, Commercial, to RB, One-Family, High Density Residential. The parcel identification number for the parcel to be rezoned is #33-02-02-32-300-013.

Materials related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (517.853.4560) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Publish: **Lansing State Journal**
 April 29, 2026

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

1 Affidavit, please



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: Ordinance #26-01

Capstone Development – Vacant Hannah Boulevard

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance #26-01 – Capstone Development – Vacant Hannah Boulevard

The Township Board at its regular meeting on April 21, 2026 approved for introduction and subsequent adoption Ordinance #26-01, a request to rezone approximately 69.08 acres of vacant land on Hannah Boulevard, immediately to the east and south of 2721 Hannah Boulevard, from RAA, One-Family, Low Density Residential, and PO, Professional Office, to RD, Multiple Family Residential, up to 8 units per acre, subject to a Conditional Rezoning Agreement. The parcel identification number for the parcels to be rezoned are #33-02-02-20-401-005 and #33-02-02-20-327-006.

Materials related to the rezoning request may be examined at the Department of Community Planning and Development, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198 (517.853.4560) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Publish: Lansing State Journal
April 29, 2026

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

1 Affidavit, please



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

LEGAL AD NOTICE: NOTICE OF ELECTION

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

**Meridian Charter Township
Notice of Special Election May 5, 2026**

To the qualified electors of Meridian Township, please take notice that a Special Election will be held in Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026.

For the purpose of voting on the following proposal as listed below:

- **INGHAM INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSAL**

The full text of the ballot proposal and sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote or can be viewed at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the Clerk's Office.

Polls at said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.

Photo Identification OR Affidavit Required to Vote:

Under Michigan law upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court, ALL voters will be asked to show photo identification to vote at the polls. Voters without valid identification will be required to fill out and sign an affidavit in order to receive a ballot.

LIST OF POLLING LOCATIONS:

Pct. 1	St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 8	Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 2	StoryPoint East Lansing, 5968 Park Lake Rd East Lansing, MI 48823	Pct. 9	Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 3	Haslett Community Education, 1590 Franklin St., Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 10	Meridian Service Center, 2100 Gaylord C Smith Ct, Haslett, MI 48840
Pct. 4	Haslett Community Church, 1427 Haslett Rd., Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 11	Okemos Library, 4321 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 5	Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 12	Central Fire Station #91, 5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 6	Red Cedar Church, 550 W. Grand River, Okemos, MI 38864	Pct. 13	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 7	Ingham County Rehab Facility, 3860 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864	Pct. 14	2 42 Community Church 2600 Bennett Rd, Okemos, MI 48864

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Beginning Tuesday, April 21st, anyone who qualifies as an elector must register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations and times:

Meridian Township Clerk
Municipal Building
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Regular Business Hours:
Monday-Friday from 8 am to 5 pm

In addition to regular business hours, the Meridian Township Clerk's Office will be open the following dates and times:

- Saturday May 2, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, May 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To register to vote, check your voter registration information, find your polling location, or view your sample ballot check the Secretary of State Voter Information website at www.mi.gov/vote

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS:

Any registered voter may request an Absent Voter Ballot. The Meridian Township Clerk's Office must have a signed application to issue an Absent Voter Ballot. You may apply online at www.mi.gov/vote or at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

Monday, May 4, 2026, 4:00 pm is the deadline to apply for an absentee voter ballot except for those who register to vote on Election Day. Those registering to vote on Election Day, May 5, 2026, are eligible to receive an Absent Voter Ballot at the Meridian Township Clerk's Office.

EARLY VOTING CENTER:

All qualified electors in the Meridian Township Clerk's Office have the option to vote early in person, beginning Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd, 2026. The Early Voting Center will be open from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and is located at:

**Meridian Township Town Hall Room Municipal Building
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864**

**Angela Demas
Township Clerk**



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 30, 2026

CONTACT: Angela Demas, Clerk
517.853.4304 | demas@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township Precinct Changes Reminder

Residents Encouraged to Verify Polling Locations Prior to May 5 Election

Meridian Township, MI – As the May 5 special election approaches, the Meridian Township Clerk's Office reminds residents to be aware of recent changes to polling locations and precinct numbers.

In 2026, Meridian Township reorganized and consolidated precincts from 22 to 14. As a result, some voters may have new polling locations or precinct numbers.

See below for the updated list of precincts and polling locations:

Pct. 1	St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett, MI 48840	Pct. 8	Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
Pct. 2	StoryPoint East Lansing, 5968 Park Lake Rd East Lansing, MI 48823	Pct. 9	Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos, MI 48864
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A detailed map is available online at the link below:

- [2026 Voting Precincts and Polling Locations Map](#)

To check voter registration status, visit michigan.gov/vote. For questions, please contact the Meridian Township Clerk's Office at 517.853.4300 or clerksoffice@meridian.mi.us. Additional information can also be found online at meridian.mi.us/elections.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY

ELECTION NOTICE

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

**Meridian Charter Township
Election Notice**

In compliance with MCL 168.720j, the Precinct Canvass of Early Votes for the Charter Township of Meridian will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 8:00 pm, in the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

Date: Tuesday May 5, 2026

Time: 8:00 pm

**Location: Meridian Township Municipal Building
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864**

**Angela Demas
Township Clerk**

From: [Karen Fraser](#)
To: [Board](#)
Subject: Safety Concern
Date: Friday, May 1, 2026 12:56:07 PM

I am quite aware that the County is responsible for Grand River, but this should be a concern to you as well.

Traveling east today and pulled into the turn lane to make a left into McDonald's. The recent addition of the very wide yellow posts makes visibility of oncoming traffic nearly impossible. I would encourage someone to check it out. It's only a matter of time before there is an accident.

Thank you

Karen Fraser
Resident

Sent from my iPhone



9.B

**CONSENT AGENDA
PROPOSED BOARD MINUTES**

PROPOSED MOTION:

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026 and Closed Session Meeting of April 21, 2026 as submitted.(1)**

ALTERNATE MOTION:

- (1) Move to approve and ratify the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026 and Closed Session Meeting of April 21, 2026 with the following amendment(s):[insert amendments]**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
REGULAR MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD **-DRAFT-**
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, April 21, 2026, 6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager and Public Works Director Opsommer, I.T. Director Gebes, Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Clark, Finance Director Blonde, Parks & Recreation Director Wisinski

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the April 21, 2026, Regular Township Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll. All Board Members present.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Youth Commission Overview-Autumn Gebara, Chair and Finn Reagan, Vice-Chair

Chair Gebara and Vice-Chair Reagan presented updates on the Youth Commission.

B. Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement – Bernadette Blonde, Finance Director.

Director Blonde gave a presentation on the GFOA Certificate of Achievement.

5. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 6:13 pm.

Josh Nahum and Barbara O’Kelly spoke about item 11 A.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 6:17 pm.

6. TOWNSHIP MANAGER REPORT

Manager Dempsey spoke on the following:

- Thanked Director Blonde, Director Schmitt and staff for the GFOA audit award.
- All local roads in the Township that were closed due to flooding are now reopened. Thanked Ingham County Road Department for their response.
- Received a \$10,000 grant from the DALMAC Fund for the Nancy Moore Park trailhead development.
- The Prime Meridian magazine was mailed to residents. An online version is available on the Township website.
- The first of three Township Board listening sessions is Tuesday, May 12 at 6 pm at 2|42 Community Center. The other two sessions are July 28 at Central Park Pavilion and October 27 at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Burghardt attended the Capital Area Treasurer meeting. She will be out of the office next week attending the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association Conference.

Clerk Demas informed the Board that the Public Logic and Accuracy Testing of election equipment will be done on April 24 at 2:00 pm in the Town Hall room and provided information about the May 5, 2026 Special Election voter registration, and open office hours.

Trustee Wilson spoke about Boy Scout Troop 125 put down mulch over the Market Place on the Green.

Trustee Lentz announced the Foundation for Haslet Schools is hosting a Blue and Gold 5K on May 9, 2026 to support funding for students. Thanked the Land Steward program for the Vernal Pool Discovery Walk on April 11th and thanked Manager Dempsey and Director Clark for providing information on Redevelopment Ready Communities.

8. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Supervisor Hendrickson listed the consent agenda items.

Closed session minutes were provided to Board members for review.

Treasurer Burghardt moved the consent agenda. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

10. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. First Quarter Budget Amendments

Director Blonde gave a update on the first quarter budget amendments.

Board discussion occurred which included questions about the Local Road Fund.

Trustee Lentz moved to approve the First Quarter 2026 budget amendments with a decrease in budgeted fund balance for the general fund in the amount of \$61,482 which projects a decrease in year-end fund balance of \$393,254. Based on 2025 results, the projected fund balance at December 31, 2026, will be \$15,117,662. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

B. Legal Services Proposals

Township Manager Dempsey gave an overview of the legal services proposals.

Board discussion occurred which included price differences between the legal services and overall benefits.

The Board concurred in continuing with the Township's current legal services.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the motion to select Fahey, Schultz, Burzych and Rhodes as the Township's Legal counsel and authorize the Supervisor and Township Manager to negotiate the terms of the engagement agreement. Supported by Trustee Trezise.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

11. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Senior Center Update

Township Manager Dempsey gave an update on the grant for the Senior Center and the overall project.

Board discussion occurred which included how to proceed with returning the grant money and the future of a new Senior Center.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Hendrickson opened public comment at 7:04 pm.

The opportunity to speak was provided to the public.

Supervisor Hendrickson closed public comment at 7:04 pm.

13. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Trezise moved to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) to discuss the Township's purchase or lease of property. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

At 7:05 pm, the Board entered closed session.

At 7:29 pm, the Board returned to open session.

Trustee Trezise moved to authorize township staff to negotiate with the seller's agent to acquire the parcels discussed in closed session up to the amount discussed in closed session and authorize the township manager to sign the conditional offer on behalf of the township. Supported by Trustee Wilson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

15. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Burghardt moved to adjourn. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE **YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson.**

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor

Angela Demas
Township Clerk



To: Board Members
From: Bernadette Blonde, Finance Director
Date: May 7 , 2027

**Charter Township of Meridian
Board Meeting
5/7/2026**

MOVE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP INVOICES/EXPENSES AS FOLLOWS:

COMMON CASH	\$	495,530.82
PUBLIC WORKS	\$	710,621.03
TRUST & AGENCY		
TOTAL CHECKS:	\$	1,206,151.85
CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS 4/17/2026 to 4/30/2026	\$	11,899.80
TOTAL PURCHASES:	\$	<u>1,218,051.65</u>
ACH PAYMENTS	\$	<u>1,292,396.49</u>

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Vendor Name	Description	Amount
1. A T & T		
	APR 7 - MAY 6 2026 - INTERNET F2 327774829	149.00
	APR 7 - MAY 6 2026 - INTERNET P1 327774999	195.25
	APR 9 - MAY 8 2026 - INTERNET F1 327775054	195.25
	APR 15 - MAY 14 2026 - INTERNET S1 327950862	205.24
	TOTAL	744.74
2. ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC		
	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES	1,707.58
3. ALLEGRA PRINT & IMAGING		
	2026 PRIME MERIDIAN MAGAZINE PRINTING	10,389.59
	2026 PRIME MERIDIAN MAGAZINE PRINTING	704.00
	TOTAL	11,093.59
4. ANGELA DEMAS		
	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MAMC	71.00
5. ANGELA MOTZ		
	FARMERS MARKET	36.00
6. ASAP PRINTING		
	BUSINESS CARDS P. SKIVER	45.86
	BUSINESS CARDS STEVE GERHART	40.86
	TOTAL	86.72
7. AT & T		
	APR 7 - MAY 6 2026 - TELEPHONE + INTERNET M1 831001	836.07
	APR 7 - MAY 6 2026 - TELEPHONE + INTERNET M1 831001	1,136.83
	MAR 11 - APR 10 2026 - INTERNET ASE 8310008214218	3,763.02
	TOTAL	5,735.92
8. AT & T MOBILITY		
	APR 5 - MAY 4 2026 - WIRELESS 287252740666 517.332.	33.84
	MAR 7 - APR 6 2026 - FIRSTNET 287312082574 517.575.	75.48
	TOTAL	109.32
9. AUTO VALUE OF EAST LANSING		
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	15.27
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	54.12
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	3.69
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	24.79
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	60.88
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	95.92
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	142.68
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	119.94
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	150.00
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	150.00
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	25.18
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	2.93
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	103.47
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	704.98
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	74.70
	MOTOR POOL - FLEET REPAIR PARTS 2026 - 1ST PO	127.98
	TOTAL	1,856.53
10. AVI SYSTEMS INC		
	CONTROL ROOM EMERGENCY REPAIR	750.00
11. BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN		
	2026 BCBS PPO RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE	1,608.27
12. BOARD OF WATER & LIGHT		
	2026 BWL STREETLIGHT SERVICE	896.51
13. BOUNDTREE MEDICAL		
	MISC MEDICAL SUPPLIES/AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	527.30
14. BOYNTON FIRE SAFETY SERVICE		
	BUILDINGS - C FIRE - FIRE ALARM REPAIRS	160.00

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
15. BRD PRINTING, INC	MAY LISTENING SESSION POSTCARD PRINTING	762.58
	2026 FARMERS' MARKET YARD SIGNS	799.41
	TOTAL	1,561.99
16. BRIGHTLINE TECHNOLOGIES	APRIL 2026 - OFFSITE REPLICATION AGREEMENT	4,070.00
17. BS&A SOFTWARE	BUILDING ONLINE PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS 1/6/	1,107.00
18. BSN SPORTS	2026 YOUTH BASEBALL PANTS	341.99
	2026 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL - MAC WOOD FILLED IN GROUND	104.00
	TOTAL	445.99
19. CAITLIN THOMAS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE PAYMENT OF PARAMEDIC SCH	1,500.00
20. CDW	FORD 2026 F-150 RESPONDER KEYBOARD	229.64
21. CGS SAFETY TRAINING INC	OSHA COMPLIANCE AND OVERHEAD CRAIN TRAINING FOR DPW	640.92
22. CHICKADEE GOATMILK SOAP	FARM MARKET VENDOR	9.00
23. CINTAS CORPORATION #725	MECHANICS UNIFORM RENTAL	54.89
	MECHANICS UNIFORM RENTAL	54.89
	FIRST AID KIT RESTOCK - MUNI BLDG	88.57
	FIRST AID KIT RESTOCK - POLICE DEPT	156.19
	FIRST AID KIT RESTOCK - SERVICE CENTER	119.45
	FIRST AID KIT RESTOCK - HSF	7.53
	TOTAL	481.52
24. CITY OF EAST LANSING	1.1.26 TO 3.31.26 - MEP PERMIT REVENUE TO CITY OF E.	66,187.83
25. CITY PULSE	TWP NOTICES	480.63
	TWP NOTICES	398.86
	TWP NOTICES	296.00
	TWP NOTICES	111.00
	TWP NOTICES	604.58
	TOTAL	1,891.07
26. COMCAST	MAY 2026 - INTERNET + TV M1 8529114160156422	809.82
	APR 29 - MAY 28 2026 - TELEPHONE + INTERNET S2 8529	509.43
	APR 29 - MAY 28 2026 - TV P1 8529114160257253	44.85
	APR 19 - MAY 18 2026 - INTERNET SCADA 8529114160296	371.90
	TOTAL	1,736.00
27. COMCAST	APR 14 - MAY 13 2026 - INTERNET + TV HOMTV 85290100	504.45
28. CONSUMERS ENERGY	UTILITY ASSISTANCE 1030-3330-0478	215.22
	UTILITY ASSISTANCE 1001-0574-1761	290.71
	TOTAL	505.93
29. DAVID BORNEMAN, LLC	DAVIS FOSTER SPRING 2026 PRESCRIBED BURN PROPOSAL -	450.00
30. DBA BLUELOGIC TRAINING	ONLINE TRAINING PLATFORM	2,082.80
31. DOMINIQUE HOUSE	DEPOSIT FOR PERFORMANCE	150.00
32. DUO-GARD INDUSTRIES INC	8'X15' SHELTER FOR SMALL DOG PARK - 50% DEPOSIT	6,672.13

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33. EGIS BLN USA INC	2026 APPRAISAL FOR LIVERANCE ST PROPERTY ACQUISITIO	9,900.00
34. EMMA CAMPBELL	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT MARCH AND APRIL 2026	65.68
35. FIRE SERVICE MANAGEMENT	WORK ORDER 29865 (FIRE GEAR REPAIR AND CLEANING - 6	1,579.50
36. FISHBECK, THOMPSON, CARR & HUBER	5837 CARLTON- FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THRU MARCH	205.00
	HOSKINS DRAIN WUP-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR MARCH 2	3,830.00
	WDV#26008 1025 W GRAND RIVER-FOR PROFESSIONAL SERV	615.00
	TOTAL	4,650.00
37. FLEETPRIDE INC	MP - FIRE - 140	3,171.84
38. FORESIGHT GROUP	WATER BILLS AND POSTAGE FOR 2026	638.58
	WATER BILLS AND POSTAGE FOR 2026	1,912.04
	TOTAL	2,550.62
39. FOSSIL INDUSTRIES	REPLACEMENT FROG INTERPRETIVE SIGN FOR CENTRAL PARK	361.00
40. GREAT LAKES BREATHING AIR	CASCADE COMPRESSOR SERVICE AND REPAIR	1,361.85
41. HAMMOND FARMS	2026 BLANKET PO - PARKS AND PATHWAY MAINTENANCE SU	167.50
	2026 BLANKET PO - PARKS AND PATHWAY MAINTENANCE SU	134.00
	2026 BLANKET PO - PARKS AND PATHWAY MAINTENANCE SU	107.00
	TOTAL	408.50
42. HANNAH PACHUCKI	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT JANUARY 2026 - APRIL 2026	105.56
43. HASLETT COMMUNITY EDUCATION	2026 HYRA BASKETBALL - PERMIT NO R3542, R3544, R354	6,142.50
44. INGHAM COUNTY TREASURER	BOR/MTT CHANGE ORDERS FOR PRIOR YEAR TAX ROLLS	196.09
45. JESALEE JONES	DENIED PERMIT APP REQUEST PB26-0248	80.00
46. KCI	13 METER MAIL LETTERS - ELECTIONS	9.57
47. KELLER THOMA	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING GENERAL MATTERS	345.00
48. KIWANIS CLUB OF HASLETT-OKEMOS	2026 FLAGS OVER MERIDIAN AT PARKS	1,000.00
49. LAFONTAINE CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM	DAMAGE TO A PRIVATE VEHICLE THAT WAS HIT BY A TWP V	3,678.18
50. LAFONTAINE FORD OF LANSING	MP - POLICE - 715	32.16
	MP - POLICE 720	251.51
	TOTAL	283.67
51. LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SERVICES FOR JAN 2026	26.38
	SERVICES FOR FEB 2026	43.17
	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	88.54
	TOTAL	158.09
52. LANSING UNIFORM COMPANY	DUTY BELT ACCUMOLD NYLON	59.95
	BOOTS FOR VELASQUEZ	179.95
	FIRE UNIFORMS (M WEBER, HARRISON)	381.75
	TOTAL	621.65
53. LANSING WELDING INC	MP - PARKS - 659	348.00

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Vendor Name	Description	Amount
54. LEAK PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT INC	MP - TOOLS - OIL CART USED FOR SERVICES WAS LEAKIN	1,141.35
55. LOPEZ CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION	CONCRETE SPOT REPAIR 2026	144,262.55
56. LORIEN'S BLENDS	FARMERS MARKET	6.00
57. MABA	**CHECK REQUEST ASAP** FEB 2026-FEB 2027 MEMBERSHI	150.00
58. MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	2026 LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	4,647.01
59. MANNIK AND SMITH GROUP INC	MERIDIAN TWP PARKS MASTER PLAN	618.50
60. MATSON'S LABORATORY, LLC	2026 DEER MANAGEMENT - CEMENTUM AGE ANALYSIS OF DE	456.65
61. MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP RETAINAGE	CONCRETE SPOT REPAIR 2026	16,029.17
	2026 LOCAL STREET CRUSHING AND RESURFACING CONTRACT	2,300.00
	TOTAL	18,329.17
62. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE	REGISTRATION FEE FOR COURSE: AT-SCENE TRAFFIC CRASH	1,000.00
63. M-K CONSTRUCTION CO INC	AMERICAN HOUSE PATHWAY - SHEET PILE & BOARDWALK CON	54,868.76
64. MORRELL MANUFACTURING	DEER MANAGEMENT OUTDOOR RANGE XXL FIELD POINT ARCHE	1,499.95
65. MORRIES OKEMOS FORD	MP - POLICE - 715	296.64
66. MY GREEN MICHIGAN LLC	COMPOST SERVICE AT MARKETPLACE APRIL 2026	177.00
67. NORTHSIDE SERVICE	MP - FIRE - 663	380.00
68. ON DEMAND MOSQUITO MAN INC	2026 - MOSQUITO TREATMENTS FOR PARKS AND BUILDINGS/	1,535.00
69. OREILLY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	MP - FIRE - 663	7.01
	MP - BUILDINGS - 612	340.68
	TOTAL	347.69
70. ORKIN, 551-LANSING, MI	BUILDINGS - MUNI - PEST CONTROL	184.03
	BUILDINGS - SC - PEST CONTROL	144.83
	BUILDINGS - MUNI - PEST CONTROL	184.03
	BUILDINGS - MUNI - PEST CONTROL	144.83
	TOTAL	657.72
71. O-SUN COMPANY	BLACK SILICONE BOOT POLISH	58.07
72. PINCHIN, LLC	HAMILTON ROAD- PHASE I ENVIROMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT	2,500.00
73. PLANTE & MORAN, PLLC	FINANCIAL/ACCOUNTING ENGAGEMMENT	537.50
74. POSTMASTER	MAY 2026 LISTENING SESSION POSTCARD POSTAGE	1,523.64
75. PRINTING SYSTEMS INC	VOTER ID POSTCARD POSTAGE	5,069.96
	VOTER INFO CARDS	315.62
	VOTER INFO CARDS	3,077.08
	VOTER INFO CARD STOCK	801.70
	TOTAL	9,264.36
76. PRO-COMM INC	RADIO REPAIR AT DEPOT (SN 756CWK4488) & RELATED PIC	728.00
	RADIO REPAIR AT DEPOT (SN 756CWK4616) & RELATED PIC	730.00
	TOTAL	1,458.00

Vendor Name	Description	Amount
77. PROGRESSIVE AE	2026 LAKE LANSING SAD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRAC	3,080.00
78. PRO-TECH MECHANICAL SERVICES	BUILDINGS - C FIRE - DUCT SENSOR ISSUES	380.00
79. PRO-TECH SECURITY SALES	OFFICER ITEMS	1,718.00
	GAS MASKS	3,270.00
	TOTAL	4,988.00
80. PURITY CYLINDER GASES INC	STANDING PO FOR MEDICAL OXYGEN (INCLUDING CYLINDER	173.44
81. QUALITY TIRE INC	MP - STOCK	572.00
	MOTOR POOL TIRES - 2026 1ST PO	1,144.00
	MOTOR POOL TIRES - 2026 1ST PO	1,820.68
	TOTAL	3,536.68
82. REDWOOD LANDSCAPING	MUNI COMPLEX SIGN BED SPRING CLEANUP	500.00
	NORTH & SOUTH WELCOME SIGN BED SPRING CLEANUP	500.00
	DITCH CLEANOUT AND RESTORATION - 4400-4412 TACOMA B	1,180.00
	TOTAL	2,180.00
83. RIETH-RILEY CONSTRUCTION CO INC	2026 LOCAL STREET CRUSHING AND RESURFACING CONTRACT	20,700.00
84. SECMAA	TRAINING	50.00
85. SPALDING DEDECKER ASSOCIATES	HASLETT ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY - PHASE I	13,225.00
86. ST MARTHA CONFERENCE OF	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	850.00
	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	750.00
	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	500.00
	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	750.00
	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	712.00
	TOTAL	3,562.00
87. STATE SPRING ALIGNMENT & BRAKE	MP - WATER - 24	2,422.50
88. SUPREME SANITATION	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR PARKS IN 2026	90.00
	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR PARKS IN 2026	90.00
	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR PARKS IN 2026	90.00
	PORTABLE TOILETS FOR PARKS IN 2026	90.00
	TOTAL	360.00
89. THE HARKNESS LAW FIRM PLLC	PROSECUTING SERVICES CONTRACT 2026	8,002.84
90. USA TODAY MEDICA CORP	FARMERS MARKET ADS IN MARCH LANSING STATE JOURNAL	375.00
91. VDA INC.	2026 ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION ENGINEERING CONTRACT	1,440.00
92. VEIT, LLC	COPIER USAGE	540.48
93. VERIZON CONNECT	MARCH 2026 - VEHICLE DATA 100000198152	1,435.50
94. VRC COMPANIES LLC	PAPER SHREDDING & DATA DESTRUCTION	63.20
95. WATER'S EDGE DOCK & BOAT HOIST MMXI	2026 HARRIS NATURE CENTER KAYAK LAUNCH DOWN PAYMENT	30,673.57
TOTAL - ALL VENDORS		495,530.82

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Vendor Name	Description	Amount
1. BENEICKE GROUP	UB refund for account: BIRO-003054-0000-	218.00
2. BLACKBURN MFG CO	PINK & BLUE PAINT FOR MARKING WTR LNS & SDWLK FOR R	664.30
3. CGS SAFETY TRAINING INC	OSHA COMPLIANCE AND OVERHEAD CRAIN TRAINING FOR DPW	769.08
4. CORE & MAIN LP	SEWER - MAGGIE MEGNETIC LOCATORS	2,300.00
	WATER - PIPE SCRAPER FOR WATER MAIN	49.61
	TOTAL	2,349.61
5. CUMMINS INC	SEWER - FOREST HILLS LIFT STATION GENERATOR	28,951.87
6. E T MACKENZIE CO	2026 FOREST HILLS LIFT STATION AND WHITEHILLS LIFT	557,063.64
7. FERGUSON WATERWORKS #3386	WATER - 6 FT ANTENNAS	242.80
	WATER - STOCK SUPPLIES	301.80
	WATER - THRUST BLOCKS FOR HYDRANTS	437.16
	TOTAL	981.76
8. LEAVITT & STARCK EXCAVATING INC	2026 TIMBERLANE AND ROSELAND WATERMAIN PROJECT	66,751.61
9. LUKE LANDSCAPE COMPANY	GRASS RESTORATION AT 2143 WHITE OWL WAY - SANITARY	2,923.50
10. MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO	2026 LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	686.60
11. MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP RETAINAGE	2026 FOREST HILLS LIFT STATION AND WHITEHILLS LIFT	39,614.86
	2026 TIMBERLANE AND ROSELAND WATERMAIN PROJECT	7,416.84
	TOTAL	47,031.70
12. OLGER BROTHERS SAND & GRAVEL	WATER - SAND , GRAVEL & TOPSOIL 2026	1,322.36
	WATER - SAND , GRAVEL & TOPSOIL 2026	883.00
	TOTAL	2,205.36
13. REMAX REAL ESATE PROS	UB refund for account: LKLA-003190-0000-	24.00
TOTAL - ALL VENDORS		710,621.03

Transaction Date	Account Name	Transaction Amount	Transaction Merchant Name
2026/04/17	ROBERT STACY	\$3.49	MEIJER STORE #025
2026/04/19	MICHAEL HAMEL	\$144.07	AMAZON MKTPL*B78C65WX0
2026/04/24	MICHAEL HAMEL	\$51.25	AMAZON MKTPL*BJ4601PO2
2026/04/30	MICHAEL HAMEL	\$17.99	PANERA BREAD #608017 O
2026/04/28	KYLE FOGG	\$35.94	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/28	KYLE FOGG	\$263.28	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/27	JACOB FLANNERY	\$246.50	HAMMERSMITH GR
2026/04/27	JACOB FLANNERY	\$18.99	AUTO VALUE 244 EAST LANSI
2026/04/28	JACOB FLANNERY	\$51.48	OFFICEMAX/OFFICEDEPT#3379
2026/04/18	ASHLEY WINSTEAD	\$192.02	AMAZON MARK* B76YR4KH0
2026/04/21	ASHLEY WINSTEAD	\$471.37	COSTAR GROUP INC
2026/04/20	BRIAN PENNELL	\$349.00	PAYPAL *EASY IC
2026/04/17	COURTNEY WISINSKI	(\$137.81)	GO! CALENDARS,GAMES,BOOKS
2026/04/20	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$147.56	SMARTSIGN
2026/04/21	COURTNEY WISINSKI	(\$8.35)	SMARTSIGN
2026/04/21	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$65.04	QUALITY DAIRY#31
2026/04/21	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$5.18	QUALITY DAIRY#31
2026/04/22	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$100.00	STATE MI DLEG LIQUOR LIC
2026/04/23	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$23.97	AMAZON MKTPL*BS0705LW1
2026/04/23	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$322.41	AMAZON MKTPL*BS79C43D1
2026/04/22	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$109.00	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/22	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$25.98	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/25	COURTNEY WISINSKI	(\$1.40)	MEIJER STORE #025
2026/04/25	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$58.46	MARCOS PIZZA 1235
2026/04/25	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$61.03	MEIJER STORE #025
2026/04/27	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$95.92	COSTCO WHSE#1277
2026/04/29	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$4.24	WAL-MART #2866
2026/04/28	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$80.00	MPARKS
2026/04/28	COURTNEY WISINSKI	\$224.85	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/22	KATIE LOVE	\$213.71	CONSUMER ENERGY
2026/04/22	TAVIS MILLEROV	\$250.00	MI PERMIT LIC PLAN REV
2026/04/29	JUSTIN C CAROEN	\$153.99	MIDWEST POWER EQUIPMENT
2026/04/22	DERRICK BOBB	\$40.88	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/23	DERRICK BOBB	\$174.09	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/27	DERRICK BOBB	\$201.70	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/20	SAMANTHA WEBER	\$49.92	COMPLETE BATTERY SOURCE
2026/04/20	SAMANTHA WEBER	\$26.98	MEIJER STORE #025
2026/04/21	SAMANTHA WEBER	\$304.99	HOMEDEPOT.COM
2026/04/24	SAMANTHA WEBER	\$27.96	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/19	STEPHEN GEBES	\$481.85	ZOOM.COM 888-799-9666
2026/04/20	STEPHEN GEBES	\$300.00	SQ *MAC MEN COMPUTER & PH
2026/04/22	STEPHEN GEBES	\$9.99	ZAGG - ECOM
2026/04/22	STEPHEN GEBES	\$239.98	DNH*GODADDY
2026/04/23	RICHARD GRILLO	\$82.99	GOOGLE *YOUTUBE TV
2026/04/24	KEITH HEWITT	(\$6.94)	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/24	KEITH HEWITT	\$62.88	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/24	KEITH HEWITT	\$0.57	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/28	KEITH HEWITT	\$34.46	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/28	KEITH HEWITT	\$28.03	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/19	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$19.99	USAT MEDIA CO
2026/04/19	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$24.99	USAT MEDIA CO
2026/04/24	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$75.09	THE PAPER MILL STORE INC
2026/04/24	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$150.00	MS CAREERS
2026/04/26	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$481.45	AMAZON MKTPL*BY8W34Y90

2026/04/26	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$44.97	AMAZON MKTPL*BS92S85K1
2026/04/26	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$582.75	COMFORT INNS
2026/04/28	MICHELLE PRINZ	\$62.69	MEIJER STORE #025
2026/04/19	CATHERINE ADAMS	\$67.06	AMAZON MKTPL*BS8040SG2
2026/04/21	CATHERINE ADAMS	\$69.28	TOP HAT CRICKET FARM INC
2026/04/27	CATHERINE ADAMS	\$50.42	AMAZON MKTPL*BS3275DK1
2026/04/28	CATHERINE ADAMS	\$35.00	USA ARCHER* USA ARCHER
2026/04/20	ED BESONEN	\$1,397.00	EFCOMBATIVES
2026/04/23	ED BESONEN	\$15.90	COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
2026/04/23	ED BESONEN	\$136.20	COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
2026/04/28	ED BESONEN	\$12.00	TACTACAM
2026/04/28	ED BESONEN	\$4.00	TACTACAM
2026/04/28	ED BESONEN	\$13.00	TACTACAM
2026/04/28	ED BESONEN	\$3.00	TACTACAM
2026/04/28	ED BESONEN	\$2.00	TACTACAM
2026/04/28	ED BESONEN	\$11.99	TACTACAM
2026/04/23	BART CRANE	\$203.12	COMCAST / XFINITY
2026/04/25	DANIEL OPSOMMER	\$376.25	TITANHQ
2026/04/24	DANIEL OPSOMMER	\$366.24	RAMADA INNS
2026/04/24	DANIEL OPSOMMER	(\$19.62)	RAMADA INNS
2026/04/17	ALLISON GOODMAN	\$20.99	FEEDERS SUPPLY COMPANY #4
2026/04/29	ALLISON GOODMAN	\$22.46	MEIJER STORE #253
2026/04/27	ROBERT MACKENZIE	\$49.99	AMAZON MKTPL*BS5OI0KO1
2026/04/17	CURT SQUIRES	\$100.00	A1 DETAILING & CUSTOMS
2026/04/17	SAMANTHA DIEHL	\$45.72	WAL-MART #2866
2026/04/23	SAMANTHA DIEHL	\$120.00	CALENDLY
2026/04/23	SAMANTHA DIEHL	\$200.00	IN *AMY ROMBACK
2026/04/24	SAMANTHA DIEHL	\$515.00	IN *LANSING MOM
2026/04/27	SAMANTHA DIEHL	\$11.83	WAL-MART #2866
2026/04/20	TIMOTHY SCHMITT	\$100.00	PSI EXAMS
2026/04/20	TIMOTHY SCHMITT	\$100.00	PSI EXAMS
2026/04/23	TIMOTHY SCHMITT	\$19.95	INT'L CODE COUNCIL INC
2026/04/28	TIMOTHY SCHMITT	\$39.00	INT'L CODE COUNCIL INC
2026/04/24	LAWRENCE BOBB	\$351.77	FERGUSON ENT, INC 934
2026/04/28	LAWRENCE BOBB	\$220.68	FERGUSON ENT, INC 934
2026/04/27	LAWRENCE BOBB	\$75.45	THE HOME DEPOT #2723
2026/04/28	LAWRENCE BOBB	\$22.70	THE HOME DEPOT #2723

Total

\$11,899.80

ACH Transactions
4/18/2026 to 4/30/2026

Date	Payee	Amount	Purpose
4/22/2026	MCT Utilities	\$ 323.37	Water/Sewer Utility Transactions
4/28/2026	IRS	\$ 132,828.70	Payroll Taxes 5/1
4/28/2026	Various Financial Institutions	\$ 377,571.78	Payroll Deductions 5/1
4/22/2026	Blue Care Network	\$ 123,823.76	Employee Health Insurance
4/29/2029	Blue Care Network	\$ 33,093.38	Employee Health Insurance
4/20/2026	State of Michigan	\$ 20,643.57	Payroll Taxes 5/1
4/20/2026	MERS	\$ 125,000.00	Employee Retirement
4/21/2026	MERS	\$ 420,681.70	Employee Retirement
4/30/2026	State of Michigan	\$ 20,598.66	Payroll Taxes 4/21
4/30/2026	Consumers	\$ 37,831.57	Gas/Electric Utility Transactions
	Total ACH Payments	\$ 1,292,396.49	



9. D

To: Board Members
From: Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor
Date: May 1, 2026
Re: Resolution Celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Month

Meridian Township is proud to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May, and commemorate the essential contributions, sacrifices, and accomplishments that Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made to the Township.

A motion is prepared for Board consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH.

Attachment:

1. Resolution Celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Month

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864-1198, (517) 853-4000 on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____

and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month is observed during the month of May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Meridian contains a diverse population that includes a significant number of residents who are of Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders of all backgrounds have set inspiring examples as leaders and trailblazers, united by a common hope for civil rights, equal treatment, and a better tomorrow for all Meridian residents; and

WHEREAS, members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in Meridian Charter Township have made significant economic, social, and cultural contributions to the township, and are weaved into the fabric of the township’s history and development; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made valuable contributions to all areas of life in Meridian, including government, business, arts and sciences, medicine, education, law enforcement, and the military; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of Asian American and Pacific Islander men and women, our community celebrates the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Charter Township is committed to providing comprehensive support to ensure that Meridian is equitable and welcoming to all people; and

WHEREAS, Meridian Charter Township is proud to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and commemorate the essential contributions, sacrifices,



9. E

To: Board Members
From: Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor
Date: May 1, 2026
Re: Resolution Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month

Meridian Township is proud to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month in May and celebrate the profound historical and cultural contributions that Jewish Americans have made to the Township.

A motion is prepared for Board consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

Attachment:

1. Resolution Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 7th day of May 2026, at 6:00 pm local time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____

WHEREAS, Jewish immigrants to America, ever since their first arrival to our shores in the 16th century, have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were vital sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States, the Civil Rights movement, America's global leadership in the cause of freedom, Americans' commitment to social justice, and many of our Country's most central tenets; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Jewish Committee, almost 70 percent of Jewish adults report experiencing antisemitism online, including on social media; and

WHEREAS, one of the most effective ways to combat antisemitism and hate is through education and awareness of the contributions Jewish Americans have made to the United States through the arts, entertainment, science and technology, military, government, business, culinary traditions, and other fields; and

WHEREAS, there are many Jewish American inventors that have impacted the everyday lives of Americans for the better; and

WHEREAS, Irving Naxon invented and patented the slow cooker, Sylvan Goldman invented the shopping cart, Ruth Handler founded the toy company Mattel and invented the Barbie doll, Emile Berliner invented the gramophone record and the microphone that became part of the first Bell telephone, Edwin Land invented the Polaroid instant camera, and Hedy Lamarr invented the concept of "frequency hopping" which made possible a wide range of wireless communications technologies, including Wi-Fi, GPS, and Bluetooth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, that Meridian Township shall proclaim the month of May 2026, as Jewish American Heritage Month. Meridian Township pledges to counter the rise of antisemitism and take all possible steps to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of American Jews in all aspects of their lives, including the workplace, college and university campuses, synagogues, and at home.

ADOPTED: YEAS:
 NAYS:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 7th day of May 2026.

Angela Demas, Clerk
Charter Township of Meridian



To: Township Board Members

From: Timothy R. Schmitt, *AICP*
Director of Community Planning and Development

Date: May 1, 2026

Re: Designation of Code Enforcement Officials for Civil Infractions

Chapter 2, Article V of the Township Code of Ordinances establishes the procedure for writing municipal civil infractions for violations of the Township's Ordinances. That article outlines specific persons who are authorized to write civil infractions. After several title and personnel changes, and discussing the matter with the Township attorneys, it was determined that a Resolution should be adopted by the Board, outlining the persons that are designated as code enforcement officials. This is easier than amending the ordinance every time a title or person changes and has the necessary effect of authorizing who can write infractions.

The attached resolution specifically would do the following:

- Designated the Director of Community Planning and Development as a code enforcement official
- Update the titles of the property compliance officer (formerly rental housing inspector and code enforcement officer) and Chief Building Official (formerly Chief Building Inspector) to clarify that they are code enforcement officials as well

Move to adopt the resolution designating the Code Enforcement Officers for Meridian Township.

Attachment:

1. Resolution Appointing Code Enforcement Officers

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
RESOLUTION APPOINTING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

At a meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 on 7th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

WHEREAS, the Township Board may designate officials or individuals as Code Enforcement Officers; and

WHEREAS, a Code Enforcement Officer is an Authorized Township Official who may issue civil infraction citations; Township Code of Ordinances, §§ 2-53, 2-106, 86-36, 86-37; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the individuals and officials identified below possess the necessary qualifications and can satisfactorily perform the duties attendant to the position of Code Enforcement Officer as described in the Township ordinances.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Appointment of Ordinance Enforcement Officer(s):** The Director of Community Planning and Development, and his or her successors, the Chief Building Official, and his or her successors, the Township's Property Compliance Officers, and his or her successors and any other employee outlined in Section 2-106 of the Code of Ordinances are hereby appointed as Code Enforcement Officers and Authorized Township Officials as set forth in the Township Code of Ordinances and authorized to investigate violations and issue municipal civil infraction violation notices, municipal civil infraction citations, and appearance tickets with respect to Township ordinances.
2. **Term of Appointment:** Appointment as a Code Enforcement Officer and authorization to issue notices and citations shall cease upon termination of a professional services contract or employment with Meridian Township or at the end of service as an elected official. Further, the Township may replace Code Enforcement Officers or add new Code Enforcement Officers, including through the adoption of subsequent resolutions.
3. **Enforcement of All Ordinances:** The Code Enforcement Officers are hereby authorized to enforce all ordinances of the Township as set forth in the Township Code of Ordinances.



To: Township Board

**From: Dan Opsommer, Deputy Township Manager
Director of Public Works & Engineering**

Date: April 21, 2026

Re: Drain Maintenance Funding Authorization Resolutions

The Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s Office has completed their televising to inspect the condition of existing storm drains within the project limits of the Township’s 2026 local road resurfacing projects.

For three of the drain districts, the cost of the repairs, as estimated with 15 percent contingency, could potentially exceed the maintenance spending thresholds under the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

In order for the Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s Office to complete these repairs and keep the 2026 local road resurfacing projects on schedule, we are asking the Board to authorize a slight increase in funding for these three drain districts pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code.

The following motion has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE FUNDING AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTIONS FOR THE FOREST HILLS DRAIN, MERIDIAN HILLS DRAIN, AND SHOALS DRAIN.

Attachments:

1. Estimated Costs for the Storm Drain Spot Repairs
2. Forest Hills Drain Maintenance Funding Authorization Resolution
3. Meridian Hills Drain Maintenance Funding Authorization Resolution
4. Shoals Drain Maintenance Funding Authorization Resolution

Drainage District	Drain Number	Street Name	Repair Needed	Pipe Size	Material	Estimated cost w/ 15% Contingency	Maintenance Miles	Maintenance Limit	Maintenance Limit Spent YTD	Maintenance Limit Remaining YTD
Shoals	S55-00	Leeward Dr	Offset joint	12"	Concrete	\$69,143.75	7	\$ 73,430.00	\$ 4,996.13	\$ 68,433.87
Shoals	S55-00	Leeward Dr	Offset joint	12"	Concrete					
Shoals	S55-00	Leeward Dr	Offset joint	12"	Concrete					
Shoals	S55-00	Satinwood Dr	Offset joint	15"	Concrete					
Forest Hills	F06-00	Greenwood Dr	Offset joint	8"	Concrete	\$31,879.15	2	\$ 20,980.00	\$ 4,717.24	\$ 16,262.76
Forest Hills	F06-00	Greenwood Dr	Offset joint	8"	Concrete					
Meridian Hills	M14-00	Maple Ridge	Broken joint	12"	Concrete	\$19,893.85	1	\$ 10,490.00	\$ 2,110.98	\$ 8,379.02
Spross	S26-00	Seneca Dr	Offset joint	12"	Concrete	\$18,653.00	2	N/A	N/A	N/A

**FOREST HILLS DRAIN MAINTENANCE FUNDING AUTHORIZATION
RESOLUTION**

MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Ingham County, Michigan

Board member _____, supported by Board member _____,
moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION # _____

WHEREAS, the Forest Hills Drain (“Drain”) is a county drain located in Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, and the Drain is established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended (“Drain Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Forest Hills Drain Drainage District has the authority, in 2026, to expend \$10,490.00 per mile or fraction thereof in any one year for the maintenance and repair of the Drain; and

WHEREAS, where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile or fraction thereof are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by resolution of the governing body of each township, city, and village affected by more than 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised the Meridian Charter Township Board that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, an inspection has been made of the Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance and repairs must be performed upon the Drain; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised the Meridian Charter Township Board that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile for the maintenance and repair of the Drain, with the total additional amount not to exceed \$30,000, and that Meridian Charter Township is affected by more than 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised that a Day of Review of Apportionments will be held, following public notice to all property owners and municipalities within the Forest Hills Drain Drainage District, prior to the levy of such assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Meridian Charter Township Board, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, hereby authorizes the Forest Hills Drain Drainage District to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Drain in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile, with the total additional amount not to exceed \$30,000.

2. To the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance and repair of the Drain, then the Forest Hills Drain Drainage District is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this Resolution, rescinded.

YEAS: Board members: _____

NAYS: Board members: _____

ABSTAIN: Board members: _____

ABSENT: Board members: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

As its Clerk, I certify that this is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Date: _____

Angela Demas
Meridian Charter Township Clerk

**MERIDIAN HILLS DRAIN MAINTENANCE FUNDING AUTHORIZATION
RESOLUTION**

MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
Ingham County, Michigan

Board member _____, supported by Board member _____, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Meridian Hills Drain (“Drain”) is a county drain located in Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, and the Drain is established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended (“Drain Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Meridian Hills Drain Drainage District has the authority, in 2026, to expend \$10,490.00 per mile or fraction thereof in any one year for the maintenance and repair of the Drain; and

WHEREAS, where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile or fraction thereof are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by resolution of the governing body of each township, city, and village affected by more than 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised the Meridian Charter Township Board that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, an inspection has been made of the Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance and repairs must be performed upon the Drain; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised the Meridian Charter Township Board that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile for the maintenance and repair of the Drain, with the total additional amount not to exceed \$20,000, and that Meridian Charter Township is affected by more than 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised that a Day of Review of Apportionments will be held, following public notice to all property owners and municipalities within the Meridian Hills Drainage District, prior to the levy of such assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Meridian Charter Township Board, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, hereby authorizes the Meridian Hills Drain Drainage District to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Drain in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile, with the total additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.

2. To the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance and repair of the Drain, then the Meridian Hills Drain Drainage District is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this Resolution, rescinded.

YEAS: Board members: _____

NAYS: Board members: _____

ABSTAIN: Board members: _____

ABSENT: Board members: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

As its Clerk, I certify that this is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Date: _____

Angela Demas
Meridian Charter Township Clerk

SHOALS DRAIN MAINTENANCE FUNDING AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Ingham County, Michigan

Board member _____, supported by Board member _____, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Shoals Drain (“Drain”) is a county drain located in Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, and the Drain is established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended (“Drain Code”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, the Shoals Drain Drainage District has the authority, in 2026, to expend \$10,490.00 per mile or fraction thereof in any one year for the maintenance and repair of the Drain; and

WHEREAS, where it is estimated that expenditures in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile or fraction thereof are necessary, those amounts may not be expended until approved by resolution of the governing body of each township, city, and village affected by more than 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised the Meridian Charter Township Board that, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, an inspection has been made of the Drain and it has been determined, as a result of the inspection, that certain maintenance and repairs must be performed upon the Drain; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised the Meridian Charter Township Board that it will be necessary to expend funds in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile for the maintenance and repair of the Drain, with the total additional amount not to exceed \$45,000, and that Meridian Charter Township is affected by more than 20% of the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Drain Commissioner has advised that a Day of Review of Apportionments will be held, following public notice to all property owners and municipalities within the Shoals Drain Drainage District, prior to the levy of such assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Meridian Charter Township Board, pursuant to Section 196 of the Drain Code, hereby authorizes the Shoals Drain Drainage District to expend money for the maintenance and repair of the Drain in excess of \$10,490.00 per mile, with the total additional amount not to exceed \$45,000.

2. To the extent that the drain fund for the Drain contains insufficient funds for the payment of costs incurred for the maintenance and repair of the Drain, then the Shoals Drain Drainage District is authorized to levy a special assessment, as allowed by law.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this Resolution, rescinded.

YEAS: Board members: _____

NAYS: Board members: _____

ABSTAIN: Board members: _____

ABSENT: Board members: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

As its Clerk, I certify that this is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Meridian Charter Township, Ingham County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Date: _____

Angela Demas
Meridian Charter Township Clerk



To: Board Members
From: Courtney Wisinski, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: May 12, 2026
Re: Celebrate Meridian Drone Show Service Agreement

Township staff recently requested bids for the 2026 Celebrate Meridian Drone Show Service Contract. This is the contract for the drone show contractor to provide a 15-minutes of drone show, customized by the staff of the Parks & Recreation Department.

The low bid was from Firefly Drone Shows in the amount of \$20,000. Township staff recommend awarding this contract to the low bidder, Firefly Drone Shows. The low bidder provided a successful drone show at the 2025 Celebrate Meridian event. The low bid was 5.38% below the engineer's estimate for this contract.

The Board approved funding for this contract in account # 208-000-000-728-011 in the 2026 Township Budget.

We are happy to answer any questions the Board may have.

The following motion has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

MOVE TO AWARD THE 2026 CELEBRATE MERIDIAN DRONE SHOW CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 TO FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

Attachments:

1. 2026 Request for Proposal – Celebrate Meridian Drone Show
2. 2026 Celebrate Meridian Drone Show Bid Tab
3. 2026 Celebrate Meridian Drone Show – Firefly Proposal
4. 2026 Celebrate Meridian Drone Show – Firefly Contract



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Celebrate Meridian Drone Show

Issued By:

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department

Courtney Wisinski, Director

March 13, 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department invites proposals from qualified vendors to provide a drone light show for an upcoming event. This RFP outlines the requirements, scope, and expectations for the event.

2. EVENT DETAILS

- **Event Name:** Meridian Township Celebrate Meridian Block Party
- **Date & Time:** July 25, 2026, 4 pm until dusk/drone show
- **Location:** 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 (see attached event location with firework/drone show area)
- **Audience Size:** 15,000 – 20,000

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected vendor will be responsible for:

- Providing a drone light show of 15-18 minutes.
- Designing and executing a synchronized aerial display aligned with the event theme.
- Obtaining necessary permits and regulatory approvals.
- Ensuring safety compliance with FAA or local aviation regulations.
- Providing a contingency plan in case of adverse weather conditions.
- Handling setup, operation, and teardown of the drone fleet.

4. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals should include details on:

- Number of drones available for the show.



- Software and technology used for synchronization.
- Safety measures and redundancy plans.
- Power requirements and operational needs.

5. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Vendors should include the following in their proposals:

- Company background and experience with drone shows.
- Sample portfolio or video links of previous performances.
- Proposed drone show concept and design approach.
- Itemized cost estimate (including all fees, permits, and insurance).
- References from past clients.
- Timeline and milestones for preparation and execution.
- Copy of Certificate of Insurance.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Creativity and alignment with event theme.
- Experience and track record.
- Compliance with safety and regulatory standards.
- Cost-effectiveness and value.
- Technical capability and reliability.

7. RFP TIMELINE

- **RFP Issued:** March 13, 2026
- **Proposal Submission Deadline:** April 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm
- **Vendor Selection & Notification:** April 8, 2025
- **Event Date:** July 25, 2026



8. CONTACT INFORMATION

All proposals and inquiries should be directed to:
Courtney Wisinski, Parks and Recreation Director
Meridian Township
wisinski@meridian.mi.us
517-8534604

Thank you for your interest in collaborating with Meridian Township Parks and Recreation for this exciting event!

2026 Celebrate Meridian Drone Show Proposal Tally

Company	Contact Info	100 Drone Price	150 Drone Price	200 Drone Price	Length of Show
Firefly	Matthew Sanker matthew@fireflydroneshow.com	NA	NA	\$20,000	15 minutes
Open Sky	Brittany Jones	\$12,500	\$17,000	\$21,000	13-15 minutes
Cape May	sales@capemayads.com	\$20K	\$26,250	\$30,000	12-14 minutes

Mar 31, 2026

Courtney Wisinski, Director
Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department
2100 Gaylord C Smith Ct
Haslett, MI 48840

Dear Courtney,

It is a pleasure to express Firefly Drone Show's enthusiastic interest in participating as the drone show provider for Meridian Townships's upcoming event. We appreciate the opportunity to provide another exciting drone show for the upcoming Celebrate Meridian Block Party set to take place on July 25th, 2026. We wanted to offer our services to create a stunning, creative display showcasing America's 250th Anniversary Celebration and Meridian Township.

As the third company in the world to be fully licensed by the FAA for drone light shows, Firefly brings nearly a decade of experience in producing world-class aerial displays. With the only in-house drone show system designed and manufactured right here in the USA, Firefly is able to offer a seasoned and professional approach to each event's drone show production. Our team consists of industry thought leaders and developers who possess extensive expertise in drone technology, event coordination, and creative animation. We pride ourselves on our commitment to entertainment design, safety, and client satisfaction.

In response to Meridian Township's posted RFP, you'll find all of the necessary details relating to our experience and qualifications in the documents included with this letter. Firefly's vision is to partner with Meridian Township once again to deliver a memorable and exceptional drone show. We appreciate your consideration of our proposal and look forward to the possibility of collaborating on your extraordinary event. I will personally serve as the Project Manager and Primary Contact for this production. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I'd be happy to help!

Best regards,
Matthew Sanker
Sales Director | Lead Producer
matthew@fireflydroneshow.com





FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS

Meridian Township, Michigan

Meridian Township Celebrate Meridian Block Party

Firefly Drone Shows, LLC

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Auburn Hills, MI, 48326

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Primary Contact:

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Courtney Wisinski, Director

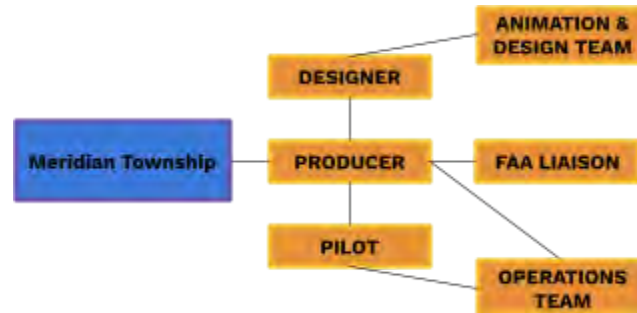
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SECTION 1: SCOPE OF SERVICES

PROJECT APPROACH



PLAN EXPLANATION

Throughout the years, Firefly has found that consistent communication and collaboration with our clients will often produce the most impressive results. With this in mind, attention to detail, comprehension of the end goal, and flexibility to match our customer's timeline has proven to be our key attributes to bring an unforgettable drone show to life. Considering these are our core tenets for every project, Firefly will look to Meridian Township as our partner throughout the entire production process.

Typically, we like to start each project with an introductory call to listen and take note of our partner's vision for their show. From that initial conversation, we will piece together action items and a corresponding timeline. The below timeline is a preliminary template we often work within. Depending on the scope of the design and necessary action items, we are flexible to work with an earlier introduction to the project to allow for additional correspondence between partners. After the scope is defined, our team will get to work. The animation and design team will begin piecing together the concepts of the designs agreed upon. Our producers/sales team will be available at any point throughout the process for any questions or material deliverables the customer may need, including, but not limited to: sharing key items necessary in the planning process, preparing the logistics for the upcoming event, going over any safety protocols necessary, and supplying frequent progress reports from the design team. Our team will continue this process leading up to the show until the logistics, creative content, safety requirements, and client satisfaction have been fulfilled. When executing the performance on the night of the event, Firefly's operation team will professionally and efficiently deploy, operate, and stow Firefly's proprietary drone show system within a few hours surrounding show

time. The on-site Team Lead will remain as a point of contact with the appropriate event representatives to properly carry out a safe and successful display. In conjunction with these operations, our FAA Liaison will handle all FAA approvals necessary for our operations to take place at the time and location of the event and will additionally ensure each production is in compliance with Firefly Drone Shows, LLC and FAA standards.

TENTATIVE PRODUCTION TIMELINE	
Action Item	Date Completed
Initial Creative Call	May 4, 2026
Initial Design Preview Presented	May 11, 2026
Creative Finalized	Jul 6, 2026
Safety Call	Jul 25, 2026
Logistics Finalized	Jul 24, 2026
Load-in Onsite	Jul 25, 2026 3:00pm
Sound Check	Jul 25, 2026 4:15pm
Sunset	Jul 25, 2026 8:45pm
Safety Perimeter Secured	Jul 25, 2026 8:45pm
Showtime	Jul 25, 2026 9:15pm
Safety Perimeter Lifted	Jul 25, 2026 9:15pm
Load-out	Jul 25, 2026 9:30pm
Rain Date	Jul 26, 2026 9:15pm

***Please Note:** This timeline serves as an estimate for lead time and planning purposes. However these are set dates and times above, Firefly is capable of accommodating our client's desired production timeline to the best of our ability.*

SHOW CONCEPT AND CREATIVE APPROACH

Your Custom Show Story Board

The bright side to every drone show is that it can truly be specific to the event it embellishes. In general, most displays contain 15-20 animations during the 15-minute runtime (Standard show length). This can vary depending on the nature of the contents that we build in the show. To showcase a list of potential designs, our Lead Designer pieced together a sequence of animations intended to celebrate Meridian Township. Below is a suggested list of designs for Meridian Township.

1. As the drones lift off and settle into formation, the night sky awakens with a glowing outline of the United States, the shape begins to shift transforming into the familiar mitten outline of the State of Michigan and Upper Peninsula.
2. The mitten and Upper Peninsula reshape into the recognizable outline of the State Capitol building in Lansing standing tall as a symbol of leadership and history.
3. As the structure begins to dissolve, the iconic Spartan mascot of Michigan State University appears in the sky.
4. The logo then begins morphing into a lighthouse with a radiant beam sweeping outward, circling across Lake Michigan.
5. With each pass, the beam softens, until it fades into the horizon, making way for a peaceful sailboat drifting across glowing waters beneath a warm, painted sunset.
6. As the sailboat glides forward, its silhouette stretches and transforms, becoming a mountain biker in motion, capturing the spirit of adventure found throughout Meridian Township's parks and trails. The rider pedals forward before accelerating into streaks of light.
7. The streaks gather and align, forming bold lettering: "Meridian Township." Behind it, colors ripple outward, unveiling a waving American flag that fills the sky.
8. Suddenly, the flag folds inward and bursts outward, transforming into a powerful American eagle. Its wings beat dramatically as it soars toward the audience, letting out a silent but commanding screech.
9. In a striking transition, the eagle's wings extend and harden, reshaping into the deck of an aircraft carrier. From its runway, Blue Angels jets ignite and launch, climbing skyward and locking into tight formation overhead.

10. As the jets streak off into the distance, their trails linger briefly before converging into the bold outline of an A-10 Warthog, illuminated in red, white, and blue.
11. With a confident shift, the aircraft's form reforges itself into the iconic figure of Rosie the Riveter, her arm raised in determination as the words "We Can Do It!" appear above her in a glowing script.
12. As her image holds strong, it transitions upward, revealing the text "America 250", marking a celebration of history and progress.
13. From this moment, the scene lifts beyond Earth itself, as an astronaut appears, descending onto the lunar surface. With deliberate motion, they plant the American flag on the moon, a tribute to innovation and exploration.
14. The image then draws closer, revealing a detailed, up-close view of the astronaut saluting the American flag and Earth reflected brilliantly in their visor.
15. As the reflection fades, it gives way to a full, sweeping American flag, waving proudly across the sky one final time.
16. Finally, with a surge of energy, the flag bursts into a spectacular grand finale, a cascade of drone "fireworks" exploding in synchronized color and motion, bringing the show to a breathtaking close.

The above sequence of designs simply serves as a rough draft in the creative process and can be adjusted or replaced per the committee's desire. The sky's the limit with the ideas that The Meridian Township and Firefly Drone Shows can feature in this celebratory drone show. Additionally, to give an idea of what a show preview deliverable would look like, please follow this rough draft link to Meridian Township's previous production: <https://preview.fireflystudio.app/FIREFLY/preview/uM4xsio6> (*The password is: Firefly*). This simply serves as an example and can be customized to match the city's desired show contents. Ultimately, it is Firefly's objective to bring Meridian Township's vision to the sky!

NARRATION AND AUDIO PAIRING

Due to the silent nature of drone light shows, Firefly strongly recommends adding an audio track to be paired with each drone light show display. Firefly offers custom built audio soundtracks designed to follow the drone show and enhance the audience experience. Once a show is completed within our animation software, our in-house audio engineer will design a track to match the show. Our internal development team has designed an audio synchronization

device called a “Time Machine”. The Time Machine will cue in the audio track on time with the show from any distance as it operates off of a cellular network. We recommend an upbeat soundtrack to accompany the drone show formations performed in the sky. If narration is a desired option, Firefly will work with Meridian Township to create a storyline for the drone show to be narrated to. Firefly will then ensure the completed audio is synchronized to the drones in real time.

TECHNICAL INNOVATION

Over the years, Firefly’s in-house animation and design team has defined industry leading design techniques. From never before seen lighting and coloring effects to intriguing design transitions that display the capabilities of swarm technology, each Firefly Drone Show is guaranteed to be an immersive experience. The project examples included in later sections serve as testimony to the brightest and most dynamic drone shows in the industry, designed by the Firefly team.

DESCRIPTION OF LIGHTS

Firefly Gen 2 drones are capable of a full RGB spectrum allowing unlimited design potential in color and gradients. Each Gen 2 is equipped with an array of LEDs. Each LED provides a vibrant illumination emitting from the top, side, and bottom of the drone. Totalling over 3,600 lumens per drone, with a clear line of sight, the Firefly Gen 2 can be observed from miles away.

STOCK CATALOG/ DESIGN LIBRARY

From simple and elegant 100 drone illustrations, to enhanced detail with higher quantities, our designers have extensive experience with translating any concept into a drone show formation. Over the years of producing drone light shows for community celebrations, Firefly has created an assortment of different thematic formations. If our clients would like inspiration or would like to utilize formations that Firefly has made in the past, we often suggest looking through our drone show stock catalog of over 1,000 premade designs. These can serve as animation technique examples and design ideas.

- **Here is the link to our drone show stock catalog:**

<https://catalog.fireflystudio.app/FIREFLY>

(The password is: Firefly)

PYRO DRONES

Introducing Firefly's Pyro Drone, the ultimate fusion of aerial innovation and pyrotechnic spectacle. The all new Pyro Drone has a max show time of 10 minutes and includes the capability to handle up to 2 individual pyrotechnic triggers lasting 30 seconds each.

Designed with precision and safety in mind, the Firefly Gen2 platform supports interchangeable payloads, including a pyrotechnic device that can carry up to 350g. Its fire-resistant polycarbonate holder ensures robust attachment and protection, providing a reliable and reusable solution for custom aerial displays. The integrated Electronic Triggering System and proprietary ignition controller guarantee reliable ignition, meeting all programmed safety conditions. Rigorous testing; including static load, vibration, shock, and thermal cycling tests, ensures the system's durability and reliability in various conditions.

SECTION 2: VENDOR QUALIFICATIONS

COMPANY BIOGRAPHY

It began with two founders and a dream to bring a new, eco-friendly, awe-inspiring, and creatively uncapped activation to the event industry. From the ground up, Firefly Drone Shows, LLC was established in 2017. Ensuring the quality and precision in each drone show production and continuing to drive innovation in the industry, Firefly is still operated by its original two founders, along with a highly trained network of experts. This includes the development team, production and design team, and operations team. The development team consists of a mixture of in-house and subcontracted industry-leading hardware/software developers, innovative autonomous quadcopter flight specialists, and master systems engineers who bring Firefly's drone systems to life. Alongside development, Firefly's production team carries each project from any creative vision to a fully programmed drone show. This team consists of industry-leading in-house animators, designers, and audio engineers. These talented artists bring

each idea to life. After programming and animation, Firefly's seasoned pilots, field managers, crew hands, and logistics coordinators successfully deploy each show with precise expertise. Every step of the process, Firefly's experienced drone show producers continue to carry each project's vision all the way to the day of the show. Altogether, our team of 60+ full-time professionals and network of subcontractors currently design, produce, and perform over 200 shows annually. As the 3rd company in the world to be fully licensed by the FAA, we've performed shows across the entire United States, as well as a handful of countries internationally. Since its conception, Firefly continues to grow exponentially in size and quality to ultimately provide the most impressive productions and memorable drone shows yet. All of Firefly's drone fleets, positioning/communications systems, and piloting software are proprietary and are specifically designed for drone light shows.

Regarding Firefly's stability and accumulated experience, Firefly has successfully persevered through the challenges a new industry may face over time. Through economic dips, computer chip shortages, and a global pandemic that ultimately halted the event industry, Firefly has prevailed with grit and determination to maintain its industry-leading and innovative reputation. To this day, over 9 years after its doors opened, Firefly has honored every contract and continues to grow financially, organizationally, and technologically under any circumstances. Even on social media platforms, our projects have gained an extensive amount of impressions. With some of our latest posts gaining over 66 million views!

In the last year and a half, Firefly performed a total of 300 live drone shows, with a total of 101,800 successful live drone flights. Below is the list of states serviced in the last year: Florida, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, & Wisconsin. Internationally, this includes: Italy, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, & Bermuda.

To share a bit more regarding our company, please navigate to our latest [Production Highlight Video](https://youtu.be/qlmggtiJmW0?si=mRPuY5hNdai6ughi). (<https://youtu.be/qlmggtiJmW0?si=mRPuY5hNdai6ughi>)

EXPERIENCE

Firefly has had the distinct pleasure of working with a number of different clientele. From cities to amusement parks, Some of our clients include; One Music Festival, World Series of Poker, Florida Gulf Coast University, University of South Florida, PGA Tour, T-Mobile, Capital One, Google Cloud, Xbox, Marvel, Amazon Music, Dell Technologies, Acura, Ford Motor Co, Toyota Financial Services, Lexus Financial Services, Sinclair Gasoline, Empire Records, Holiday World, as well as the Canyons Village Management Association to name a few. To view our portfolio, please navigate to our [work page](https://www.fireflydroneshow.com/shows) on our website (<https://www.fireflydroneshow.com/shows>). There, you can find the wide array of different experiences we've greatly enjoyed cultivating over the years.

OUR TEAM

Kyle Dorosz - CEO and Co-founder of Firefly Drone Shows, LLC. Kyle has been designing and programming quadcopters since 2010. Having founded and operated an industry-leading aerial imagery company since 2013, (<https://www.aerialimageryworks.com>), it was no question for Kyle's entrepreneurial spirit to lead his interest in more innovative drone applications. Kyle now continues to run the Research and Development of drone swarm technologies, along with ensuring that all operations are up to a premium standard. Kyle holds both a Part 107 UAS and Part 41 Private Pilot's License.

Ryan Sigmon - Executive Producer and Co-founder of Firefly Drone Shows, LLC. Ryan has maintained an enthusiasm for introducing customers to this new technology across the country. With a background in creative design and licensed consumer products since 2011, Ryan continues to ensure that every customer's vision is thoroughly heard and carried out to the best quality possible. While working directly with the animation and production team, Ryan also serves as the Executive Producer for Firefly.

Jonathan Hearl - Chief Pilot at Firefly Drone Shows, LLC. Jon has been an enthusiast of quadcopters since 2014. Having graduated from the prestigious Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a 4-year UAS degree, obtained a Part 107 UAS license, a Part 41 Private Pilot's license, and a passion for drone technology, Jon makes a great fit to Pilot Drone Shows across the Nation.

Matthew Sanker - Director of Sales at Firefly Drone Shows, LLC. Matthew has been in the event industry since 2015. Having a passion for entertainment, customer relations, event production, and project management, Matthew continues to bring projects to completion with a standard of excellence, ensuring that the customer's vision is brought to the sky. Matthew holds a Part 107 UAS license.

Michael Sanker - Creative Director at Firefly Drone Shows, LLC. Michael has been involved in several creative mediums for just under two decades and in the event industry since 2015. With a passion in creative design, experiential artistry, animation, and media production, Michael continues to lead and create with Firefly's immersive drone show design and animation team.

SECTION 3: REFERENCES AND TESTIMONIALS

City of Boston, MA

Contact: Alex Meadow, Deputy Director of Partnerships, Mayor's Office | (617)-251-2601 | alexander.meadow@boston.gov

Project Overview: On April 18th, 2025; Firefly worked with several partners associated with the reenactment and celebration of the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride in Downtown Boston. Working directly with the Mayor's office, BPD, Coast Guard, Logan International, Park, FAA, and accompanying agencies; Firefly produced a 400 drone show for over 40,000 people at the north end of the City.

Highlight Video: ([📺 Boston 250 Drone Show | Firefly Drone Shows](#))

City of Miami Beach, FL

Contact: Lissette Garcia Arrogante, Director of Tourism & Culture Department | (305)-673-7577 | LisetteArrogante@miamibeachfl.gov

Project Overview: On July 4th, 2024; Firefly brought out 300 drones as a finale to the City's Fire on the 4th Independence Day Celebration. With thousands in attendance, the drone show featured exciting and memorable designs presenting patriotic and tropical themes. Since the display was well-received in 2024, Firefly has performed several shows for City events. Firefly has just completed another holiday celebration in December 2025.

Highlight Video: ([📺 Miami Beach 4th of July | Firefly Drone Shows](#))

City of Pompano Beach, FL

Contact: Sandra King, Communications Administrator | (954)-786-4527 | Sandra.King@copbfl.com

Project Overview: With an estimated number of over 20,000 guests, Pompano City Beach has created an event solely around a drone light show taking place next to their landmark pier. Firefly performed a 200-drone show in 2022 for this Southern Floridian Community, which received such a positive response that the city has decided to make the event an annual occurrence. After performing a series of shows over the last few years, Firefly has recently completed a 500 drone show display in November 2025.

Highlight Video: ([▶ Pompano Beach 2025 | Firefly Drone Shows](#))

North Huntingdon Township, PA

Contact: Dan Miller, Director of Parks & Recreation | (724)-863-3806 ext. 124 | dmiller@nhtpa.us

Project Overview: Celebrating their SesterCentennial in 2023, Firefly provided a 300 drone show for the community at a carnival event. With over a thousand people in attendance, the show made a big impact.

Highlight Video: [▶ North Huntingdon 250 Year Celebration | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Lansing Entertainment & Public Facilities Authority, MI

Contact: Mindy Biladeau, Vice President Sales and Service | (517)-908-4037 | mindy.biladeau@lepfa.com

Project Overview: What started as a modest event in 1986, has grown into an extraordinary parade and tree lighting hosted in front of Michigan's Capitol. Firefly has had the privilege to be involved with the show since 2021, and has just completed another show this past November!

Highlight Video: [▶ Lansing Silver Bells 2024 | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Shelby Township, MI

Contact: Nicholas Monacelli, Production Coordinator | (586)-254-7130 | nmonacelli@shelbytp.org

Project Overview: As the Township was looking for an alternative to fireworks for their 2023 and 2024 Holiday Celebrations. Firefly was awarded the bid to provide a 300 drone show for the annual Christmas Aglow event and 4th of July Celebration. With a resounding response from the community, Firefly has won a bid to provide a total of 10 shows within the next 5 years.

Highlight Video: [▶ Shelby Township Holiday Drone Show | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Canyons Village Management Association, UT

Contact: Brian Madacsi, President and CEO | (435) 655-2582 | bmadacsi@cvma.com

Project Overview: For three consecutive nights on July 1st-3rd, 2022; Firefly performed a 200-drone show at the Forum Festival Event held at Canyons Village. For four consecutive nights on July 1st-4th, 2023; Firefly performed a 300-drone show at the Forum Festival Event held at Canyons Village. Then 400 drones in 2024 and 500 drones in 2025. Due to the event's continued success these past four years, Firefly will be performing another set of 500-drone shows for four consecutive nights in 2026.

Highlight Video: [Forum Fest 2025 | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari - Santa Claus, IN

Testimonial:

"The Firefly Drone Shows team has been incredible to work with. Eight unique shows have been designed and flown over our Indiana theme park over 200 times over the last 4 years. Their drone technology has rapidly improved to become the brightest and most accurate drones in the industry. Our guests love every show and thousands of people stay to watch every night! We've seen a lift in satisfaction scores plus increased revenue as a result.

To top it off, Firefly is a company of good people. They are responsive, professional, and collaborative. Their passion for perfection shines bright and I look forward to working with them on another 50+ shows in 2026."

- Eric Snow | Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer

Highlight Video: [▶ Holiday World Halloween 2025 | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Exploration Place, Science and Discovery Center - Wichita, KS

Testimonial:

“Firefly Drones is a first-class partner, and Exploration Place is proud to be a repeat customer. Taking on our first drone light show was a bit of a risk for our science museum because it is a significant investment and something our community had no experience with. During our first conversation with Ryan and the Firefly team, we were impressed by their technical expertise as well as their consideration for legal requirements and risk management. Their breadth of knowledge and depth of experience figured significantly in our decision to hire Firefly Drones.

But drone shows are not just about technical precision. There truly is an artistry to these productions, and we loved working with the Firefly creative team to put together shows that absolutely wowed our community. We worked together on our vision, and the Firefly team took great care in designing custom formations and transitions that were deeply meaningful to Wichita, Kansas.”

- Laura Roddy | Vice President for Advancement

Highlight Video:  [Exploration Place Drone Show 2025 | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Episcopal Collegiate School - Little Rock, AR

Testimonial:

“Where do we begin with the Firefly team? Between their patience, reliability, and willingness to go above and beyond to ensure that our school had the perfect show- it's hard to articulate our appreciation in a few short sentences.

They executed a wonderful production and made it work seamlessly with what our school already had on hand, whether that meant navigating space/facilities, technology, or student/campus life, the priority was to make the event as memorable and easy for us as possible, and that's what they did.

Thank you again for playing such a big part in our school's 25th Anniversary Celebration. It made for an unforgettable experience that our community will be talking about for years to come.”

- Lauren Curtis | Director of Marketing & Community Outreach

Township Sestercentennial Celebration - North Huntingdon, PA

Testimonial:

“Very professional from the initial phone call to the launch. - Matt was a clear communicator from the start educating me about product, service and packaging. We had a vision that was shared and he gave exactly what we hoped for. The night of the show, Ryan and his team of pilots, techs and videographer were outstanding seeing the event to the finish line. Thank you soooo much for exceeding our expectations.”

- Dan Miller | Director of Parks & Recreation

Highlight Video:  [North Huntingdon 250 Year Celebration | Firefly Drone Shows](#)

Pompano City Beach Veteran's Day Celebration - Pompano, FL

Testimonial:

"I used Firefly 4 years in a row to provide drone shows on the beach, and am extremely pleased with the quality of the program they were able to provide. I plan to work with them again, and can recommend them without reservation to others in need of a unique, exciting and well-run drone show. A few examples of their high-quality services include:

- *Professional staff yet easy to work with.*
- *Very responsive and helpful customer service.*
- *Everything they said they would provide, they delivered in a timely manner*
- *They are extremely creative and listen to the client for what theme and transitions to use for the show.*

I am very happy to recommend Firefly Drone Shows to you, and trust that your experience with them will be as positive as mine."

- Sandra King | Strategic Communications Administrator

Highlight Video:  Pompano Beach 2025 | Firefly Drone Shows

Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau - Lewistown, PA**Testimonial:**

"Wow! The Goose Day Drone Light Show that Firefly produced was a rousing success here in Central PA. People are still talking about it and asking if we'll host it again next year. Of course! Nothing has brought this kind of attention and excitement to our annual holiday. It also has to be one of the easiest events I've ever produced. Using only maps, your staff found the best location to set up the drones and could also help us advertise the best places to view the show. For a first year event, that was critical information and spot on. We're looking forward to next year's show and are requesting an additional 100 drones. We can only see this show getting bigger and better every year. Thank you again for making us look so good!"

- Jenny Barron Landis | Executive Director

Highlight Video:  Goose Day Drone Show | Firefly Drone Shows

SECTION 4: LOGISTIC AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

OPERATING DETAILS

SUB-SECTION 1 : SUGGESTED SITE PLAN

1.1 Event Details

Project: Meridian Township Block Party

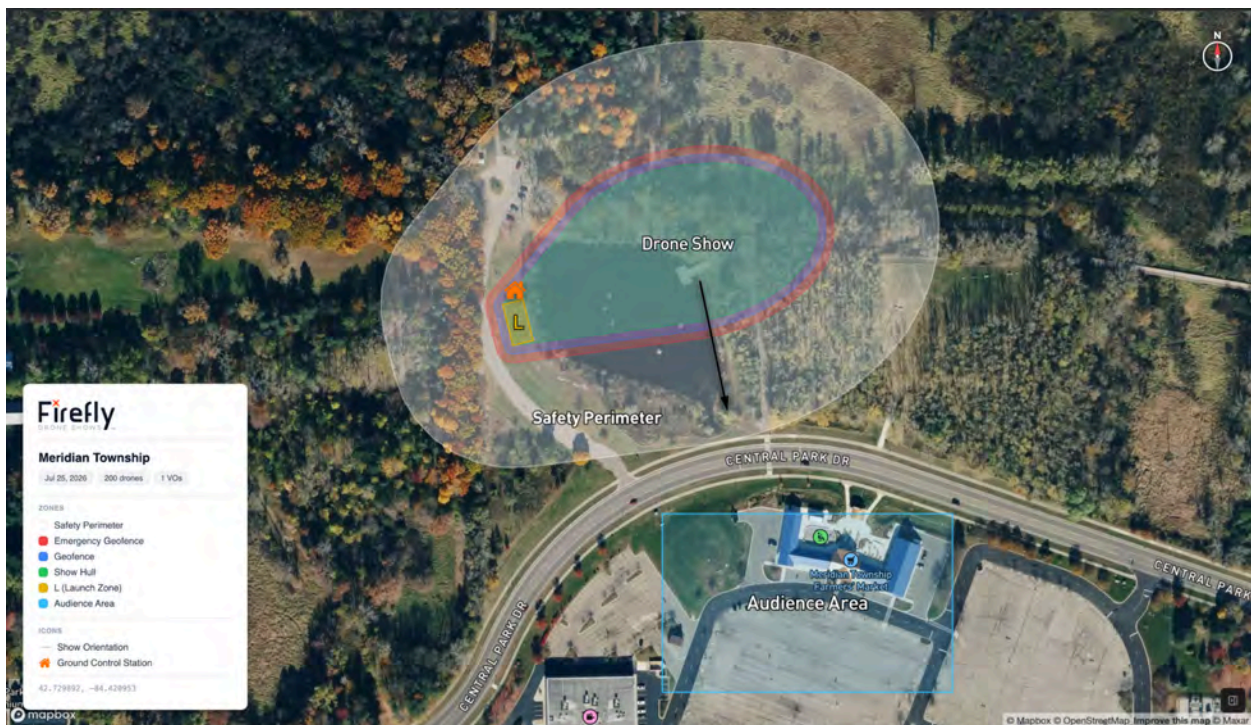
Date: 07/25/2026

Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864

Show Time: ~ 9:15PM

Altitude: 0-400ft AGL

NM Radius: < .10



Firefly is planning to operate **between 200 - 300** sUAS simultaneously under waiver 107W-2025-02052 during the date, time frame, and at one of the potential locations specified above. The specific drone quantity will be determined by Meridian Township. The purpose of the operation is to provide a nighttime drone light show for Meridian Township. The surrounding area will be closed for the show. Only when the operating area is clear of and secure of any bystanders will the operation commence. All appropriate fail safes will be programmed prior to the operation. These include, max altitude, dual layer geofencing, battery voltage, etc. The RPIC will count into the takeoff sequence of the fleet. All VO's will be monitoring takeoff to notify the

RPIC of any unforeseen issues. Once airborne, the operation will last approximately 15 minutes, making various designs, shapes and text. At the end of the show, all sUAS will return to the grid formation before initiating their return to launch sequence. Once landed they will automatically disarm.

SECTION 2 : SAFETY OPERATING PROTOCOLS

2.1 Operating Area Requirements

2.1.1 Sterile Environment

All flights will be conducted in a unique and restricted environment. Prior to each flight, the PIC and VO must become familiar with the boundaries and topography of the site operating area and the PIC must take caution not to exceed those boundaries during flight. sUAS operations personnel will sweep and secure the operations area to ensure that the environment remains free of nonparticipating persons. Firefly Drone Shows, LLC will coordinate with local jurisdictions to ensure compliance with all local permitting and regulatory requirements.

The operating area consists of any property in which the sUAS are operating directly over top of. Firefly Drone Shows, LLC's personnel will ensure that no nonparticipating persons are allowed within the operating area except those consenting to be involved and necessary for operation.

2.2 Failsafe Procedures

2.2.1 Lost Link Landing Sequence

In the event that the sUAS loses its data link signal, the aircraft will initiate its Land procedure. Once initiated, the sUAS will enter a hover in its current position and begin to descend slowly. The aircraft is programmed to disarm itself once it reaches the ground, and detects that it is no longer descending.

2.2.2 Lost GPS Signal Landing Sequence

In the event that the sUAS loses its GPS signal, the aircraft will initiate its landing procedure. During the landing procedure, the sUAS will enter a stabilized hover and begin to descend slowly. The aircraft is programmed to disarm itself once it reaches the ground, and detects that it is no longer descending.

2.2.3 Aircraft Failure Procedure

In the event that an individual or multiple sUAS have an in-flight failure, the FFDS will immediately detect the issue and disarm the aircraft allowing it to fall safely within the sterile operating area.

In the unlikely event that the FFDS does not trigger the sUAS to disarm, the PIC has the ability to manually disarm any sUAS from the Ground Station. If the PIC or any of the VOs notice an in-flight failure the PIC will identify which sUAS in the swarm are having a failure by using all available flight data. The GCS provides the PIC with a 3D visual representation of all aircrafts in flight which includes the aircraft's position, orientation, vibration, speed, and other critical flight data. Using this data the PIC can pinpoint which sUAS are having a failure.

Once all the sUAS with the failures are identified, the PIC has the following abilities.

- Hold the sUAS in its current position;
- Land the sUAS;
- Put the sUAS into Return to Home; and
- Disarm the aircraft.

The PIC will use his or her best judgment to remedy the failure and safely fly the sUAS(s) with the failures away from the swarm and land it in a safe area.

2.2.4 Ground Control Station Failure

The GCS will consist of at least two computers to control the sUAS swarm. One computer will be the primary GCS and the second computer will be used as a backup GCS. Both the primary and backup GCS will be running the GCS software simultaneously. In addition, both the primary and backup GCS will have a secondary GCS software installed to control the drones in the event that there is a software failure.

In the event that the primary GCS fails, the PIC will use the backup GCS to regain control of the sUAS swarm and land safely. If the PIC determines that the GCS failure is not caused by the computer and that the failure is due to the GCS software, the PIC can use either the primary or backup GCS computer to run the secondary GCS software to regain control of the sUAS swarm and land safely.

2.2.5 Flight Operation Boundary Recovery Sequence

In the event that a sUAS comes in contact with any part of the first layer of the Fly Fence during a mission, the sUAS immediately holds position and lands in a safe and controlled manner.

In the event that a flyaway aircraft is experiencing a severe in-flight failure causing the aircraft to quickly fly out of the first layer of the Fly Fence, the second layer of the Fly Fence will immediately disarm the aircraft when it crosses through the boundary causing the drone to fall to the ground safely within the sterile environment.

2.2.6 Intruding Personnel Procedure

In the event that a person is detected within the operating area, the VOs will immediately notify the PIC of the intruding person and their location. The PIC, using the ground station controls and information, will then navigate any and all sUAS away from the intruding person and to a safe area to land as quickly and safely as possible.

2.2.7 Intruding Aircraft Procedure

In the event that an aircraft is detected in the sterile operating area, the PIC will immediately navigate any or all sUAS away from the detected aircraft and land the sUAS as quickly and safely as possible.

In the unlikely event that an aircraft does enter the sterile operating area during a loss link Land procedure, the PIC, with the help of any and all VOs, will determine which sUAS pose a threat to the detected aircraft. Once determined, the PIC will kill power to the threatening sUAS and allow them to fall within the sterile operating area to get them out of harm's way of the detected aircraft intruding on the operating area.

AIRCRAFT DETAILS AND LIMITATIONS

3.1. Model - FireflyGen2 is an F330 sized Quadcopter built and maintained by Firefly. Our drones have been designed specifically for the purpose of drone light displays.

3.2. Aircraft Specifics

- Operating mass of 1.9lbs
- Top speed of 15mph per FAA waiver
- 9inch propellers
- Flight time 29min
- Wind threshold of 25mph at 400ft
- Max ceiling 400ft per FAA waiver
- Powered by 3s 4400mah Lipo Battery



Standard Performance Specifications

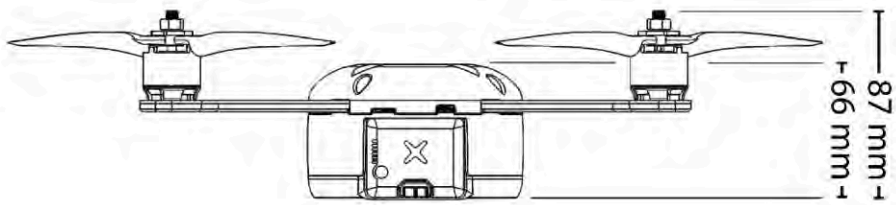
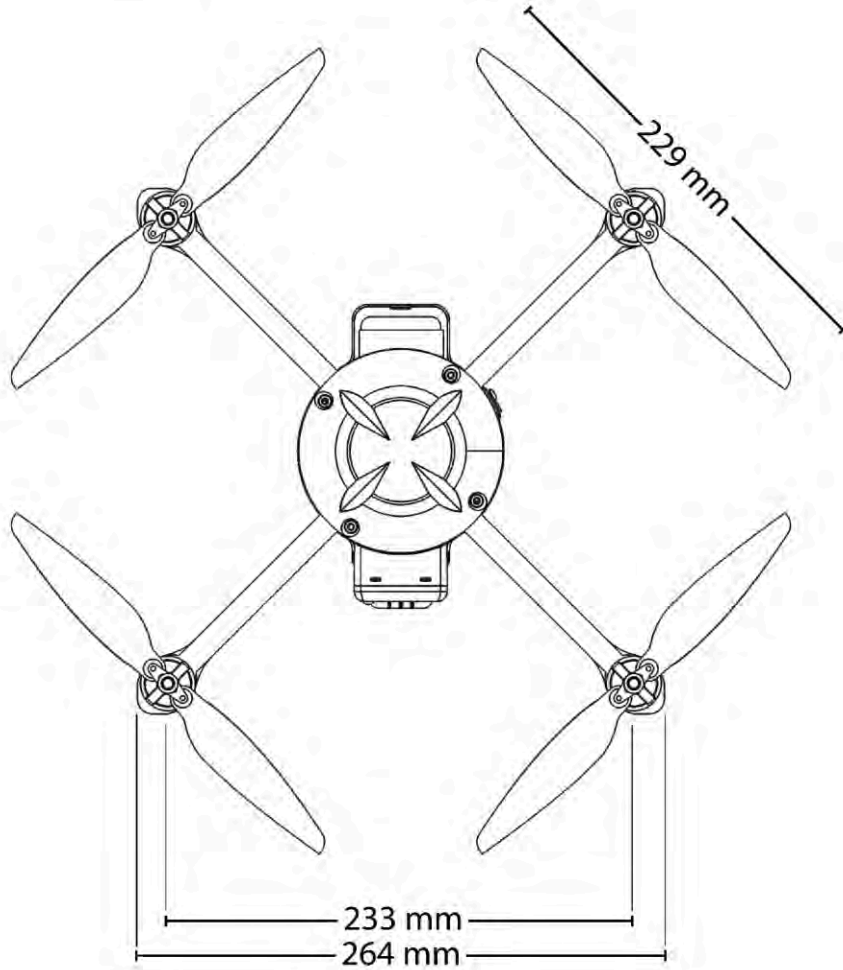
Max Hover Time	30 Minutes
Max Show Length	20 Minutes
Battery	45wh Smart LiPo Battery
Charger	50-Bank Multi Unit Smart Charger
Frequencies	2.4GHz, 915MHz/868MHz
GPS	High Precision RTK, F9P L1/L5
IMU Sensor Stack	Triple Redundant Thermally Managed
Magnetometer	Dual Redundant Magnetometer
Transport/Storage	50 Gen2 drones per Pelican 1730 Transport Case
Wireless Power Up	Yes, from Ground Station
Country of Origin	Made in the U.S.A.

Show Performance Specifications

Recommended Speed	8.0 Meters Per Second
Recommended Proximity	2.0 Meters
Wind Threshold	11 Meters Per Second
Show Lighting	6x 9 Watt RGB LEDs 8x 5050 RGB LEDs
Lumens	3,600 per Drone
Color Refresh Rate	24Hz
Position Refresh Rate	4 Hz

Technical Specifications

Weight	890 Grams
10 Drone Stacking Height	585 mm



SAFETY RECORD

Safety in operations and conduct is a key part of Firefly's core values. Firefly is proud to state that there have been 0 workplace accidents to present. Each team member is frequently trained with the safest procedures in executing a drone light show. In case of emergency, Firefly is well equipped with the materials and knowledge necessary to properly handle each risk scenario. The number one priority always being safety of all personnel and patrons.

POWER SUPPLY NEEDS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Firefly does not need any power to perform our flight. Our production includes several large Anker Batteries that act as generators. Our goal is to be completely self-sufficient onsite.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

A core value and motivating factor here at Firefly, is to provide an environmentally conscious alternative to the traditional firework display. With this in mind, Firefly continues to maintain sustainable practices to reduce the negative impact that can be left on the environment that we all share. From the office to the launch site, each Firefly team member is properly trained in maintaining a clean work area that prevents waste/debris from being added to the environment. Having switched to electric power sources for our ground control system and accessories, utilizing reusable components for every factor involved with deploying and tearing down a drone show display, adopting practices like Firefly staff using company issued reusable water bottles and providing recycling receptacles; Firefly can confidently reduce our negative environmental impact.

WEATHER AND CANCELLATION

Heavy rain is always our biggest threat to conducting a show. All of our drones are designed and built in house to be optimized to handle up to 25 mph winds and extreme temperatures. However, a downpour and electronics never mix well. Typically a little mist or sprinkle is not a problem. Even if it is raining all afternoon, our team arrives prepared with tarps to protect the equipment. Over the years, we've become very efficient at "dancing around the rain" and making the show happen regardless. With a standard production, as long as we have an

hour window of clear weather, we can get the show off the ground. Once our team arrives on site for an event, we will do everything in our power to make the show happen. It is ultimately up to the Pilot in Command to make the decision if the show can be conducted safely.

We have a few options for the service agreement in regards to weather. Our standard policy for one night events states that the client is required to pay 50% or incurred costs (whichever is greater) in the event of inclement weather. This is the simplest policy and allows us to split the risk of weather 50/50 with our customers. We also have 2 rain date options available:

1. If the show is canceled due to inclement weather, we can include a rain date for the following night at no additional costs.

2. Alternatively, we can select a mutually agreed upon rain date within 12 months from the original show date. Additional costs associated with travel, logistics and lodging may be incurred on the rescheduled date selected.

COST BREAKDOWN AND PROPOSAL

To cater to various budgets and event sizes, we offer packages ranging from 100 - 1,000+ drone productions. When reviewing the date, general location, and overall scope of this project, Firefly Drone Shows proposes a display range of 200 - 300 drones at a heavily discounted rate for Meridian Township to consider.

- For a display lasting a maximum of 15 minutes, Firefly will provide a **200 drone light show** production consisting of six fully custom show contents, along with access to designs from our design catalog (1,000+ premade designs) **for a total of \$20,000.00.**
- For a display lasting a maximum of 15 minutes, Firefly will provide a **300 drone light show** production consisting of six fully custom show contents, along with access to designs from our design catalog (1,000+ premade designs) **for a total of \$30,000.00.**

This factors in the entire production necessary to perform this drone light show display on July 25th, 2026.

IN CLOSING

Firefly would like to formally thank Meridian Township for the opportunity to reply to this RFP related to the drone show at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 on July 25th, 2026. We are keen on continuing our working relationship and will continue to offer premium drone light show solutions for your events to come. With experience performing last year's drone show and a passion to bring Meridian Township's creative vision to life, Firefly is confident we can deliver the most impactful drone show for this event, reflecting the spirit and history of Meridian Township

Please find accompanying documents on the pages following.

INSURANCE (EXAMPLE OF COVERAGES)



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Fields Group Insurance Services LLC 110 East 42nd Street 16th Floor New York NY 10017		CONTACT NAME: Joseph LaVecchia PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (646) 979-9010 FAX (A/C, No): (646) 979-9011 E-MAIL ADDRESS: jlavecchia@fieldsgroup.com	
INSURED FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS, LLC 1920 Opydke Ct. STE 100 Auburn Hills, MI 48326		INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: American Alternative Insurance Corp INSURER B: United States Aircraft Insurance Group INSURER C: The Hartford Insurance Corp INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:	

COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER:** CL2522604020 **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

Certificate Holder is named as an Additional Insured per written contract.

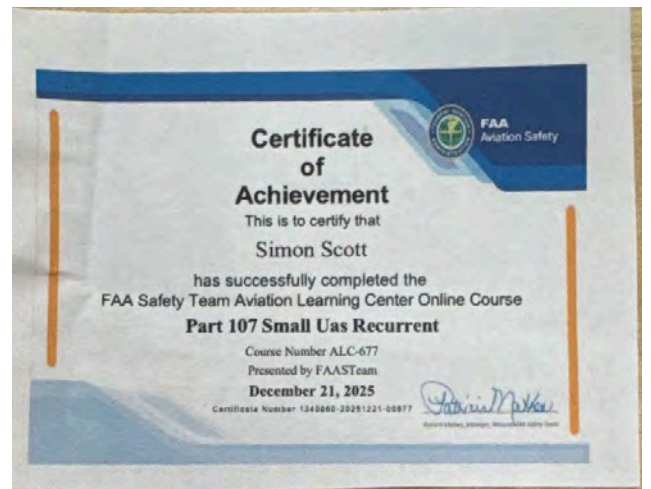
Waiver of Subrogation and Primary & Non-Contributory Endorsement included on Aviation Liability (UA00641366)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER 	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER

<p>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER AND AUTHORIZATION</h2>	
ISSUED TO	<p>Firefly Drone Shows Responsible Person: Kyle Dorosz Waiver Number: 107W-2025-02052</p>
ADDRESS—	<p>1900 Opdyke Ct Auburn Hills, MI 48326</p>
<p>This certificate is issued for the operations specifically described hereinafter. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this certificate except in accordance with the provisions contained in this certificate.</p>	
<p>OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED</p> <p>Small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) operations at night and during civil twilight without anti-collision lights meeting the requirements of § 107.29(a)(2) & (b); Acting as a remote pilot in command (PIC) or visual observer (VO) in the operation of more than one small unmanned aircraft (sUA) at the same time, and pursuant to 14CFR § 89.105 to operate its UA in the National Airspace System (NAS) without broadcasting Remote Identification (RID) subject to the conditions of this waiver.</p>	
<p>LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 CFR §§ 107.29(a)(2) & (b)—Anti-collision light requirement for operations at night and during periods of civil twilight, and 107.35—Operation of multiple small unmanned aircraft systems</p>	
<p>STANDARD PROVISIONS</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A copy of the application made for this certificate shall be attached to and become a part hereof. 2. This certificate shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations. 3. The holder of this certificate shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein. 4. This certificate is nontransferable. 	
<p>NOTE—This certificate constitutes a waiver of those Federal rules or regulations specifically referred to above. It does not constitute a waiver of any State law or local ordinance.</p>	
<p>SPECIAL PROVISIONS</p>	
<p>Special Provisions Nos. 1 to 30, inclusive, are set forth on the attached pages.</p>	
<p>This Certificate of Waiver is effective from August 01, 2025, to August 31, 2029, and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or an authorized representative.</p>	
<p>BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR</p> <p>DEREK W HUFTY</p> <p>Emerging Technologies Division, AFS-700</p> <div style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;"> Digitally signed by DEREK W HUFTY Date: 2025.07.10 07:38:10 -04'00' </div>	

PART 107 PILOT LICENSE



DRONE SHOWS SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Drone Shows Services Agreement (together with all exhibits and documents incorporated, this “**Agreement**”) is made and entered on April 23rd, 2026 (“**Effective Date**”), between Meridian Township with offices located at 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett, MI 48840 (“**Client**”), and Firefly Drone Shows, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company with offices located at 1900 Opdyke Ct. Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (“**Firefly**”). Firefly and Client may, without distinction, be individually referred to as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties**”.

1. Drone Show and Services.

(a) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Firefly agrees to perform a drone show display or displays consistent with the Scope of Services attached as Exhibit A (“**Drone Show**”).

(b) The performance of the Drone Show will start at the agreed upon time(s) if the launch site is secure and the conditions are safe to proceed as determined by Firefly in its sole discretion.

(c) The Parties agree that should unsafe conditions arise during the performance of the Drone Show, as determined by Firefly in its sole discretion, Firefly’s Pilot in Command (“**PIC**”) may halt the display. The PIC may resume the Drone Show if the PIC determines that safe conditions are restored.

(d) In the event the PIC determines that weather conditions require the cancellation of the Drone Show, the Client shall be required to pay Firefly Drone Shows 50% of the original invoiced amount.

(e) If Client wishes to change the scope or performance of the Drone Show, it must submit details of the requested change to Firefly in writing. Firefly will, within a reasonable time after such request, provide Client a written estimate of the time likely required to implement the change and any necessary variations to the fees and expenses arising from the changes.

(f) In full and final consideration for the services outlined above, Client agrees to pay Firefly the total amount of fees and expenses stated in the attached invoice (“**Invoice**”) attached as Exhibit B.

(g) Client shall pay the Invoice by wire transfer, check, or credit card with 3.5% service fee. 50% of the total amount of the Invoice is due upon the signing of this Agreement. The remaining 50% of the total amount of the Invoice is due within 24 hours of the completion of the Drone Show.

(h) Upon completion of the Drone Show, cancelation of the Drone Show due to weather, or if the Client cancels the Drone Show, Firefly will have 60 days to invoice (“**Additional Expense Invoice**”) Client for any additional fees, costs, or expenses that the Client previously approved based on changes in scope or performance per Section 1(d) of this Agreement (“**Additional Expenses**”). The Client agrees to pay the Additional Expenses within 30 days of receiving any Additional Expense Invoice. Client will pay the full amount of the Additional Expense Invoice to Firefly by credit card or check made payable to Firefly Drone Shows, LLC to be delivered to Firefly’s address provided in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

2. Client’s Obligations.

- (a) Client shall be solely and entirely responsible for the following obligations:
- (i) Obtaining all necessary permissions from property owners, controllers, or authorized representatives required for the performance of the Drone Show at least seven days before the performance of the Drone Show.
 - (ii) Obtaining all necessary permits required by local governmental agencies at least seven days before the performance of the Drone Show.
 - (iii) Maintaining a safe operating area from which the Firefly crew will work, uninterrupted.
 - (iv) Securing the area of operation to ensure only individuals necessary to the operation (“**Participating Persons**”) are allowed in the area of flight operations as designated by Firefly.
 - (v) Ensuring that only Participating Persons will be permitted within the perimeter of 500 feet from the area of primary flying.
 - (vi) Providing one 20-amp circuit for battery charging (alternatively, Firefly can provide this equipment upon Client’s request).
 - (vii) Ensuring that none of the Client’s employees, contractors, or representatives are operating a drone within 2500 feet of the Drone Show location during the performance of the Drone Show.

(b) Client, and its employees, representatives, and agents, must respond promptly to any Firefly request to provide direction, information, approvals, authorizations, or decisions that are reasonably necessary for Firefly to perform the Drone Show in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.

(c) If Firefly’s performance of its obligations under this Agreement is prevented or delayed by any act or omission of Client or its employees, representatives, and agents, Firefly shall not be deemed in breach of its obligations under this Agreement or otherwise liable for any costs, charges, or losses sustained or incurred by Client, in each case, if arising directly or indirectly from such prevention or delay.

3. Cancellation.

(a) If Firefly is unable to perform the Drone Show due to (i) the Parties inability to obtain the requisite permissions to perform the Drone Show, (ii) the illness, injury, or death to its employees or personnel who are intended to pilot and coordinate the Drone Show, (iii) or due to the damage or destruction of Firefly’s equipment prior to or during transit to the location of the Drone Show (each, an “Unforeseen Event”), and to the extent such Unforeseen Event was not directly caused by Firefly or its personnel, Firefly may cancel the Drone Show and any of its obligations under this Agreement by providing Client notice as soon as reasonably possible before the Drone Show. If a cancellation under this Section 3(a) is required, Firefly will provide Client a full refund of any amounts Client paid to Firefly at the time of cancellation.

(b) If Client cancels this Agreement more than 30 days before the scheduled date of the Drone Show, the cancellation fee will be 25% of the full Invoice price regardless of whether

such fees and expenses are incurred and regardless of whether other external conditions would have prevented the Drone Show from moving forward as scheduled.

(c) If Client cancels this agreement less than 30 days, but more than 72 hours before the scheduled date of the Drone Show, the cancellation fee will be 50% of the full Invoice price regardless of whether such fees and expenses are incurred and regardless of whether other external conditions would have prevented the operations from moving forward as scheduled.

(d) If Client cancels this agreement less than 72 hours before the scheduled date of the Drone Show, the Client shall pay Firefly the total amount of the Invoice, regardless of whether such fees and expenses are incurred and regardless of whether other external conditions would have prevented the operations from moving forward as scheduled.

4. Statement of Compliance. Firefly complies with federal aviation law. In connection with these obligations, Firefly hereby represents and warrants to Client that Firefly is obligated by federal aviation law to conduct all aerial operations within the limitations stated in Federal Aviation Administration Waiver No: 107W-2025-02052 (“**Waiver**”). Client represents that nothing in this Agreement shall obligate Firefly to exceed or violate the terms of the Waiver.

5. Insurance. Firefly will provide Client a certificate of liability insurance for UAS flight-related aerial operations, naming Client as an additional named insured in an amount of at least ten-million dollars USD (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence. If the property at which the Drone Show is to be performed is not owned by Client, the Client shall notify Firefly of such, and the owner of such property shall be listed as an additional named insured as well.

6. Indemnification. Client shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Firefly and Firefly’s agents and employees, heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns from and against any costs, losses, claims, liabilities, fines, expenses, penalties, and damages (including reasonable legal fees) in connection with or resulting from (a) any inaccuracy in any representation or breach of any warranty of Buyer in this Agreement; (b) Client’s gross negligence or willful misconduct in performing any of its obligations under this Agreement; (c) a material breach by Client of any of its representations, warranties, covenants, or agreements under this Agreement; or (d) any third-party claim based on, resulting from, or arising out of Client’s conduct under this Agreement.

7. Intellectual Property. All intellectual property rights, including images, text, graphics, film, audio, audiovisual works, copyrights, patents, patent disclosures, and inventions (whether patentable or not), trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, know-how, and other confidential information, trade dress, trade names, logos, corporate names, and domain names, together with all of the goodwill associated therewith, derivative works, and all other rights (collectively, “**Intellectual Property Rights**”) in and to the Drone Show, work product, and other materials that are delivered to or for Client under this Agreement shall be owned by Firefly.

8. Confidential Information.

(a) Confidential Information disclosed by either Party shall be used by the receiving Party solely for the purposes authorized by this Agreement, unless otherwise approved in advance and in writing by the disclosing Party.

(b) If the receiving Party is legally obliged to disclose any of the Confidential Information, the receiving Party shall promptly notify the disclosing Party so that the disclosing Party may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy or waive compliance with the terms of this Agreement, at the disclosing Party's sole discretion.

(c) Under this Agreement, "**Confidential Information**" includes, but is not limited to, Firefly's operating procedures, operations manuals, and any documents marked "Confidential."

(d) Firefly shall be entitled to injunctive relief for any violation of this Section.

9. Representation and Warranty.

(a) Firefly represents and warrants to Client that it shall perform the Drone Show using personnel of required skill, experience, and qualifications and in a professional and workmanlike manner in accordance with generally recognized industry standards for similar services and shall devote adequate resources to meet its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) In the event of a materially defective Drone Show, Firefly shall, in its sole discretion, either:

(i) Reperform the Drone Show; or

(ii) Credit or refund the price of the Drone Show at the pro rata contract rate.

(c) The remedies set forth in this section shall be Client's sole and exclusive remedy and Firefly's entire liability for any breach of the limited warranty set forth in this section.

(d) Except for the warranty set forth above, Firefly makes no warranty related to its services, including any (a) warranty of fitness for a particular purpose; or (b) warranty of title; or (c) warranty against infringement of intellectual property rights of a third party; whether express or implied by law, course of dealing, course of performance, usage of trade, or otherwise.

10. Limitation of Liability.

(a) IN NO EVENT SHALL FIREFLY BE LIABLE TO CLIENT OR TO ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY LOSS OF USE, REVENUE, OR PROFIT, OR FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES WHETHER ARISING OUT OF BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH DAMAGE WAS FORESEEABLE AND WHETHER OR NOT FIREFLY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE FAILURE OF ANY AGREED OR OTHER REMEDY OF ITS ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.

(b) IN NO EVENT SHALL FIREFLY'S AGGREGATE LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR OTHERWISE, EXCEED THE AGGREGATE AMOUNTS PAID OR PAYABLE TO FIREFLY PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.

11. Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES AND, THEREFORE, EACH PARTY

IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LEGAL ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

12. Survival. Subject to the limitations and other provisions of this Agreement: (a) the representations and warranties of the Parties contained herein will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement for 12 months after such expiration or termination; and (b) Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of this Agreement, as well as any other provision that, in order to give proper effect to its intent, should survive such expiration or termination, will survive the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement for the period specified therein, or if nothing is specified for a period of 24 months after such expiration or termination.

13. Relationship of the Parties. The relationship between the Parties is that of independent contractors. Nothing in this Agreement shall give Client the right to instruct, supervise, control, or direct the details and manner of the completion of the Drone Show. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any agency, partnership, joint venture, or other form of joint enterprise, employment, or fiduciary relationship between the Parties, and neither Party shall have authority to contract for or bind the other Party.

14. Force Majeure. Firefly shall not be liable or responsible to Client, nor be deemed to have defaulted or breached this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Agreement when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of Firefly including, without limitation, acts of God, flood, fire, earthquake, explosion, governmental actions, war, invasion, or hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riot, or other civil unrest, national emergency, revolution, insurrection, epidemic, lock-outs, strikes, or other labor disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, materials, or telecommunication breakdown or power outage.

15. Severability. If any provision or portion of this Agreement is found to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable to any extent, such provision of this Agreement will be enforced to the fullest extent permissible by applicable law so as to affect the intent of the Parties, and the remainder of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect. Upon such determination that any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner so that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the greatest extent possible.

16. Form of Written Notice. Each Party shall deliver all communications in writing either in person, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by facsimile or email (with confirmation of transmission), or by recognized overnight courier service, and addressed to the other Party at the addresses that the receiving Party may designate from time to time in accordance with this Section.

17. Choice of Law. This Agreement and all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement are governed by, and construed under the laws of the State of Michigan, without giving effect to any conflict of laws provisions thereof.

18. Cumulative Remedies. The Rights under this Agreement are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights and remedies available at law or in equity or otherwise.
19. Assignment. Neither Party may directly or indirectly assign, transfer, or delegate any of or all its rights or obligations under this Agreement, voluntarily or involuntarily, including by change of control, merger (whether such Party is the surviving entity), operation of law, or any other manner, without the prior written consent of the other Party. Any purported assignment or delegation in violation of this Section shall be invalid.
20. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
21. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall grant to any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature under or because of this Agreement.
22. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, email, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.
23. Waiver. No waiver of any right, remedy, power, or privilege under this Agreement (“**Right(s)**”) is effective unless in a writing signed by the Party charged with such waiver. No failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any Right operates as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any Right precludes any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other Right.
24. Amendment and Modification. This Agreement may only be amended or modified in a writing which specifically states that it amends this Agreement and is signed by an authorized representative of each party.
25. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous written or oral understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties with respect to such subject matter. the Parties may not amend this Agreement except by written instrument signed by the Parties.
26. Electronic Signatures. Each Party agrees that the electronic signatures, whether digital or encrypted, of the Parties included in this Agreement are intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as manual signatures.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

FIREFLY DRONE SHOWS, LLC

Name:
Its:

By: Matthew Sanker
Its: Director of Sales

EXHIBIT A
SCOPE OF SERVICES

Date(s) of Show Performance:	Saturday, July 25th, 2026
Approximate Time of Show Performance:	10:15 pm
Location of Show Performance	Central Park South 42°43'45.8"N 84°25'19.6"W
Quantity of Drones Used Per Show:	200 Drones
Duration of Show Performance:	15 Minutes
Show Design Description:	The Drone Show will be comprised of stock show elements designed by Firefly Drones Shows with the addition of the custom elements as listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Creative TBD
Additional Specifications/Comments:	

**EXHIBIT B
INVOICE**

Firefly Drone Shows

1900 Opdyke Ct
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
www.fireflydroneshow.com



Estimate

ADDRESS

Meridian Township Parks &
Recreation
ATTN: Courtney Wisinski
2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court
Haslett, MI 48840

ESTIMATE # 2361

DATE 04/23/2026

EXPIRATION DATE 06/01/2026

JOB NUMBER

Celebrate Meridian Event

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Drone Light Show 200 Drones, 15 Minutes - Date: July 25th, 2025 - Location: Haslett, MI	1	38,000.00	38,000.00

Included in Quote:

- All Travel, Logistics, Lodging & Per Diem Expenses
- 6 Custom Animations & Access to Firefly's Stock Library
- Custom Audio Design & Synchronization
- FAA Permitting, Airspace Authorization & Altitude Waiver
- Onsite Setup, Execution, and Teardown
- Project & Logistics Coordination

SUBTOTAL	38,000.00
TAX	0.00
DISCOUNT	-18,000.00
TOTAL	\$20,000.00



To: Township Board Members

**From: Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP
Director of Community Planning and Development**

Date: April 29, 2026

Re: Ordinance 2026-01 – Eyde/Capstone – Vacant Hannah Boulevard Conditional Rezoning – PO, Professional Office, and RAA, One-Family, Low Density Residential, to RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 Dwelling Units per Acre, Subject to a Conditional Rezoning Agreement – ADOPTION

Capstone Collegiate Communities has applied for rezoning of the vacant properties, owned by Eyde Land Holdings, at the end of Hannah Boulevard and Eyde Parkway, totaling 69.08 acres (parcel IDs# 33-02-02-20-401-005 and 33-02-02-20-327-006). The properties are currently vacant and are located between The Lodges of East Lansing and the Indian Lakes Estates neighborhood. Previously, a senior living community had been approved for the site, but the project was abandoned in the post-Covid economic environment.

The applicant is requesting to rezone the parcels to RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 dwelling units per acre, subject to the following conditions:

- PUD to be submitted in a specific timeframe (this was clarified by the applicant after the Planning Commission review to be 24 months once the conditional rezoning is approved)
- Limiting the number of units to no more than 270 units
- Preservation of approximately 38 acres of open space (wetlands/floodplain included)
- Providing a Natural Buffer Zone of 248' (no development zone) adjacent to the Indian Hills Neighborhood

The Township Board previously discussed this proposal at their April 7, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), MINUTES [not yet available]) meeting and Introduced the ordinance for future adoption at their April 21, 2026 meeting ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), MINUTES [not yet available]). No major concerns were raised during the discussions that will not be addressed through the upcoming site plan review process. At this time, Staff **recommends approval** of the proposed ordinance to change the zoning, while limiting the development on the property. Staff would offer the following motion for the Township Board to consider.

Move to adopt the resolution approving Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance to rezone two vacant parcels on Hannah Boulevard (parcel IDs #33-02-02-20-401-005 and 33-02-02-20-327-006) from PO, Professional Office, and RAA, One-Family, Low Density Residential, to RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 Dwelling Units per Acre, Subject to a Conditional Rezoning Agreement

Attachments:

1. Resolution to Approve Ordinance 26-01
2. Ordinance 26-01 – Vacant Hannah Boulevard rezoning

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
PURSUANT TO REZONING REQUEST #26004

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map.

A. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 86-312 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the PO, Professional Office, and RAA, One-Family Low Density Residential symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for Parcels #33-02-02-20-401-005 and 33-02-02-20-327-006, land legally described as:

A parcel of land in the Northeast 1/4 and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Town 4 North, Range 1 West, Meridian Township, Ingham County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 20; thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds East along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 20 a distance of 2651.27 feet to the Center of said Section 20; thence continuing South 89 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds East along said East-West 1/4 line 308.73 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds East 1053.59 feet to a point on an intermediate traverse line along the Red Cedar River, said point being South 00 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds West 28.4 feet, more or less, from the waters' edge; thence along said traverse line the following 6 courses: South 72 degrees 53 minutes 32 seconds East 153.71 feet, South 72 degrees 33 minutes 07 seconds East 175.49 feet, South 78 degrees 51 minutes 31 seconds East 147.83 feet, North 66 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East 201.50 feet, North 67 degrees 37 minutes 31 seconds East 205.40 feet, and North 57 degrees 54 minutes 58 seconds East 218.74 feet to a point on the West line of Indian Lakes Estates No. 3 Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 29 of Plats, Pages 37 and 38, Ingham County Records, at the intersection with the intermediate traverse line of said plat, said point being South 00 degrees 14 minutes 01 seconds West 9.3 feet, more or less, from the water's edge; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 01 seconds West (Recorded South 00 degrees 20 minutes 10 seconds West) along said West line 1002.41 feet (Recorded 1002.08 feet) to the Southwest corner of said Indian Lakes Estates No. 3 Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 28 seconds West (Recorded South 00 degrees 20 minutes 10 seconds West) along the West line of Indian Lakes Estates No. 2 Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 28 of Plats, Pages 30 and 31, Ingham County Records, a distance of 754.03 feet (Recorded 754.26 feet) to the Northwest corner of Outlet "D" of said plat; thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 08 seconds West (Recorded South 00 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds West) along the West line of said Outlet "D" and along the West line of the plat of Indian Lakes Estates, as recorded in Liber 25 of Plats, Pages 48 and 49, Ingham County Records, a distance of 774.54 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 47 seconds West 1333.97 feet; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds East 8.24 feet; thence North 89 degrees 37 minutes 32 seconds West 523.96 feet; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 16 seconds East 487.08 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of Eyde Parkway; thence Northeasterly along said Easterly line 288.12

feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 333.00 feet, a delta angle of 39 degrees 14 minutes 59 seconds and chord of 223.68 feet bearing North 48 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East; thence South 60 degrees 50 minutes 28 seconds East 32.55 feet; thence Southeasterly 70.82 feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 73.00 feet, a delta angle of 55 degrees 35 minutes 01 seconds and a chord of 68.07 feet bearing South 50 degrees 36 minutes 34 seconds East; thence South 78 degrees 24 minutes 05 seconds East 40.08 feet; thence South 60 degrees 50 minutes 28 seconds East 44.12 feet; thence North 71 degrees 41 minutes 26 seconds East 331.04 feet; thence North 45 degrees 22 minutes 15 seconds East 385.93 feet; thence North 12 degrees 37 minutes 45 seconds West 288.64 feet to the South right-of-way line of Hannah Boulevard; thence South 87 degrees 58 minutes 54 seconds East along said South line 19.92 feet; thence North 02 degrees 01 minutes 06 seconds East along the East line of said Hannah Boulevard 66.00 feet; thence North 87 degrees 58 minutes 54 seconds West along the North right-of-way line of said Hannah Boulevard 27.63 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds East 45.34 feet to the point of beginning.

to that of **RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 dwelling units per acre, subject to a conditional rezoning agreement limiting the development on the site.**

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor

Angela Demas, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

**Ordinance 2026-01
Capstone – Vacant Hannah Boulevard
Conditional Rezoning**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 7th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Capstone Collegiate Communities, LLC, has submitted a conditional rezoning request for the vacant 69.08 acres of land at the end of Hannah Boulevard, parcel ID number 33-02-02-20-401-005 and 33-02-02-20-327-006; and

WHEREAS, the property is currently zoned RAA, One-Family Low Density Residential and PO, Professional Office, allowing limited residential and office development on the site; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has applied for rezoning of the property to RD, Multiple Family Residential, up to 8 dwelling units per acre, subject to a conditional rezoning with the following two conditions

1. PUD to be submitted within 24 months once the conditional rezoning is approved
2. Limiting the number of units in the development to no more than 270 units
3. Preservation of approximately 38 acres of open space
4. Providing a Natural Buffer Zone of 248’ (no development zone) adjacent to the Indian Hills Neighborhood

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and discussed at its regular meeting on February 23, 2026, and made a positive recommendation for the proposed rezoning to the Township Board at their March 9, 2026 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the proposed rezoning at its meeting on April 7, 2026 meeting, and has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission materials provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board at their April 21, 2026 meeting Introduced the ordinance with the intention of adoption, directing Staff to publish the notice in accordance with legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the rezoning would be consistent with the development to the west, would limit the density on the site, would increase the setbacks required on the site from the adjoining single-

**Resolution to Approve
Ordinance 2026-01 – Capstone – Vacant Hannah Boulevard
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family residential neighborhood, and would prohibit vehicular connections to the adjacent single-family residential neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby ADOPTS Ordinance Number 2026-01, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township pursuant to Rezoning Application #26004” to rezone the subject properties from RAA, One-Family Low Density Residential and PO, Professional Office,, to RD, Multiple Family Residential up to 8 dwelling units per acre, subject to a conditional rezoning agreement limiting the development on the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it was adopted.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

 NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss

COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 7th day of May.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk



To: Township Board Members

From: Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP
Director of Community Planning and Development

Date: April 30, 2026

Re: Ordinance 2026-02 – Tekchandani Enterprises – 2936 Jolly Road Rezoning – C-1, Commercial, to RB, One-Family, High Density Residential – ADOPTION

Tekchandani Enterprises, the owner of the property at 2936 Jolly Road (parcel ID# 33-02-02-32-300-013) has applied for rezoning of the 0.44 acre parcel. The property has a single-family home on it and is currently a legally licensed rental property. The owner is looking to sell the property and retire, but has run into issues selling the property, as it is considered non-conforming, since the use of the property does not match the zoning.

The Township Board previously discussed this proposal at their April 7, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), MINUTES [not yet available]) meeting and Introduced the ordinance for future adoption at their April 21, 2026 meeting ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), MINUTES [not yet available]). No major concerns were raised during the discussions. At this time, Staff **recommends approval** of the proposed ordinance to change the zoning to bring the zoning in line with the use of the property. Staff would offer the following motion for the Township Board to consider.

Move to adopt the resolution approving Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance to rezone 2936 Jolly Road (parcel IDs #33-02-02-32-300-013) from C-1, Commercial, to RB, One-Family, High-Density Residential.

Attachments:

1. Resolution to Approve Ordinance 26-02
2. Ordinance 26-02 – 2936 Jolly Road

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE

**Ordinance 2026-02
2936 Jolly Road – Tekchandani Rezoning**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 7th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Tekchandani Enterprises, LLC, has submitted a rezoning request for 2936 Jolly Road, parcel ID number 33-02-02-32-300-013; and

WHEREAS, the property is currently zoned C-1, Commercial, allowing limited commercial development on the site; and

WHEREAS, the current use of the property is as a single-family home, which is considered a legal nonconforming use of the property; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is running into difficulties selling the property, due to the nonconforming status of the property, leading to them seeking this rezoning of the property to RB, One-Family, High Density Residential; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and discussed at its regular meeting on March 9, 2026, and made a positive recommendation for the proposed rezoning to the Township Board at their March 23, 2026 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed the proposed rezoning at its meeting on April 7, 2026 meeting, and has reviewed the staff and Planning Commission materials provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board at their April 21, 2026 meeting Introduced the ordinance with the intention of adoption, directing Staff to publish the notice in accordance with legal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the rezoning make the use of the property consistent with the zoning of the property and would not be out of character with the surrounding area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby ADOPTS Ordinance Number 2026-02, entitled “Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map of Meridian Township pursuant to Rezoning Application #26006” to rezone the subject properties from C-1, Commercial,, to RB, One-Family, High Density Residential.

Resolution to APPROVE
Ordinance 2026-02 – Tekchandani – 2936 Jolly Road
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it was adopted.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss

COUNTY OF INGHAM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 7th day of May, 2026.

Angela Demas
Township Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP
OF MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP
PURSUANT TO REZONING REQUEST #26006

The Charter Township of Meridian ordains:

Section 1. Amending the Zoning District Map.

A. The Zoning District Map of Meridian Township, as adopted in Section 86-312 of the Code of the Charter Township of Meridian, Michigan, as previously amended, is hereby amended by changing the C-1, Commercial, symbol and indication as shown on the Zoning District Map, for Parcel #33-02-02-32-300-013, land legally described as:

M 32-16 COM. AT PT. 612.25 FT. E. OF SW COR. OF SEC-E 65 FT-N 335.1 FT- W 65 FT-S 335.1 FT. TO BEG., SEC. 32, T4N R1W - 1/2 A.

to that of **RB, One-Family, High Density Residential District**.

Section 2. Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor

Angela Demas, Township Clerk



To: Board Members

**From: Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP
Community Planning and Development Director**

Date: May 1, 2026

Re: Ordinance 2026-03 – Data Center Moratorium – INTRODUCTION

At the Township Board’s request, the Township Attorneys have drafted the attached ordinance establishing a moratorium on Data Center Development in the Township. It is set to last six months, during which time, the Township Attorney’s office will develop ordinances to present to the Planning Commission and Township Board to regulate the use. To implement the moratorium, the ordinance will be introduced at this meeting and then adopted at the next meeting. Staff would offer the following motion to proceed.

Move to adopt the resolution approving for introduction Text Amendment #2026-03 to implement a six-month moratorium on Data Center developments while regulations are developed.

Attachments:

1. Resolution to Approve for Introduction Ordinance 2026-03 – Data Center Moratorium
2. Ordinance 2026-03 – Data Center Moratorium

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE - Introduction

**Text Amendment #2026-03
Data Center Moratorium**

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 7th day of May, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Data Centers are a rapidly expanding land use that does not appear to have thorough regulation in our current zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to implement regulations on the future development of Data Centers in the Township; and

WHEREAS, there is no current application for a Data Center Development in the Township; and

WHEREAS, implementing a moratorium on the development of Data Centers will allow the ordinance to be developed in a timely and regular manner, without being concerned about pending applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed this matter at their April 7, 2026 meeting and expressed a desire for a moratorium while they consider regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. 2026-03, entitled "Ordinance Establishing Data Center Moratorium"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03**

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DATA CENTER MORATORIUM

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864 on the ____ day of May 2026, at ____ p.m., the following Ordinance was offered by Township Board Member _____ and supported by Township Board Member _____.

An ordinance to enact a temporary moratorium for a period of six (6) months, subject to an extension by resolution, on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, construction, and/or installation of any Data Center facilities.

WHEREAS, due to concerns from the public and Township officials about appropriate regulations for Data Center developments across Michigan, and to regulate Data Center development within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Data Center means a facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances and other associated components related to digital data operations. The facility may also include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure to support sustained operations at the Data Center; and

WHEREAS, the typical physical characteristics of Data Centers include, but are not limited to the following: (1) power systems; (2) cooling systems (3) battery energy storage energy systems (4) use of equipment to cool the hardware and operating space; and/or (5) power generators; and

WHEREAS, the Township's zoning ordinance, as currently written, does not define, address, or provide any regulations for Data Centers or regulate any similar use fitting the description above; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a legitimate purpose in addressing the proper design, size, location, and operation of a Data Center in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the amount of water and energy consumed by, and noise produced by, Data Centers raises concerns that necessary regulations may be required to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township is reasonably concerned future Data Centers, without proper regulations, would be established in inappropriate or inadvisable locations within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of studying the localized impacts of Data Centers and assessing its regulations to implement an appropriate approach for addressing and mitigating such impacts within the Township in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, studies regarding the impacts of Data Centers are constantly evolving and present complex regulatory issues and thus the time to consider and assess the regulation of Data Centers within the Township will take several months; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to forestall such issues for the Township and to enact a temporary moratorium on such Data Centers for six (6) months or until any necessary regulations can be enacted; and

WHEREAS, the Township determines that the adoption of this ordinance, which is necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare by preventing the inappropriate location and establishment of Data Centers in the Township during the time needed to study and review, due to conditions within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, Ordains:

Section 1. Title: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Meridian Township Data Center Moratorium.

Section 2. Definition: Data Center means a facility used primarily for the storage, management, processing, and transmission of digital data, which houses computer or network equipment, systems, servers, appliances and other associated components related to digital data operations. The facility may also include air handlers, power generators, water cooling and storage facilities, utility substations, and other associated utility infrastructure to support sustained operations at the Data Center.

Section 3. Moratorium: The Township enacts a temporary moratorium on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of all Data Centers in the Township for six (6) months, subject to a future extension by resolution, or the Township's implementation of regulations governing Data Centers. For the purposes of this ordinance, Data Center encompasses all like operations, whether or not referenced in the Meridian Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5: Waiver: In the event that the Township Board decides by resolution to extend this moratorium, and a landowner will suffer immediate and irreparable harm for the duration of the extension by resolution, or such an extension otherwise violates applicable provisions of the state or federal constitution or other applicable law, a landowner may apply in writing for a waiver of the extended moratorium from the Township Board. At a public hearing held on such an application, the landowner must bear the burden of demonstrating immediate and irreparable harm as a result of the extended moratorium. The Township Board, upon a sufficient showing, may grant



To: Board Members

**From: Timothy R. Schmitt, AICP
Community Planning and Development Director**

Date: May 1, 2026

**Re: Ordinance 2026-04 - Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium -
INTRODUCTION**

At the Township Board's request, the Township Attorneys have drafted the attached ordinance establishing a moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems Development in the Township. It is set to last six months, during which time, the Township Attorney's office will develop ordinances to present to the Planning Commission and Township Board to regulate the use. To implement the moratorium, the ordinance will be introduced at this meeting and then adopted at the next meeting. Staff would offer the following motion to proceed.

Move to adopt the resolution approving for introduction Text Amendment #2026-04 to implement a six-month moratorium on Battery Energy Storage Systems developments while regulations are developed.

Attachments:

1. Resolution to Approve for Introduction Ordinance 2026-04 - Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium
2. Ordinance 2026-04 - Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 7th day of May, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

WHEREAS, Battery Energy Storage Systems are a newer land use that does not appear to have regulation in our current zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to implement regulations on the future development of Battery Energy Storage Systems; and

WHEREAS, there is no current application for a Battery Energy Storage System Development in the Township; and

WHEREAS, implementing a moratorium on the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems will allow the ordinance to be developed in a timely and regular manner, without being concerned about pending applications; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board discussed this matter at their April 7, 2026 meeting and expressed a desire for a moratorium while they consider regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN hereby INTRODUCES FOR PUBLICATION AND SUBSEQUENT ADOPTION Ordinance No. 2026-04, entitled "Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Meridian is directed to publish the Ordinance in the form in which it is introduced at least once prior to the next regular meeting of the Township Board.

ADOPTED: YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS MORATORIUM

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864 on the ____ day of May 2026, at ____ p.m., the following Ordinance was offered by Township Board Member _____ and supported by Township Board Member _____.

An ordinance to enact a temporary moratorium for a period of six (6) months, subject to an extension by resolution, on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, construction, or installation of any Battery Energy Storage Systems.

WHEREAS, due to concerns from the public and Township officials about appropriate regulations for the increasing amount of Battery Energy Storage Systems across Michigan, and to regulate the development of Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Township; and

WHEREAS, a Battery Energy Storage System means a facility that houses a rechargeable electrical system that absorbs, stores, and discharges electricity using batteries for off-site transmission and allows storage and disbursement of energy from nearby commercial-scale power generating systems or from the public utility electric grid for the primary purpose of disbursement back to the public utility electric grid; and

WHEREAS, the typical physical characteristics of Battery Energy Storage Systems include, but are not limited to the following: (1) power systems and generators; (2) cooling systems (3) use of equipment to cool the hardware and operating space; and/or (5) hazard and explosion detection systems; and

WHEREAS, the Township's zoning ordinance, as currently written, does not define, address, or provide regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems or regulate any similar use fitting the description above; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a legitimate purpose in addressing the proper design, size, location, and operation of any Battery Energy Storage System in the Township in order to protect public safety and protect against the depletion of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the amount of energy consumed by Battery Energy Storage Systems raises concerns that necessary regulations may be required to protect public health and the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township is reasonably concerned future Battery Energy Storage Systems, without proper regulations, would be established in inappropriate or inadvisable locations within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township is desirous of studying the localized impacts of Battery Energy Storage Systems and assessing its regulations to implement an appropriate approach for addressing and mitigating such impacts within the Township in order to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, studies regarding the impacts of Battery Energy Storage Systems are constantly evolving and present complex regulatory issues and thus the time to consider and assess the regulation of Battery Energy Storage Systems within the Township will take several months; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to forestall such issues for the Township and to enact a temporary moratorium on such Battery Energy Storage Systems for six (6) months or until any necessary regulations can be enacted; and

WHEREAS, the Township determines that the adoption of this ordinance, which is necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare by preventing the inappropriate location and establishment of Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Township during the time needed to study and review, due to conditions within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, Ordains:

Section 1. Title: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Meridian Township Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium.

Section 2. Definition: Battery Energy Storage System means a facility that houses a rechargeable electrical system that absorbs, stores, and discharges electricity using batteries for off-site transmission and allows storage and disbursement of energy from nearby commercial-scale power generating systems or from the public utility electric grid for the primary purpose of disbursement back to the public utility electric grid.

Section 3. Moratorium: The Township enacts a temporary moratorium on the permitting, consideration, approval, location, erection, construction, and/or installation of all Battery Energy Storage Systems in the Township for six (6) months, subject to a future extension by resolution, or the Township's implementation of regulations governing Battery Energy Storage Systems. For the purposes of this ordinance, Battery Energy Storage Systems encompasses all like operations, whether or not referenced in the Meridian Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5: Waiver: In the event that the Township Board decides by resolution to extend this moratorium, and a landowner will suffer immediate and irreparable harm for the duration of the extension by resolution, or such an extension otherwise violates applicable provisions of the state or federal constitution or other applicable law, a landowner may apply in writing for a waiver of



To: Township Board
From: Tim Dempsey, Township Manager
Date: May 1, 2026
Re: Legal Services Agreement

At the April 21, 2026, Township Board meeting, the Board selected Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC to continue as the Township’s primary legal counsel. This selection followed a request for proposals process that resulted in four firms submitting proposals.

Attached for consideration is the renewal letter and proposed terms. The following motion is suggested should the Township Board want to proceed as indicated:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH FAHEY SCHULTZ BURZYCH RHODES PLC FOR LEGAL SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029.

Attachments: Renewal Engagement Letter dated April 30, 2026
Standard Terms of Engagement
Proposal to Provide Legal Services

April 30, 2026

Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor
Charter Township of Meridian
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48840

Via Email

Dear Supervisor Hendrickson and Members of the Township Board:

Re: *Renewal Engagement as Township Attorneys*

We are very appreciative that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian (the “Township”) has elected to renew its engagement with Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC to continue serving as your Township Attorneys for an additional period of three (3) years, beginning July 1, 2026. This letter confirms our representation.

For purposes of our representation, Supervisor Scott Hendrickson will serve as the Firm’s primary contact for Township Board matters, and Tim Dempsey, Township Manager, will serve as the Firm’s primary contact for Township operational matters. I will be the primary attorney responsible for the Firm’s representation of the Township, subject to the Standard Terms of Engagement. Except as otherwise stated in this letter, the terms of our agreement are described in the enclosed Standard Terms, which are incorporated in this letter.

The basic services we will provide the Township are covered by a monthly flat fee of \$6,000 for this renewal term. This flat fee is in exchange for full access to our time, review and advice regarding the routine, day-to-day legal matters that the Township encounters, as generally outlined in the table below:

EXAMPLES OF MATTERS INCLUDED:	EXAMPLES OF MATTERS NOT INCLUDED:
<p>Review and advice on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liability or potential litigation matters and claim letters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prosecution or defense of litigation.• Appearance in court or at depositions, preparing pleadings, motions and briefs, etc.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any subpoena, summons, complaint, or claim served on you. • Purchase or sale of Township property. • General employment and labor relations matters, including contract interpretation, employment policy drafting and grievance issues. • General collective bargaining matters. • Zoning, land use, and code enforcement matters. • Ordinances and ordinance amendments proposed for adoption by Township Board. • Public works, utility and contract matters. <p>Attendance at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township Board meetings as requested by the Township Board or Manager, scheduled to accommodate items of legal concern on the agenda. • Township staff and external meetings, as requested by the Manager. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing or drafting of final contracts and documents for the purchase or sale of Township property or real estate. • Defending or prosecuting at the MDCR, EEOC, MERC, UIA, MERS, or other government agencies, arbitrations or courts. • Serving as lead negotiator or representative. • Litigation of zoning or land use matters. • Drafting major new ordinances or ordinance revisions. • Drafting contracts or special assessment documents for public works projects. • Scheduled office hours at Township Hall.
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Whether a particular matter is covered by the scope of the monthly flat fee will be handled with common sense, mutual agreement, mutual respect, and fairness to both the Township and the firm. The firm and the Township will periodically meet and discuss the workings of this flat fee arrangement, including its cost effectiveness for both the Township and the firm. The terms of the flat fee may be renegotiated at any time, at the initiative of either the Township or the firm.

Matters not covered by the flat fee will be billed at hourly rates for the time incurred by each member of our professional staff on behalf of the Township. Although our hourly rates for other townships currently range up to \$350 per hour, for the Township our hourly rates will be capped at \$230 per hour in the first year, \$240 per hour in the second year, and \$250 per hour in the third year of this renewal period. The Township will be billed the lower of the capped rate or the standard hourly rate for any member of our professional staff.

We are excited about the opportunity to continue representing the Township as your Township Attorneys. Although this engagement letter is intended to cover the three-year renewal period, we would be delighted to discuss future renewals on terms that are mutually agreeable to the Township and the firm.

We appreciate the confidence you have in us and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to call me. If you agree with the above, please return a signed copy of this letter so we can continue to represent the Township's interests.

Sincerely,



CHRISTOPHER S. PATTERSON

MEMBER

Direct: 517.381.3205

cpatterson@fsbrlaw.com

Encl: Standard Terms of Engagement
Proposal Documents

Acknowledged and Agreed:

By: _____
Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor

Dated: _____, 2026

STANDARD TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

Thank you for retaining **Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC** ("Firm") for legal services. These **Standard Terms** govern our engagement unless otherwise stated in your engagement letter or by the Rules of Professional Conduct. Please review these **Standard Terms** carefully and retain them in your files. If you have any questions about our legal representation or invoices, please contact your primary attorney promptly.

1. SCOPE OF OUR SERVICES. Our engagement letter states specific matter(s) where we represent you and the scope of our services, which can only be varied by express written agreement. Our services do not include tax advice unless specified in the engagement letter. If you request opinions of law or outcomes, our opinions are limited by known facts and law at the time our opinion is rendered, subject to factors unknown or beyond our control. We use our best professional judgment, but cannot guarantee any outcome.

2. PRIMARY ATTORNEY. The primary attorney responsible for your representation may use other attorneys, paralegals or non-legal professionals with the Firm in the exercise of professional judgment. Attorneys outside the Firm may be consulted to serve as legal advisors to the Firm based on their licensed status in other jurisdictions or expertise in particular legal specialties.

3. CLIENT. The Firm will provide representation only to the person(s) or entity identified in our engagement letter. In matters for corporations, partnerships and other legal entities, unless otherwise agreed in writing, our representation does not extend to officers, directors, employees, shareholders, partners, members, individuals or any affiliates (such as parent, sister or subsidiary corporations).

4. OUR FEES. Unless other arrangements are made, we will bill for our legal services at our standard hourly rates, which are available on request. Hourly rates are subject to periodic review and adjustment at least annually. On request, we provide estimates of our anticipated fees on a matter when, in our professional judgment, they can be made; but unless we agree in writing to perform a specific service for a fixed fee, an estimate will not represent a maximum, minimum or agreed fee. We may also consider the following factors as appropriate to submit invoices in excess of our standard hourly rates: novelty and difficulty of the question involved; skill requisite to perform the legal services; likelihood that acceptance of a particular matter will preclude other representation; fee customarily charged in the locality for similar services; risk assumed by the Firm in performing certain types of work; amount involved and results obtained; and any time limitations imposed by the Client or by other circumstances.

5. COSTS. In addition to hourly rates, you must reimburse us for costs such as filing and recording, experts and expert witnesses, deposition transcripts, overnight or special delivery service, certified mail, mileage exceeding twenty-five (25) miles from our office and lodging (all without any mark-up). These costs will not include copies we make in-house, regular US postage, faxes or other costs that we typically consider as overhead. We submit costs in excess of \$1,500.00 by third parties to you for direct payment.

6. INVOICES. We will invoice you at the beginning of each month for hourly rates and costs. Payment within 30 days is expected, and we may charge you interest of 1% per month on accounts not paid within 30 days. Invoices can be paid by check (to Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC), cash, money order or electronic transfer (ACH). If you have questions on any invoice, contact your primary attorney as soon as possible.



7. RETAINERS. Unless otherwise stated in the engagement letter, we may withdraw amounts from a retainer at any time as necessary to satisfy unpaid invoices. If the retainer becomes insufficient to cover past due invoices or falls below the agreed amount, you will be required to replenish the retainer. Any portion of the retainer remaining after all legal services have been paid for will be refunded to you.

8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. We try to identify existing and potential conflicts at the outset of any engagement. We may ask you to sign a conflict waiver prior to an engagement. Other clients or prospective clients may ask us to seek a conflict waiver from you to represent them, but that doesn't mean we will represent you less zealously. If a conflict arises or appears after we begin an engagement, we will do our best to address and resolve the conflict consistent with our professional responsibilities. We will not represent any other client on a matter where we represent you unless you expressly agree and we can do so under the Rules of Professional Conduct. We may represent another client who is one of your market competitors.

9. INSURANCE COVERAGE. You must determine if you are covered by insurance for liability or legal expenses. Please notify your insurer(s) of any claim or potential claim and our involvement as soon as possible. Please inform us if you have insurance coverage for the matter(s) for which we are retained. With your approval and cooperation of your insurer(s), we can work with or serve as assigned insurance counsel as appropriate.

10. TERMINATION OF REPRESENTATION. You may terminate our representation at any time, with or without cause. We may terminate your representation if you fail to pay us any amount invoiced, fail to cooperate with us, or we determine that your representation would violate the Rules of Professional Responsibility or be impractical. Termination of the representation does not relieve you of the obligation to pay for legal services we provided prior to termination or need to provide for orderly transfer to your new counsel. On termination of representation for any reason, we will return your papers, documents and other property to you at your request, but may retain a copy for our own files. If any unpaid invoices are owed to us, we may retain your documents if they are subject to a lien. When we complete the work for which you retained us, our representation will end. Any further or additional work will be subject to these **Standard Terms** unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing.

11. RECORDS RETENTION. Subject to the above, we will return your materials at the end of the engagement. After the engagement, in accordance with these **Standard Terms**, applicable law and the Rules of Professional Conduct, we will hold your files for seven (7) years, when they may be destroyed. We will attempt to notify you before destroying any files and may charge you to dispose of or retain your files.

12. ELECTRONIC DATA COMMUNICATION AND STORAGE. We may communicate with you and others by email or fax, send data over the Internet, store electronic data via computer software applications hosted remotely on the Internet, or allow access to data through third-party vendors' secured portals or clouds. Electronic data confidential to your matters(s) may be transmitted or stored using these methods. In using these data communication and storage methods, the Firm will make a reasonable effort to keep such communications and data secure in accordance with our obligations under applicable laws and professional standards. You agree that we have no control over the unauthorized interception or breach of any communications or data once it has been sent or has been subject to unauthorized access, notwithstanding all reasonable security measures employed by us or our third-party vendors.

Please contact your primary attorney if you have any questions regarding these **Standard Terms**.

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PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN



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Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC is pleased to submit this proposal to continue providing municipal legal services to the Charter Township of Meridian. We value our ongoing working relationship as current Township Attorney and, through this long-standing relationship, the opportunity to provide consistent, practical legal counsel relying on our institutional knowledge of the Township. As a firm located in (and whose members and staff are residents of) Meridian Township, we bring both professional expertise and a personal commitment to this community. We are well-positioned to continue supporting and protecting the Township's interests with our high level of responsiveness and practical solutions.

More than 20 different lawyers provide their particular expertise to matters that we have handled for the Township, including specific community development and land use issues, economic development and tax-increment financing agreements, labor, employment and personnel matters, infrastructure support through public works drain and utility agreement concerns, property tax matters, and civil litigation. It is that entire team that is working monthly on matters that support and guide the Township in the challenges and opportunities it encounters. We support the Township's continued leadership on education and training of staff, boards, and commissions as the Township itself endeavors to ensure its public service is provided by prepared and informed individuals, regardless of their role. We fully intend to continue those trainings regularly to be proactive and practical about reducing unnecessary expenses, timing delays, and litigation.

We are very grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve the Township and look forward to continuing to do so. We take great pride in our work for the Township knowing that our members and employees live in this community and contribute to the community just like the Township's leadership and staff. We intend to continue to be a part of the Township's vision.

FIRM EXPERIENCE AND MUNICIPAL LAW EXPERTISE

Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC (FSBR) is a Michigan-based law firm headquartered in Okemos with a concentrated focus on municipal law and the representation of public entities throughout the state. With nearly 200 years of combined experience in municipal law, our attorneys provide comprehensive, full-service legal counsel to municipalities on both day-to-day matters and complex legal issues.

Our firm currently represents more than 250 municipalities and public entities across Michigan, including charter townships, general law townships, cities, villages, counties, and public authorities. We routinely advise township boards, planning commissions, zoning boards of appeals, and township administration on a wide range of legal matters, including governance, land use and zoning, employment and labor issues, public works projects, contracts, ordinances, FOIA and Open Meetings Act compliance, litigation, and regulatory matters.

Below is a list of our municipal clients in the surrounding four-county area of Eaton, Clinton, Ingham, and Livingston, followed by other charter townships we represent throughout the State. These

clients demonstrate our core representation of townships, as well as other local government units with similar governance structures, service demands, and operational needs to the Charter Township of Meridian:

REPRESENTATIVE MUNICIPALITIES REPRESENTED
Eaton County
Benton Township
Eaton Township
Eaton Rapids Township
Hamlin Township
Oneida Charter Township
Walton Township
Windsor Charter Township
Brookfield Township
Roxand Township
Clinton County
Clinton County (<i>Special Labor and Employment Counsel</i>)
Bath Charter Township
Dallas Township
Dewitt Charter Township (<i>Special Labor and Employment Counsel</i>)
Duplain Township
Essex Township
Greenbush Township
Ovid Township
Riley Township
Ingham Township
Bunker Hill Township
Ingham Township
Onondaga Township
Leslie Township
Williamstown Township
Livingston Township
Howell Township
Jackson County
Grass Lake Charter Township
Springport Township (<i>Renewable/Zoning Matters</i>)
Rives Township
Waterloo Township
Parma Township
Spring Arbor Township

Summit Township
Hanover Township
Other Municipalities
Flint Charter Township (Genesee County)
Bridgeport Charter Township (Saginaw County)
Bangor Charter Township (Bay County)
Hampton Charter Township (Bay County)
Larkin Charter Township (Midland County)
Oshtemo Charter Township (Kalamazoo County)
Green Charter Township (Mecosta County)
Madison Charter Township (Lenawee County)
Breitung Charter Township (Dickinson County)

Our expertise is widely recognized in nationally respected legal publications. Most recently, the firm was included in the 2026 Best Lawyers® “Best Law Firms” rankings, reflecting professional excellence and strong client and peer recognition. We are proud to have earned Tier I rankings in the Lansing metropolitan area in Municipal Law, Municipal Litigation, Labor and Employment (Management), Appellate Practice, Administrative and Regulatory Law, and Tax Litigation.

Best Lawyers®, via survey of her peers, recognized Lizzie Mills as the Lawyer of the Year for Municipal Law in 2026, and 19 of our other lawyers are ranked and recognized by Best Lawyers®. Additionally, 15 of our lawyers are ranked by Super Lawyers® as Rising Stars or Super Lawyers in their areas of expertise, including employment, local and municipal works, land use and zoning.

Our firm’s culture is built on the principle that excellent legal counsel requires more than technical skill—it requires genuine investment in our clients and each other. We foster deep specialization, collaborative problem-solving, and a commitment to continuous professional development that ensures every member of your legal team is prepared to provide the highest caliber of service. This culture of care and accountability is reflected in the longevity of our client relationships, including our nearly decade-long partnership with the Township.

Our dynamic team of more than 40 attorneys within the Firm, supported by experienced administrative and legal support staff, allows us to provide both consistency and depth of resources to our municipal clients. While a designated Township Attorney serves as the primary point of contact, the Township also benefits from access to a broader team with specialized experience in labor and employment, litigation, land use and zoning, regulatory compliance, and tax matters, ensuring continuity and responsive legal guidance for both routine and complex municipal issues.

In addition to our attorneys, the firm is supported by two administrative assistants, three legal assistants, two paralegals, six clerks, and a receptionist who all assist with client coordination and

office operations. This support structure enables efficient scheduling, document preparation, file management, and meeting coordination, contributing to organized, timely, and responsive service.

The firm maintains the office space, administrative support, technological infrastructure, and resource materials necessary to support ongoing municipal representation. We utilize comprehensive Michigan and federal legal research databases, secure cloud-based document management systems, and an internal repository of municipal legal opinions, ordinances, and reference materials developed through decades of representing municipalities across the state.

Our local office and long-standing presence in the Greater Lansing region provide convenient accessibility and familiarity with the legal, regulatory, and development landscape affecting the Township and surrounding communities. This proximity allows us to attend Board meetings, work sessions, and urgent discussions with minimal lead time while providing practical, proactive legal guidance tailored to the Township’s operational needs.

FSBR carries professional liability and general liability insurance coverages that meet or exceed the limits outlined in the Request for Proposals. Certificates of insurance can be provided upon request, and the Township may be named as an additional insured.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE WORK FOR THE TOWNSHIP

Over the course of our engagement with the Charter Township of Meridian, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes has provided counsel on more than 100 distinct legal matters touching nearly every aspect of municipal operations, including governance, litigation, labor relations, land use, community development, tax defense, public works, and regulatory compliance. What follows is a representative summary of the significant matters and projects our team has handled on behalf of the Township.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE	
Community & Senior Center Task Force	Provided comprehensive legal counsel to the Township’s Community and Senior Center Task Force, including research on governance structures, funding mechanisms, intergovernmental cooperation options, and facility use agreements to support the development of a community gathering space serving Meridian residents of all ages.
Brownfield Redevelopment	Guided the Township through brownfield redevelopment matters, including analysis of eligible activities, coordination with state agencies, review of brownfield plans, and structuring tax increment financing to promote available housing and responsible reuse of previously developed sites.

Land Preservation & Acquisition	Advised the Township on real property acquisitions for conservation and open space preservation, including negotiating purchase agreements, reviewing title work, conducting closings, and structuring transactions to protect natural areas, trails, and green spaces for the benefit of current and future residents.
Central Park Drive Development	Provided ongoing legal support for the Central Park Drive development project, including drafting and reviewing development agreements, analyzing zoning compliance, coordinating with planning staff, and addressing land use and infrastructure questions associated with this significant new development.
Woodward Way PILOT Agreement	Advised on the structuring and review of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement for the Woodward Way project, supporting the Township's interest in facilitating housing development while maintaining appropriate revenue.
Farmer's Market Operations	Advised the Township on the legal framework for acquiring the space and area within the mall to construct the market, establishing and operating the community farmer's market, including vendor agreements, liability considerations, permitting requirements, and use of municipal property for market activities.
Walking Trail & Pathway Development	Supported trail and pathway development through easement negotiations, property acquisition advice, intergovernmental coordination, and review of construction and maintenance agreements to expand recreational infrastructure for Township residents.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE

Marihuana Regulation	Led the Township through a comprehensive, multi-year effort to develop and implement a regulatory framework for commercial marihuana operations. This included drafting ordinance amendments, advising the Planning Commission and Township Board on zoning strategies, researching evolving state legislation, attending public meetings, and developing application review procedures. This was a significant Board policy initiative that was successfully implemented with mitigated risk and litigation.
Sign Regulations Revision	Drafted a comprehensive update to the Township's sign regulations to ensure compliance with current First Amendment standards following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in <i>Reed v. Town of Gilbert</i> .

Cemetery Ordinance Revision	Drafted revisions to the Township’s cemetery ordinance addressing lot sales, maintenance obligations, regulations governing monuments and markers, and administrative procedures for cemetery operations.
Quota Liquor License Support	Provided advice and support on Michigan’s quota liquor license system as it applies to the Township, including analysis of available license quotas, transfer procedures, and strategic options for managing licenses within the community.
Zoning Enforcement & Ordinance Violations	Maintained an active code enforcement program on behalf of the Township, including prosecution of civil infractions for zoning, nuisance, and building violations; coordination with enforcement staff; and representation in District Court formal hearings across a wide range of property maintenance and land use matters.
DDA & Economic Development Counsel	Advised the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation on governance matters, development incentives, project structuring, and compliance with enabling statutes.
Dangerous Building & Property Actions	Represented the Township in enforcement proceedings related to dangerous and blighted properties to protect public safety and neighborhood quality.

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Eyde-Sierra Ridge Litigation	Defended the Township in this significant zoning and land use dispute with a major regional developer, addressing complex issues of zoning authority, vested rights, and development approval processes through trial and appellate proceedings spanning several years.
The Ponds Cooperative Litigation	Represented the Township in complex litigation involving The Ponds Cooperative Homes, addressing disputes over municipal authority, property maintenance standards, and cooperative governance issues.
FOIA Litigation	Provided litigation defense in a circuit court matter addressing challenges to Township decisions and policies, requiring rapid mobilization of the legal team and coordinated response strategy.
Prevailing Wage Defense	Defended the Township against a lawsuit brought by the Associated Building Contractors challenging the Township’s prevailing wage requirements on public construction projects.
Employment Discrimination Defense	Defended the Township in state and federal civil rights proceedings, including MDCR complaints and federal court employment claims,

	providing both vigorous defense and practical guidance on risk management and policy improvements in the aftermath of the claim defense.
Defective Fire Truck Litigation	Leading complex commercial litigation arising from the purchase of a defective fire apparatus, involving extensive discovery, expert coordination, and multi-party dispute resolution to protect the Township's significant investment in public safety equipment.

LABOR, EMPLOYMENT & PERSONNEL

Collective Bargaining	Negotiated and supported administration of the Township's collective bargaining agreements, including wages, benefits, scheduling, and working conditions.
Employee Grievance Administration	Represented the Township in numerous grievance proceedings across bargaining units, including discipline grievances, contract interpretation disputes, and a significant retiree health grievance from the fire protection unit that would have had far reaching implications for the Township's legacy costs.
Employment Investigations	Supported and advised on confidential workplace investigations involving allegations of misconduct, harassment, and policy violations, including analysis of the findings and recommendations in a manner that enabled the Township to take appropriate corrective action while managing legal risk.
Harassment Prevention Training	Developed and delivered customized harassment prevention training for Township employees and supervisors, covering current legal standards, reporting obligations, and best practices for maintaining a respectful workplace.
Police & Fire Department Personnel	Provided ongoing advice on personnel matters specific to public safety departments, including discipline and due process requirements, duty disability claims, fitness-for-duty evaluations, and internal affairs matters unique to sworn personnel.
Employment Agreements & Separations	Drafted and negotiated employment agreements for key Township personnel and advised on separation agreements, ensuring compliance with public employer requirements and protecting the Township's interests.
Personnel Policy Development	Drafted and revised Township personnel policies on a range of employment topics, including leave policies, social media use, remote work, anti-harassment, and discipline procedures to keep the

	Township current with evolving legal standards and meet the Board’s policy objectives.
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PROPERTY TAX DEFENSE

Michigan Tax Tribunal Defense	Defended the Township’s property tax assessments in more than 25 cases before the Michigan Tax Tribunal involving major commercial and residential properties, including national retailers (Walmart, Walgreens, Kroger, Panera), hotel and hospitality groups (Hannah Hospitality, Peninsula Hotel Group, American House), financial institutions (MSU Federal Credit Union, Fifth Third, Lake Trust, Flagstar, Comerica), apartment complexes (Red Cedar Flats, Lakeview), theater chains (Loeks/NCG), and major commercial developments (TKG Meridian Towne Center, Eyde properties). This sustained tax defense work protects the Township’s tax base and ensures fair and equitable assessments.
Personal Property Tax Collection	Pursued collection of delinquent personal property taxes through statutory enforcement procedures protecting Township revenue.

GOVERNANCE, COMPLIANCE & TRANSPARENCY

FOIA Compliance & Administration	Provided ongoing counsel on Freedom of Information Act compliance, including review of complex FOIA requests, drafting responses, advising on exemptions, managing appeals, and providing training to Township staff on records retention and disclosure obligations. Also handled sensitive police FOIA matters involving law enforcement records.
PEG Fee & Cable Franchise Matters	Researched and advised on Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) access channel fees, cable franchise compliance, and the Township’s rights under applicable franchise agreements and federal telecommunications law.
Winslow Mobile Home Community	Provided sustained legal counsel on regulatory, enforcement, and compliance matters related to the Winslow mobile home community, including coordination with state agencies, ordinance enforcement, and resident communications—a multi-year effort involving complex jurisdictional and public health considerations.
Board & Commission Training	Provided training and guidance to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and Township Board on legal standards,

	meeting procedures, Robert's Rules of Order, quasi-judicial proceedings, and conflict-of-interest requirements.
Clerk & Treasurer Matters	Supported the Township Clerk and Treasurer with legal guidance on election questions, record keeping, subpoena responses, tax collection procedures, and day-to-day administrative legal questions.

INFRASTRUCTURE & PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Works Legal Support	Provided extensive legal support for the Department of Public Works on construction contracts, bid review, easement negotiations, utility agreements, right-of-way matters, drainage issues, and vendor disputes.
Okemos Drain Condemnation	Represented the Township's interests in drain condemnation proceedings affecting Township property, coordinating with the Drain Commissioner and protecting the Township's rights in the acquisition process.
Utility Rate & Service Agreements	Advised on water and sewer service agreements, utility rate structures, and intergovernmental coordination on shared infrastructure, ensuring compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.

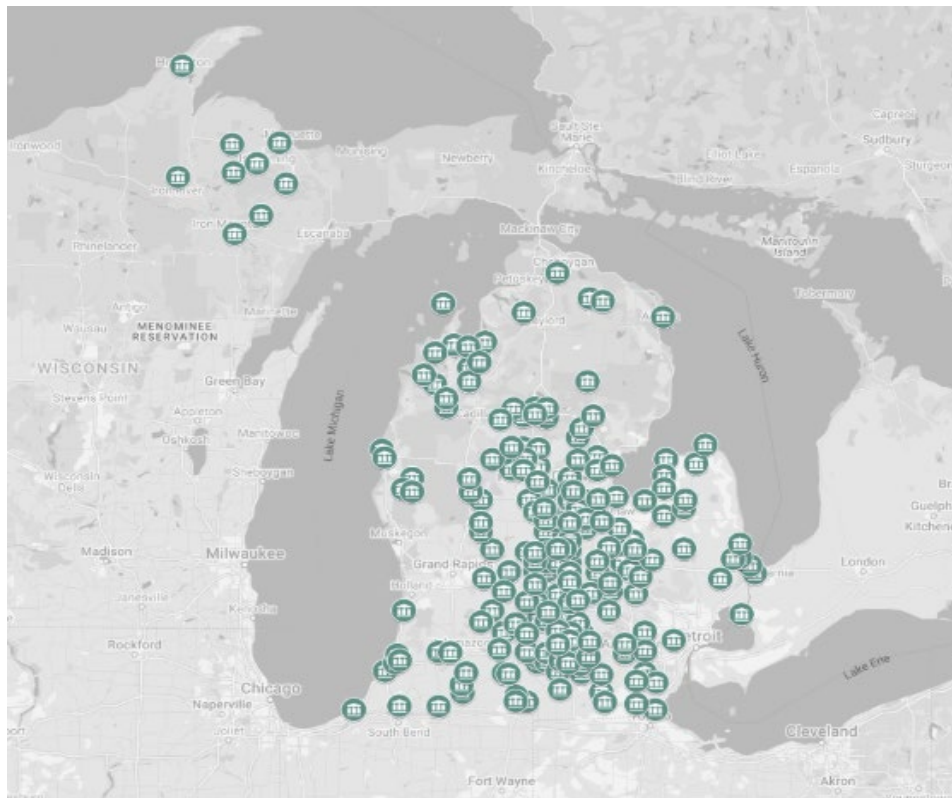
OUR REPRESENTATIVE WORK FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES

We have handled extensive work for the Township but certainly provide similar service for many municipalities. Other work that demonstrates our skills and ability to address were such issues to arise during our continued engagement include the following:

- Hundreds of successful zoning, building and nuisance prosecutions.
- Comprehensive zoning ordinance revisions.
- Review and advice on complex zoning approvals or decisions, including special land uses, site plans, variances, and appeals.
- Removal of dangerous buildings and recovery of removal costs.
- Multi-million-dollar water and sewer projects with Rural Development financing.
- Developed unique wind park zoning ordinance amendment.
- Intergovernmental police and fire agreements and amendments thereto.
- Disincorporation of a joint fire authority to the municipality's advantage.
- FOIA case against Department of Treasury to obtain "secret" criteria for review of municipality's assessing practices, recovering 100% of the municipality's attorney fees.
- Truck route ordinance to control truck traffic from gravel pits.
- Joint planning commission and land use plans.

- Dozens of commercial and industrial tax appeals in the Tax Tribunal and appellate courts.
- Halted state tax foreclosure through swift judicial action, protecting municipality from the loss of \$1 million in unpaid water and sewer assessments.
- Unique special assessment mechanism for police, fire and emergency services.
- Collective bargaining agreements for several police, firefighter, public works and clerical units, with significant long-term cost savings for municipalities.
- Successfully litigated Act 312 proceedings.
- Resolution of serious internal governing body disputes.
- Formation of special assessment districts for lake improvement projects and appeal management and defense.
- Prepared complex regulations to address new legislation on telecommunications towers.
- Negotiated drain easement across a fragile municipal-owned natural area.
- Minimized cemetery costs; allocated grave sales between general fund and cemetery fund.
- Ballot proposals for new and renewal millage; municipal police assessments; and zoning.
- Defended discipline and termination of union employees.
- Defended against unfair labor practice charges and unit clarification petitions.

A visual representation of communities represented



WHAT WE DO

Over our nearly ten-year engagement with the Township, we have provided counsel across the full range of legal matters, including the summary highlights we identified above. The following highlights our firm's areas of expertise, many of which we have applied directly in our work for the Township:

Act 425 Agreements	Environmental & Regulatory Issues	Planning Law
Annexation & Detachment	Freedom of Information	Public Works and Construction
Appeals	Growth Management & Development Review	Contract/Project Disputes & Litigation
Arbitration & Mediation	Incompatible Offices	Right to Farm Act
Battery Energy Storage	Interlocal/Intergovernmental Agreements	Renewable Energy Zoning
Board & Commission Governance	Lake Improvements	Resolutions & Contracts
Cemeteries	Libraries	Solar Ordinances
Code Enforcement	Liquor Licensing	Sanitary & Storm Sewers
Dangerous Buildings	Litigation	Special Assessments
Data Centers	Marihuana	Tax Appeals
Easements	Open Meetings	Utilities
Economic Development	Ordinance Drafting	Water/Sewer Authorities
Elections	Personal Property Tax	Water Systems
Emergency Services		Wetlands
Employment & Personnel		Zoning & Land Use

You can count on our lawyers' expertise and solutions to assist Meridian Township as it faces the full array of municipal legal challenges, including:

Advice and Counsel. A wealth of legal opinions and practical advice are available when you call us. We respond by telephone, email, text or formal opinion letters, as you prefer. Municipalities rely on us for sound legal advice, as well as for our practical experience that is rooted in learning each community and its key needs, experience, and personnel. When called upon, we provide immediate advice and counsel or written legal opinions addressing the question you face, including issues of authority, statutory and ordinance construction, constitutionality of existing and proposed legislation, conflicts of interest, compliance with the FOIA and OMA, contracts, policies, rules of order and any other issues you may encounter.

Annexation and Boundary Issues. No lawyers are better equipped to assist the Township in disputes over your boundaries. We have worked with communities across the state to protect their territory. We handled the litigation of nearly every Michigan appellate case involving boundary adjustments and Act 425 issues over the last forty years. We have the experience and unique solutions to proactively address the boundary challenges and opportunities. Although we strive to reach favorable agreements on boundary issues, our lawyers appear in the Boundary Commission more often than any lawyers in this state.

Appeals. Strong expertise and success in appellate litigation distinguish our lawyers from others who represent municipalities. Over our long and very active history of representing municipalities in Michigan, we have addressed countless issues before the Michigan appellate courts. Our lawyers frequently handle the most important municipal cases before the Michigan Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. We know municipal law very well, in part, because we actively participate in the shaping of that law in the appellate courts.

Collective Bargaining and Labor Arbitration. Successful township representation in labor relations requires special expertise. Our labor and employment practice group has negotiated hundreds of collective bargaining agreements with bargaining units representing police and fire departments, supervisory employees, clerical/technical employees and public works employees. We draft individual contracts for management and unclassified employees. We have successfully represented townships in Act 312 (police and fire arbitration) proceedings and in grievance arbitrations involving issues of employee discipline and contract interpretation. We facilitate Veterans Preference Act hearings and represent townships before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission on representation and unit clarification questions, as well as unfair labor practice charges.

Controlled Beverages. Our lawyers advise townships on all aspects of liquor licensing and control, including licensing issues before the Liquor Control Commission. We have conducted liquor license revocation proceedings, as well as court litigation arising out of those disputes. We regularly assist townships on matters related to controlled beverages. We are recognized experts in the field of liquor licensing and enforcement.

Economic Development Services. Our attorneys provide a responsive and collaborative approach to every economic development project to meet the needs of our clients and the communities they serve. Many projects require innovative public-private partnerships and a keen understanding of available development and financing tools. Negotiating development agreements, securing financing, and navigating regulatory compliance are expert skills we can bring to challenging development projects. Our attorneys provide practical solutions to development projects with in-depth knowledge of Tax Increment Financing, Brownfield Redevelopment, Downtown Development Authorities, Corridor Improvement Authorities, and mixed-use development/affordable housing zoning techniques.

Employment and Personnel Issues. Municipal employment and personnel issues require sensitivity to employment relations handled in the public eye. They often involve special statutes or unique public interest issues not faced by private sector employers. Our proactive approach to employment relations, including proper personnel policies and in-service training, can improve employee morale, reduce miscommunication and lower your potential liability from employment-related claims. We will work with you to address employment issues early, when all may benefit from practical advice. We specialize in the representation of public employers, and specifically municipalities. We have dozens of years of experience in this area, and regularly present seminars

for the key educational associations on personnel issues. We are skilled in representing municipalities before state and federal civil rights agencies on employment discrimination and retaliation matters. We forcefully advocate on your behalf, while maintaining a reasoned perspective on public employment.

Joint Authorities and Inter-Municipal Agreements. Long before the current interest in increased municipal cooperation, we were forming and advising joint municipal enterprises, preparing intergovernmental contracts, articles and bylaws for multi-unit sewer and water authorities, joint police and fire departments, building code authorities, waste disposal and recycling authorities, telecommunications regulatory consortia and district libraries. We frequently negotiate sewer and water service contracts and other intergovernmental agreements between municipalities and help create and amend area-wide police, fire and ambulance departments.

Litigation. Our lawyers handle a wide array of complex litigation. In addition to land use and zoning litigation, we frequently defend municipalities in cases involving constitutional issues, labor and employment matters, issues of authority, FOIA and OMA matters, sewer and water litigation and the resolution of virtually every dispute that the Township may encounter. In addition to our litigation skills, we are trained mediators. We strive to reach appropriate and inexpensive resolutions of pending disputes in the best interests of the Township whenever possible.

Medical and Recreational Marihuana. Navigating the complexities of commercial and recreational marihuana is a significant challenge for many communities. As this area of law continues to evolve, new and unique issues arise that require innovative solutions. We work with municipalities to address these challenges, offering a comprehensive set of recommendations and model ordinances tailored to each township's needs. Whether a municipality chooses to adopt stringent regulations or a more lenient approach, we provide the most current strategies and information to ensure they are well-prepared for the future.

Ordinance and Code Development. We review, draft, update, interpret and enforce ordinances. As experience or trends dictate, we proactively suggest amendments or changes to improve your existing ordinances. We prepare or review zoning ordinances, nuisance and noise ordinances and ordinances regulating a wide variety of matters, including public and private roads, site condominiums, telecommunications, cemeteries, signs, wetlands, adult businesses, mobile homes, abandoned and dilapidated structures and vehicles, water and wastewater systems and surface water drainage. Our lawyers can also help you establish or improve current systems to improve the efficiency and economy of your ordinance violation prosecutions.

Personal Property Tax Collection. Municipal treasurers often benefit from our legal assistance in the collection of delinquent personal property taxes. The success of these collections largely depends on your treasurer receiving timely support to move quickly at the first sign of a potentially delinquent account. We will provide your treasurer access to our advice, knowledge, systems and forms, allowing for a quick and efficient response to these potential tax collection problems.

Renewable Energy Land Uses. Our firm has been on the cutting-edge of assisting clients regulate renewable energy land uses consistent with community values. We have direct experience both drafting ordinances and assisting clients with considering applications for utility-scale wind, solar, and battery storage projects. Notably, our firm aided a township to impose a condition requiring implementation of the first active aircraft detection lighting system on a wind project in Michigan. We have experience applying and advising clients on the new standards within the “state siting legislation” of PA 233 of 2023.

Special Assessments and Public Improvements. We assist municipalities with public improvement financing through special assessments and connection fees, and we can help draft rate ordinances and user charge systems for your water and wastewater systems, if necessary. We also conduct property acquisition for public projects and public facilities. We handle condemnation litigation and will work with you to acquire necessary easements without litigation, if possible. We use creative strategies for recreation land and open space acquisition, including tax-advantaged gifts and installment purchase contracts.

Tax Appeals. We have extensive experience before the Michigan Tax Tribunal in property tax assessment and special assessment appeals, including major commercial and industrial cases. One of our attorneys was formerly a licensed general real estate appraiser, which gives the Township the benefit of additional expertise on tax valuation matters unlike any other law firm representing municipalities in this state.

Zoning and Planning. Our reputation in land use and zoning matters is well-recognized across the state. We frequently draft or review land use plans, zoning ordinances and amendments, wetlands regulations, growth management measures, land division ordinances, subdivision regulations and site condominium ordinances. We will work closely with the Township and your professional planners to review proposed land developments, especially when litigation is possible. We monitor and defend land use disputes in both the trial and appellate courts.

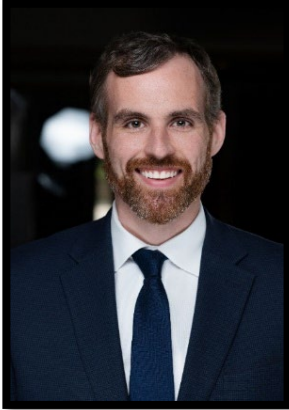
SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Our attorneys are called upon by municipal and professional organizations like the Michigan Township Association the Government Law Section of the State Bar, the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, the Michigan Public Service Institute, and more to provide seminars and presentations to elected and appointed officials and others. We also present seminars for individual clients and sponsor our own free seminars for municipal officials.

We regularly prepare client updates regarding changes in law. For examples, see our website for publications that have been provided via email and posting online: <https://fsbrlaw.com/our-feed/>. Our service and leadership on the Councils of the Government Law Section of the State Bar, Administrative Law Section, and the local county bar association leadership also enables us to get the newest information to our clients in a timely, informed fashion.

PROPOSED TEAM OF TOWNSHIP ATTORNEYS

Meet the outstanding team of notable and experienced municipal attorneys who will serve the needs of your Township—and know that there are many others in the wings, ready to serve if needed!



Member, Christopher S. Patterson will continue to serve as the primary Township Attorney for the Charter Township of Meridian, supported by a team of experienced municipal attorneys. Chris leads the firm’s municipal law practice group. He focuses his practice on small/medium sized urban settings and rural contexts, particularly in land use regulations, zoning and planning implementation, utility rates and issues, and municipal governance issues. Chris has been practicing law for 15 years. He assists dozens of municipalities on a variety of matters and serves as lead counsel to several of the firm’s municipal clients. Prior to joining our firm, he was a law clerk for federal Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff in Port Huron, where

he gained valuable experience in hearings and trials. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Michigan State University College of Law, focusing on studies of real property and urban planning, which complemented his undergraduate studies in real estate regulation, appraisal and investment. Chris is currently ranked in the publication *Best Lawyers* for his practice of municipal law. Chris has also been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a Michigan Rising Star in State, Local and Municipal Law. Chris has served as an adjunct professor at Michigan State University College of Law, teaching planning and zoning. Chris is a member of the Inns of Court-MSU Chapter. He is a member of the Ingham County Bar Association’s Real Estate Section and is a Michigan real estate licensed salesperson, which assists with taking a practical, knowledgeable approach to real property matters, including the transfer of real property and related litigation. cpatterson@fsbrlaw.com

Member, Helen “Lizzie” Mills will continue to serve as the primary employment, labor and personnel contact for the Charter Township of Meridian. She brings 15 years of specialized experience in municipal law as well as management-side labor and employment law. She regularly advises public sector clients on the full spectrum of municipal legal issues ranging from policy development to regulatory compliance, governance and communication challenges among governing bodies, while also guiding them through employment matters, collective bargaining agreement administration and negotiations. With Lizzie’s practical counsel, public employers are equipped to address both day-to-day municipal operations and complex workplace issues, allowing them to focus on delivering effective services to taxpayers. Lizzie is passionate about municipal matters and is often asked to present at municipal conferences, seminars, and other speaking engagements statewide. As a certified mediator, Lizzie places great emphasis on dispute prevention and prompt resolution. Recognized by Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers, including a recent selection as the 2026 “Lawyer of the Year” in Municipal Law

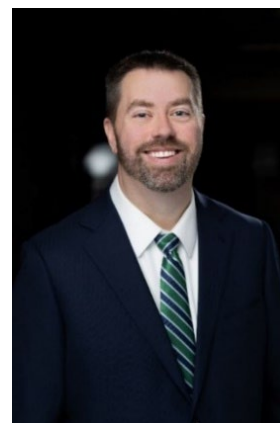


in Lansing, Lizzie’s dedication and leadership have earned her a reputation as a trusted expert in the field. Lizzie’s leadership extends beyond her legal practice. She dedicated 6 years to serving on the Highfields Board of Directors, including a term as chair. She also actively contributes as a Council member of the Government Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan, where she has served in various capacities, including Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chair, Chair, and as the editor of the Section’s regular publication, *Briefly*. Lizzie graduated magna cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and achieved similarly in her undergraduate degree from Saginaw Valley State University. hmills@fsbrlaw.com



Member, Ross K. Bower II has practiced law for 18 years. He counsels many of our municipal clients on day-to-day issues, focusing on Michigan municipal, property tax and drain law with an emphasis on property tax appeals and special assessments. Ross also focuses on municipal litigation in administrative, trial, and appellate courts. Ross has been named a “Rising Star” by Michigan Super Lawyers annually since 2010. Ross graduated cum laude from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and received his undergraduate degree from Kalamazoo College. While in law school, he served on law review and was a member of the national moot court litigation team. rbower@fsbrlaw.com

Senior Attorney, Eric P. Conn brings over 20 years of litigation experience, fiercely defending municipalities in a wide range of cases from local disputes to high-stakes, contentious matters. His recent achievements include a significant legal victory that protected a local chamber’s leadership and assets, preserving its positive impact on the community. With a proven track record as both first and second chair trial counsel, he has navigated complex municipal disputes with strategic precision, guiding his clients through every stage of the legal process. Eric has extensive experience arguing in the Court of Appeals and has also argued before the Michigan Supreme Court. Eric’s approach combines a deep understanding of the facts with a compelling courtroom presence that ensures his clients’ positions are well represented. This year, Eric received the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel’s Presidents Award for Volunteerism. Eric has been selected by *Super Lawyers* from 2019-2021 and 2023-2024. econn@fsbrlaw.com





Senior Attorney, Wayne R. Beyea, AICP enhances our zoning and planning services with over two decades of expertise in community planning and land use law. As a former faculty member and senior specialist at the MSU School of Planning, Design and Construction, Wayne has a specialized focus in regional planning. His impact, however, extends far beyond academia as he has not only taught but also implemented programs that delve into the science and policy of green community planning, renewable energy siting and infrastructure, sustainable development and climate change law. Notably, he directed the American Citizen Planner Collaborative, an online training program for planning officials nationwide in partnership with land grant universities. wbeyea@fsbirlaw.com

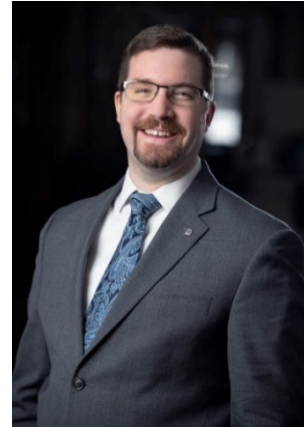
Senior Associate, Chad P. Karsten advises municipalities and businesses on a wide range of employment and labor law issues. Chad regularly leads collective bargaining negotiations, counsels on employee discipline, and drafts workplace policies that reflect current legal standards. As Michigan employers respond to major legislative changes—including the Earned Sick Time Act, minimum wage increases, and tipped credit updates—Chad has emerged as a trusted resource. He provides employers with strategic advice on the practical implications of these laws, assisting with payroll considerations, handbook updates, and benefit policies. Chad frequently presents to public sector officials and business leaders on navigating Michigan’s evolving regulatory landscape. Chad is a summa cum laude graduate of Michigan State University College of Law. Chad has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a “Rising Star” in Labor and Employment Law and most recently was recognized by *Best Lawyers* as “Ones to Watch” (2026) for Labor and Employment Law - Management. ckarsten@fsbirlaw.com



Senior Associate, Jacob N. Witte joined the firm in 2018. His work primarily focuses on code enforcement and prosecuting civil infractions for ordinance violations. He also assists in drafting new ordinances, sign regulation, small cell licensing, marijuana law, and has tackled constitutional issues involving first and second amendment rights on behalf of municipalities. Before joining the firm, Jake served as an intern for the Honorable John T. Gregg in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan, where he prepared bench memoranda to be used in court opinions, conducted extensive legal research and authored an article that was published in the Fall 2017 edition of the Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Section Newsletter. Jake also served as an intern for the Honorable Rosemarie E. Aquilina in the 30th Circuit Court. jwitte@fsbirlaw.com

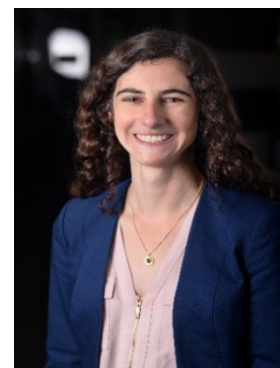
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Senior Associate, Matthew A. Kuschel specializes in the representation of municipalities and special authorities throughout the state. He assists with ordinance drafting, ordinance enforcement, and real estate transactions. Matt is excited to be a part of crafting solutions to meet specific needs and has assisted several municipalities with marijuana ordinances, whether its opting in or opting out, as well as assisting municipalities from establishment to implementation, application and permit reviews, and ongoing regulation. Matt was named in the 2026 Edition of Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Land Use and Zoning Law and Municipal Law. Prior to joining Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, Matt worked for two years in the Research Division of the Court of Appeals and also completed a one-year corporate and legal fellowship in Chicago, Illinois. Matt graduated magna cum laude from Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. mkuschel@fsbrlaw.com



Senior Associate, Thamara E. Sordo-Vieira brings a strong litigation background combined with growing municipal law experience, making her a valuable asset for local government clients. After starting her career handling complex medical malpractice and negligence cases at trial and appellate levels, she transitioned to insurance defense, focusing on no-fault, professional liability, and coverage disputes across state and federal courts. She has achieved successful courtroom outcomes that demonstrate her skill in navigating complex legal issues. This extensive courtroom experience sharpens her ability to effectively address governmental liability and immunity matters. Since joining our firm, Thamara has expanded her expertise to municipal matters including water and sewer services, intergovernmental contracts, ordinances, annexations, and utility regulation. Thamara is also a native Spanish speaker, which brings added value through her ability to communicate clearly with Spanish-speaking residents and support government transparency. Her proven courtroom advocacy, combined with practical municipal knowledge, equips her to support local governments in addressing legal risks confidently and efficiently. tsordo-vieira@fsbrlaw.com

Senior Associate, Hannah L. Stocker practices in the municipal law group, with a focus on marijuana law, land use planning, and election law. She also assists with drafting new ordinances, prosecuting civil infractions, assessments of zoning ordinances and proposed land uses, and general municipal litigation for the firm. Prior to joining Fahey Schultz Burzych and Rhodes PLC, Hannah spearheaded ballot initiatives, and litigated appeals of zoning and planning decisions and actions for mandamus to place voter's initiatives on local ballots. She has drafted appeals to the Court of Appeals, which have had lasting impacts on areas of law concerning expert



witness subpoenas and the Home Rule City Act. She graduated magna cum laude from Michigan State College of Law and was published in the Michigan State Law Review. hstocker@fsbirlaw.com



Associate, Lindsey E. Gergel is driven by her passion for municipal law and her commitment to shaping thriving communities through her work. Lindsey has experience in a variety of matters, including drafting and amending ordinances to examining marijuana establishment applications and defending municipal policies. She provides valuable legal perspectives on complex issues such as municipal assets, short-term rentals, public meetings, and permitting. Lindsey is a graduate of Michigan State University. lgergel@fsbirlaw.com

Associate, David J. Szymanski's practice encompasses a broad spectrum of municipal matters, from regular township board counsel to complex land use disputes and code enforcement issues. His detail-oriented approach and commitment to thorough preparation have proven invaluable in constructing effective legal strategies for his clients. Whether drafting critical documents, handling state court litigation, or providing day-to-day municipal counsel, David takes pride in delivering exceptional service through his unwavering work ethic and meticulous attention to detail. David brings sharp analytical skills and strategic thinking to his practice of law, with a particular focus on litigation. His recent work includes assisting in significant federal appellate matters, including the defense of a Second Amendment challenge before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. As both a skilled writer and litigator, David has demonstrated his ability to navigate intricate legal challenges while maintaining a keen focus on achieving his clients' objectives. His commitment to professional excellence and dedication to serving his clients' best interests are evident in everything he does. dszymanski@fsbirlaw.com



Associate, Trent J. Cunningham is a member of the firm's Municipal Group, with experience handling a broad array of issues, ranging from the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act to drafting zoning ordinance amendments and conducting zoning compliance reviews. Trent enjoys researching new and emerging issues—such as short-term rentals, marijuana licensing, and changes in constitutional precedent—and how those cutting-edge legal issues impact local governments. His goal is to simplify complex issues into an easily understood explanation that can be used by a municipality to make informed and defensible decisions. Trent graduated *summa cum laude* from Michigan State University College of Law, where he was a

Managing Editor on the *Michigan State Law Review*. tcunningham@fsbirlaw.com

ACCESSIBILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS

Accessibility and responsiveness are central to our service model and have been hallmarks of our relationship with Meridian Township. As current counsel with our office located in Okemos—less than two miles from the Township offices—we offer the following specific commitments:

Lead Attorneys (Christopher S. Patterson and Lizzie Mills): Chris and Lizzie are available by phone, email, and text during business hours and for urgent matters outside of business hours. Routine inquiries are typically addressed within two to four hours during business days. For scheduled Board meetings (first and third Tuesdays), Chris and Lizzie, or others with the necessary specialization, will attend in person as requested. For ad-hoc or specially scheduled meetings, we have always been able to ensure that the Township has a legal representative present. If an unscheduled urgent matter requires in-person attendance, Chris or Lizzie can typically arrive at Township offices within approximately 10-30 minutes given our Okemos office location.

Primary Assisting Attorneys (including, but not limited to, Matt Kuschel, Chad Karsten, Eric Conn, and Trent Cunningham): All maintain comparable accessibility and can attend scheduled or ad-hoc meetings with similar notice requirements. If Chris or Lizzie are unavailable, they have the municipal background and expertise to serve as a seamless backup, given their familiarity with the Township's operations and pending matters and their experience serving local governments around the State.

All our attorneys are also available for virtual meetings via Zoom or Microsoft Teams to accommodate urgent scheduling needs. For complex matters requiring research or coordination, we provide a clear timeline and maintain regular communication so expectations remain aligned.

FEES AND CHARGES

We recognize that cost predictability and transparency are important to Meridian Township given the ongoing and day-to-day nature of municipal legal services. Consistent with our current engagement structure, we propose to continue providing general municipal legal services under a monthly flat fee arrangement that allows the Township to seek routine legal advice and counsel without incremental hourly billing for typical matters.

For the upcoming term, we propose to hold a monthly flat fee for three years at \$6,000 per month. This remains consistent with what we are currently providing to Meridian Township under the contract expiring with our firm. The flat fee is intended to cover the routine legal services the Township regularly relies upon, as further outlined in the engagement letter and the firm's Standard Terms.

The Township does encounter matters that fall outside the scope of the flat fee, such as litigation, administrative proceedings, major ordinance revisions, complex real estate transactions, or other specialized legal projects. Services of this nature would be billed at the firm's standard hourly rates, subject to a capped hourly rate for Meridian Township, consistent with the Township's historical engagement structure. This capped rate is instrumental in ensuring cost predictability for the Township while providing access to senior-level expertise at a reduction of our standard hourly

rates. As in our current practice, we will communicate in advance when a matter is likely to fall outside the scope of the flat fee.

The attorneys who would primarily handle services for the Township, if billed outside the flat fee arrangement, would do so at the following hourly rates, with a proposed capped rate of \$230 per hour in the first year, \$240 per hour in the second year, and \$250 per hour in the third year of the three-year contract renewal:

- Christopher Patterson — \$310 (capped at \$230)
- Helen “Lizzie” Mills — \$310 (capped at \$230)
- Ross Bower — \$300 (capped at \$230)
- Eric Conn — \$320 (capped at \$230)
- Wayne Beyea — \$285 (capped at \$230)
- Chad Karsten — \$275 (capped at \$230)
- Jacob Witte — \$285 (capped at \$230)
- Matthew Kuschel — \$270 (capped at \$230)
- Tammy Sordo-Vieira — \$270 (capped at \$230)
- Hannah Stocker — \$260 (capped at \$230)
- Lindsey Gergel — \$235 (capped at \$230)
- David Szymanski — \$250 (capped at \$230)
- Trent Cunningham — \$225

For services billed outside the flat fee, invoices will reflect only the actual time incurred. The Township is not charged separately for routine administrative expenses such as mailings, routine first-class postage, paper, research times and other related internal office costs. Any additional charges are limited to actual out-of-pocket expenses, without markup, including court filing fees, transcripts, expert or witness fees, title work, and other third-party costs.

In addition, FSBR also proposes to provide two annual trainings at no additional charge as part of the retainer. One training will address a common municipal issue for a group of the Township’s choosing, such as FOIA, OMA, ethics, or personnel management considerations. The second annual training will focus on zoning and planning matters.

NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

FSBR is not aware of any pending matters or client relationships that would present a conflict of interest in the continued representation of the Township.

We avoid conflicts of interest wherever possible by not accepting clients that may likely have disputes with municipalities. Before engaging with new clients or opening new matters for a client, we conduct a search to determine whether a conflict may arise with an existing client. We have an electronic conflict-checking system that runs the names of adverse parties, clients, and potential clients. We also run a search of our entire file system. We abide by the Michigan Professional Rules of Conduct, which prohibits our lawyers from the representation of a client that will be directly adverse to that of another client. If a conflict would arise in the future, the Township would be involved as required by the rules of conduct. Because we devote such a large percentage of our time to the representation of municipalities, we take this challenge very seriously.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

FSBR is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, pregnancy, disability, religion, age, height, weight, familial status, marital status, veteran or active military status, genetic information or any other legally protected characteristic.

REFERENCES

We serve more than 250 municipalities, including townships, cities, villages, counties, district libraries, lake improvement districts and drain commissioners. You are welcome to contact any of our clients, including the following municipal references nearby. We are happy to provide you with more references upon request.

Flint Charter Township

Karyn Miller, Supervisor
810-732-1350

DeWitt Charter Township

Amanda McClanahan, Manager
Adam Cramton, Clerk
517-668-0270

Bath Charter Township

Ryan Fewins-Bliss, Supervisor
Karen Hildebrant, Superintendent
Jennifer Wilson, Treasurer
Brenda Butler-Challender, Clerk
517-641-6728

Breitung Charter Township

Denny Olson, Supervisor
906-779-2050

Alpena Charter Township

Abby Kaszubowski, Supervisor
Michele Palevich, Clerk
Laura Ellery-Somers, Treasurer
989-356-0297

Coldwater Township

Don Rogers, Supervisor
517-279-9388

Grass Lake Township

John Lesinski, Supervisor
517-522-8464, ext. 124

Pine River Township

Kevin Beeson, Supervisor
989-859-1754

Windsor Charter Township

Beth Shaw, Supervisor
Lisa Rumsey, Treasurer
517-648-3528

Pinconning Township

JoAnna Morin, Township Manager
989-879-4018

Peninsula Township

Maura Sanders, Township Supervisor
Becky Chown, Clerk
Katie Clark, Treasurer
231-223-7323

Grant Township

Bill Deater, Supervisor
810-327-6775

Hamlin Township

Phil Bombrys, Supervisor
517-663-7777

Manchester Township

Ron Milkey, Supervisor
Danell Proctor, Clerk
Kim Thompson, Treasurer
734-428-7090

Worth Township

Walt Badgerow, Supervisor
810-359-8852

Oneida Charter Township

Treasurer Melissa Goshka
517-925-6274

SUMMARY

Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC appreciates the opportunity to continue serving as legal counsel to the Charter Township of Meridian. Our municipal focus and ongoing work with the Township position us to provide practical, timely, and consistent legal guidance tailored to its day-to-day operations and evolving needs. We value the strong working relationship we have developed with the Township Board, Administration, and staff, and we look forward to continuing that partnership in the years ahead.

Over the past decade, we have developed a deep understanding of the Township's governance structure, operational priorities, and the legal landscape affecting its residents and businesses. Our attorneys and staff who live and work in Meridian Township bring a personal stake in the community's well-being that goes beyond professional obligation. We believe this combination of institutional knowledge, proximity, professional depth, and personal investment positions us to continue providing the responsive, high-caliber legal counsel that Meridian Township's residents deserve.

Sincerely,



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To: Township Board Members

From: Timothy R. Schmitt, *AICP*
Director of Community Planning and Development

Date: April 30, 2026

Re: Parking Ordinance Standards – Third Update

Since the beginning of 2025, the Planning Commission has been working to update Article VII – Off-Street Parking and Loading in the Zoning Ordinance. The Township has previously approved updates for Sec. 86-755 – Schedule of Requirements for Parking Space and Sec. 86-758 – Landscaping. This final update is on the more technical side, including updates to:

- Updates and modernization of general ordinance language
- Update to the bicycle parking regulations
- Creation of regulations for EV stations
- Inclusion of green infrastructure language for future developments

The Planning Commission has discussed this on multiple occasions, working through questions and details of the ordinance. Discussion occurred at their meetings on January 12, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)); January 26, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)); and February 9, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)). The Planning Commission held a public hearing for the update on March 23, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)) and further discussed updates at their meeting on April 13, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)). Much of the conversation revolved around a proposed parking maximum which ultimately was removed in the final draft. The Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending approval of the ordinance update at the regular meeting on April 27, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#) [not yet available]).

Staff looks forward to discussing this with the Township Board.

Attachments:

1. Parking Ordinance Update #3 – Clean version
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1 use, the parking requirements for the residential portion shall be reduced by 50 percent. If
2 peak space requirements for individual uses occur at distinctly different times from the peak
3 requirements for other joint uses, the maximum capacity required for joint use will be less
4 than the sum of total individual space requirements.

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6 permit and recorded with the county register of deeds. The agreement shall include a
7 guarantee for continued use of the parking facility for each party to the joint use.

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9 the combined parking requirement by up to 25% where the property owner provides written
10 evidence which limits the hours of operation of individual tenants to ensure that peak parking
11 demands do not exceed the number of parking spaces present.
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16 driveway, garage, or any combination thereof and shall comply with the following regulations:

17 (a) Parking on nonpaved or non-graveled open space is prohibited.

18 (b) No motor vehicle parking space shall be provided in the front yard, except on a paved or
19 gravel driveway that occupies no more than 35% of the total area of the front yard.

20 (c) For one-family and two-family residential, no parking space or driveway shall be located
21 within two (2) feet of any interior lot line.

22 (d) One commercial vehicle with a rated capacity of one ton or less may be parked on a single lot
23 located in a residential zoning district. Commercial trailers with a rated capacity of one ton
24 or less may be parked on a single lot located in a residential zoning district for a period lasting
25 no longer than forty-eight (48) hours. No commercial vehicle, commercial truck, and/or
26 commercial trailer with a rated capacity greater than one ton shall be parked or stored on a
27 residentially zoned or used property.
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30 **Section 6.** Section 86-756, Design and Construction Requirements, is hereby amended to read
31 as follows:
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33 In addition to general design requirements specified in other sections of this division, the following
34 design and construction requirements shall be satisfied in all vehicular off-street parking areas,
35 except for single-family parking areas and as noted:
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37 (1) New or expanded parking lots. No parking lot shall be constructed, expanded, or hard-
38 surfaced unless and until a permit therefore is issued by the Department of Community
39 Planning and Development. Building permits issued for nonresidential structures shall
40 constitute the permit necessary to construct the associated parking. Applications for a permit
41 shall be accompanied with two sets of plans for the development and construction of the
42 parking lot

43 (2) Size and layout of off-street parking. Plans for the layout of off-street parking facilities shall
44 be in accordance with the following minimum requirements:
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Parking Pattern	Maneuvering Lane Width (feet)	Parking Space Width (feet)	Parking Space Length (feet)	Total Width of 1 Tier of Spaces plus Maneuvering Lane (feet)	Total Width of 2 Tiers of Spaces plus Maneuvering Lane (feet)
0° (parallel parking)	12	9	23	20	28
30°	12	9	20	32	52
45°	15	9	20	36.5	58
60°	20	9	20	40	60
90°	24	9	20	44	64
90°	25	10	18	43	61
90°	23	10	20	43	63

1 (3) Parking for the Physically Handicapped. Parking for the handicapped shall comply with the
2 State of Michigan Barrier-Free Rules, Michigan Public Act No. 1 of 1966, as amended; the
3 adopted Meridian Charter Township Building Code; and the Federal Americans with
4 Disabilities Act. The number of required barrier free zones shall be in accordance with the
5 following requirements:
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Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Lot	Total Minimum Required Number of Barrier-Free Spaces	Van Accessible Parking Spaces (Minimum 8' wide access aisle)	Accessible Parking Spaces (Minimum 5' wide access aisle)
Up to 25	1	1	0
26 to 50	2	1	1
51 to 75	3	1	2
76 to 100	4	1	3
101 to 150	5	1	4
151 to 200	6	1	5
201 to 300	7	1	6
301 to 400	8	1	7
401 to 500	9	2	7
501 to 1,000	2% of total parking provided in each lot	1 out of every 8 accessible spaces	7 out of every 8 accessible spaces
1,001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 spaces over 1,000	1 out of every 8 accessible spaces	7 out of every 8 accessible spaces

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9 (4) Minimum residential parking space size. A minimum of 180 square feet shall be provided for
10 each vehicle parking space located within a multiple-family residential development.
11 (5) Marking or designation. Each space shall be clearly marked and reserved for parking
12 purposes.
13 (6) Access drives. An access drive shall be provided not less than 25 feet wide and so located as
14 to secure the most appropriate development of the individual property.
15 (7) Required surfacing and drainage. The entire parking area, including parking spaces and
16 maneuvering lanes, required under this division shall have asphaltic or concrete surfacing in
17 accordance with specifications approved by the Township Engineer. Such facilities shall be

1 drained so as to dispose of all surface water accumulated in the parking area in such a way as
2 to preclude drainage of water onto adjacent property or toward buildings. Drainage systems
3 must be approved in writing by the Township Engineer. The parking area shall be surfaced
4 within one year of the date the permit is issued.

5 (8) Curb and gutter. Concrete curb and gutter shall be required in order to control stormwater
6 flow from the parking area and in order to protect landscaped areas such as landscape islands
7 and other plantings. This section may be waived at the discretion of the Director of
8 Community Development as follows:

9 a. Procedure. The following procedures shall govern requests for exemptions from
10 Subsection (8) of this section.

11 1. The Director of Community Development shall review a site plan submitted in
12 accordance with and in conjunction with the requirements of this chapter. The site
13 plan may be referred to the County Drain Commissioner for a recommendation.

14 2. The site plan shall include an estimate of the volume of runoff.

15 3. The applicant shall provide a report indicating that the expected runoff can be
16 absorbed on site.

17 b. Criteria. The following criteria shall be considered in the Director's decision:

18 1. The County Drain Commissioner's and/or the Director of Public Works and
19 Engineering's recommendation (if applicable).

20 2. The parking lot is drained so as to dispose of all surface water accumulated in the
21 parking area in such a way as to preclude drainage of water onto adjacent properties
22 or towards buildings and to ensure stormwater pretreatment and prevent erosion.

23 3. The site plan provides for protection of landscaping by other means acceptable to the
24 Township.

25 4. The parking lot has 25 or fewer parking spaces.

26 5. Where provided, detention and retention areas shall maintain slopes no steeper than
27 4:1 (horizontal:vertical).

28 (9) Backing onto street. All spaces shall be provided adequate access by means of maneuvering
29 lanes. Backing directly onto a street shall be prohibited.

30 (10) Lighting. Except for one-family or two-family residences, all parking areas, parking
31 lot entrances, driveways, and walkways shall be illuminated in accordance with Chapter 38,
32 Article VII in the Meridian Charter Township Code of Ordinances.

33 (11) Landscaping

34 a. Adjoining a residential district. Perimeter landscaping shall be provided along all
35 parking areas in accordance with the following regulations:
36

Parking Area Capacity	Width of Landscape Buffer	Height of Screening
Less or equal to 50 vehicles	20 feet	4 feet
Greater than 50 vehicles	40 feet	4 feet

37 The vegetation in the buffer area shall meet the requirements of Sec. 86-758(1)(d).
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40 b. Adjoining a public street. For all land uses other than one-family or two-family
41 residential, where a parking area, or its associated internal access or service drives,
42 adjoins a public street, a landscaped buffer of at least 20 feet in width shall be
43 provided between the parking area and the adjacent right-of-way. In addition, a
44 vertical screen of at least 3 feet in height shall be provided to screen the parking area
45 for the entire length of the buffer.
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- 1 c. Adjoining the same or any other nonresidential district. Where a parking area, or its
- 2 associated internal access or service drives, adjoins the same or any other
- 3 nonresidential district, a landscaped buffer, at least 15 feet wide, shall be provided
- 4 between the parking area and the property line. A vertical screen shall be erected
- 5 consisting of a masonry wall, plant material, a landscaped earth berm, or a
- 6 combination thereof, as appropriate for the site, no less than three feet in height.
- 7 d. Required vertical screens may consist of masonry, plant material, a landscaped berm,
- 8 or a combination thereof, as appropriate for the site.
- 9 e. Plantings in buffer areas shall be maintained in a healthy condition. No more than two
- 10 driveway approaches may be permitted to break a buffer from an arterial or collector
- 11 street, and no more than one driveway from a local street, except as provided in § 86-
- 12 441, the corridor access management overlay district, no more than two driveway
- 13 approaches may be permitted to break this buffer from an arterial or collector street,
- 14 and no more than one driveway from a local street.
- 15 (12) Sidewalks. When deemed necessary to provide for the public safety, the Planning
- 16 Commission may require construction of sidewalks along public streets or highways.
- 17 (13) Bicycle paths. Bicycle paths may be required when required by the Township
- 18 Pathway Master Plan or deemed necessary to provide for safe pedestrian and nonmotorized
- 19 vehicular movement throughout the Township and when in conjunction with an adopted
- 20 plan for parks, open space and pedestrian and bicycle paths.

21 **Section 7.** Section 86-759, Parking Deferral, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 22 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to eliminate unsightly expanses of unused paved
- 23 areas, unnecessary levels of accelerated stormwater runoff, excess radiated heat from paved
- 24 surfaces, and the premature loss of open space by permitting such uses to develop with
- 25 reduced numbers of constructed off-street parking spaces while retaining additional site area
- 26 for possible future off-street parking use, where appropriate.
- 27 (b) Deferral of Parking Spaces. An applicant may request a parking reduction at any time, as part
- 28 of a current site plan, special land use, or rezoning application.
- 29 (c) Submittal Requirements. For any request to defer parking spaces, the following shall be
- 30 submitted by the applicant:
- 31 (1) A written statement describing the nature of the business or operational characteristics
- 32 of the proposed project that justifies the requested parking deferral.
- 33 (2) A parking plan, identifying the areas where parking is being proposed to be built and
- 34 areas where parking is proposed to be deferred, including a parking lot layout for the
- 35 deferred parking area.
- 36 (3) A landscape plan for the deferred parking area, which shall be landscaped and maintained
- 37 with grass or other acceptable plant materials. If that area is not disturbed during
- 38 construction, it may be maintained in its natural vegetative condition existing prior to
- 39 development, provided the natural vegetation is in keeping with the general appearance
- 40 of the area.
- 41 (d) Standards of Review. The Planning Commission, or Director of Community Development
- 42 depending on the type of application, shall utilize the following standards in review of a
- 43 parking deferral.
- 44 (1) Areas where parking construction has been deferred shall not be used to satisfy interior
- 45 landscaping, buffer, pervious surface, or stormwater retention or detention requirements
- 46 of this article or other agency having jurisdiction.
- 47 (2) If the conditions by which any reduction approved under the provisions of this section
- 48 are changed or eliminated, the approved reduction shall no longer apply and parking shall
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1 be provided in accordance with this article, or the owner applies for another parking
2 deferral.

3 (e) Procedure.

4 (1) Director of Community Development That portion of the proposed parking lot which will
5 be constructed shall be landscaped to comply with the parking area landscaping
6 requirements of this article as applied to a parking lot of the size actually constructed.

7 (2) In addition to the requirements in subsections (b)(1)—(7) of this section, approval for
8 deferral of parking lot construction shall be granted only upon finding that the proposal
9 will provide adequate off-street parking for the proposed use.

10 (3) In approving a parking deferral, the Planning Commission or Director of Community
11 Development, or the Township Board or Zoning Board of Appeals on an appeal, may
12 prescribe such conditions regarding the character, location, landscaping, and other
13 features that will secure the objectives and purposes of this article.

14 (4) The approved parking deferral and any conditions related to such deferral shall be
15 described in a parking construction deferral agreement between the Township and the
16 applicant and recorded with the County Register of Deeds. The parking construction
17 deferral agreement shall include a provision that grants the Township a license to come
18 on the subject property and construct the deferred parking at the property owner's cost
19 if the property owner refuses or neglects to construct the deferred parking as directed by
20 the Township and a provision that the cost for such construction may be added to the tax
21 roll under Chapter 46 of this Code if not timely paid by the property owner.

22 (5) The owner of property for which a parking deferral has been granted shall submit any
23 request to increase or change the use or occupancy of the property to the Director of
24 Community Development prior to such increase or change. If the Director of Community
25 Development determines that the increased or changed use may affect the property's
26 parking needs, a request to review the parking deferral shall be submitted to the Planning
27 Commission in accordance with subsection (b)(1) of this section. The Director of
28 Community Development may approve a request to increase or change a use subject to
29 site plan review in accordance with subsection (b)(2) of this section. Any changes in the
30 approved parking deferral shall be incorporated in a recorded agreement as provided in
31 subsection (b)(10) of this section.

32 (6) The owner of property for which a parking deferral has been granted may, at his
33 discretion, construct all or part of the deferred parking if the need arises.

34 (7) The Township shall require the full or partial construction of the deferred parking upon
35 a determination of an ongoing demonstrated need for additional parking or a violation of
36 the terms and conditions of the parking construction deferral agreement. An ongoing
37 demonstrated need for additional parking shall include, but not be limited to, inadequate
38 parking on the site for more than three hours or more than 15 days in a thirty-day time
39 period.

40 (8) A violation of a parking deferral agreement or failure to construct the required parking
41 as ordered shall be considered a nuisance per se as provided in Chapter 46 of this Code.

42 (f) Parking Reduction Procedures. Off-street parking requirements may be reduced by the
43 Director of Community Development or Planning Commission based on the procedures and
44 requirements of this section. Conditions for Parking Deferrals/Reductions. The following
45 conditions may be used by applicants to justify requested parking deferrals and shall be used
46 by the Planning Department in reviewing parking reductions in accordance with the
47 procedures of subsection (c)(3).

48 a. Joint Use of Parking Areas. The joint use of parking areas by two (2) or more buildings
49 or uses is recommended when all requirements for location, design, construction, and
50 landscaping can be satisfied.

- b. Mixed Use Parking Coefficient. Where the Director determines that a mix of land uses could reduce the number of required parking spaces, Table ___ below shall be used to calculate mixed-use parking requirements. The required parking for each use shall be totaled, then divided by the appropriate mixed use coefficient.
- c. Shared Parking Agreements. Where a mix of land uses creates staggered peak periods of parking demand, shared parking agreements may reduce the total amount of required parking.
- d. On-Street Parking. The use of on-street parking to meet no more than fifty (50) percent of the minimum off-street parking requirements shall be permitted provided that adequate on-street parking exists within five hundred (500) feet of the primary entrance of the main building, measured along probable pedestrian paths.
- e. Transit. CATA bus stops within one hundred (100) feet of a use may be considered for parking reductions. The applicant shall provide a written statement from CATA verifying that the bus stop is in permanent location for the foreseeable future.
- f. Trail heads or township pathways may be considered for parking reductions. The path must be at least ten (10) feet wide to accommodate commuting traffic to be considered.

Section 8. Section 86-760, Bicycle Parking, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Purpose. While the rest of the language in this Article regulates vehicular traffic, this section applies to non-motorized traffic. The purpose of this section is to provide adequate and safe facilities for the temporary placement and use of bicycles. This section is intended to specify the required type, number and location of bicycle parking spaces on a site. The regulations and requirements are designed to promote and encourage the safety and general welfare of the community by:
 - (1) Promoting an alternative and energy efficient mode of transportation.
 - (2) Encouraging a healthy lifestyle by promoting and accommodating the use of bicycles.
 - (3) Providing adequate and safe facilities for the temporary placement of bicycles.
- (b) Applicability.
 - (1) Bicycle parking shall be provided for any new building constructed after the effective date of this section. After the effective date of this section, bicycle parking shall also be provided on all sites when an addition to an existing building is constructed that results in the need for additional motor vehicle parking spaces or for any change in the use of a building that results in the need for additional motor vehicle parking spaces.
 - (2) This section does not prohibit the voluntary installation of bicycle parking that conforms to the requirements set forth in this section.
 - (3) Except as otherwise required, a bicycle parking area shall be treated in a similar manner as a required motor vehicle parking area.
- (c) Exemptions. Bicycle parking shall be required for all uses, with the exception of one- and two-family residential uses.
- (d) Location.
 - (1) A bicycle parking area shall be located such that it is visible, safe, and convenient with adequate lighting provided. Lighting will be based on the provisions set forth in Chapter 38, Article VII, titled outdoor lighting.
 - (2) Bicycle parking areas shall be located to maximize accessibility to building entrances.
- (e) Design criteria and dimensions. Bicycle parking racks and lockers are encouraged to be unique in design and appearance; however, the bicycle parking area shall be functional, operational, and shall provide for the following:

- 1 (1) A bicycle rack, bicycle locker, or functionally equivalent structure shall be used to secure
- 2 a bicycle.
- 3 (2) Bicycle parking areas incorporating the standard inverted "U" shaped bicycle rack, or
- 4 functionally equivalent structure, shall have the following dimensions:
- 5 a. The minimum height of the bicycle rack shall be 36 inches from the base to the top of
- 6 the rack.
- 7 b. The minimum length for the bicycle rack shall be two feet.
- 8 c. A bicycle rack shall accommodate at least two bicycles.
- 9 d. The exterior surface of bicycle racks and bicycle lockers shall be nonabrasive, non-
- 10 marring, and durable.
- 11 e. The bicycle parking area shall comply with the dimensions designated in Figure 1:

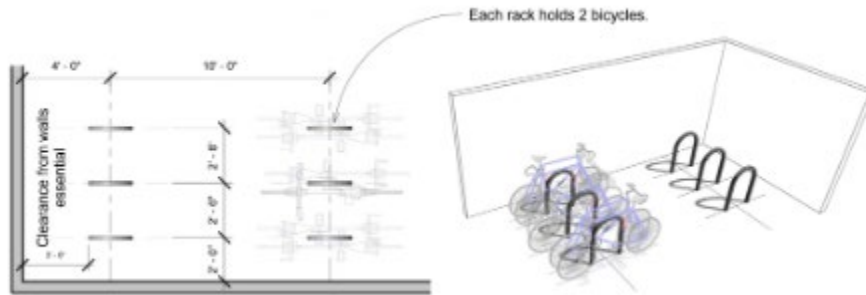


Figure 1: Bicycle Parking Area (Source: David Baker + Partners)

- 12 (3) Each bicycle parking space must be at least six feet long and two and a half feet wide with
- 13 a five-foot access aisle. A bicycle parking area shall not interfere with any designated
- 14 pedestrian sidewalk or pathway, required vehicle parking spaces or vehicle maneuvering
- 15 lanes, and shall not eliminate any required landscape area.
- 16 (4) The bicycle parking rack shall be installed so that the rack supports the bicycle in an
- 17 upright position and allows for the bicycle frame and front wheel to be securely locked.
- 18 (5) The bicycle parking area shall be hard surfaced with material such as asphalt, concrete,
- 19 or a brick paving system and shall be adequately maintained and kept free of mud, dust,
- 20 ice, and snow.
- 21 (6) The bicycle racks, bicycle lockers or functionally equivalent structures must be securely
- 22 anchored.
- 23 (7) Up to 1/2 of the required bicycle parking spaces on the site may be located inside of a
- 24 building.
- 25 (f) Shared bicycle parking facilities. For sites containing multiple uses or tenants, a single bicycle
- 26 parking area may be provided as long as the total number of bicycle parking spaces provided
- 27 is not less than the sum of all of the separate uses combined.
- 28 (g) Bicycle parking requirements.
- 29 (1) Unless otherwise provided, one bicycle parking space shall be provided for every ten-
- 30 motor vehicle parking spaces required. The minimum number of bicycle parking spaces
- 31 provided shall not be less than two. The maximum number of bicycle parking spaces shall
- 32 not exceed 50. If after calculating the number of required bicycle parking spaces a
- 33 quotient is obtained containing a fraction of one-half or more, an additional space shall
- 34 be required; if such fraction is less than one-half, it may be disregarded.
- 35 (h) Reduction of required motor vehicle parking spaces. The number of required motor vehicle
- 36 parking spaces on a site may be reduced by one motor vehicle parking space for every two
- 37 bicycle parking spaces installed on a site in compliance with this section. Motor vehicle
- 38 parking spaces may not be reduced by more than 10% of the total number of required motor
- 39 vehicle parking spaces.

- 1 (i) Waiver. An individual may submit a written request to the Director of Community
2 Development for a waiver from the requirements of this section. The request shall state the
3 reason(s) for the waiver and contain any other applicable information related to the waiver.
4 In making a determination regarding a waiver the Director of Community Development may
5 consider characteristics of the site including the type of use, site layout (accessibility,
6 maneuverability, design, and other related elements), or unique circumstances.
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8 **Section 9.** Section 86-761, Electrical Vehicle Stations, is hereby added to Article VIII to read as
9 follows:
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11 (a) Parking.

12 (1) An electric vehicle charging station space may be included in the calculation for
13 minimum required parking spaces in accordance with Sec. 86-755.

14 (2) Public electric vehicle charging stations are reserved for parking and charging electric
15 vehicles only. Electric vehicles may be parked in any space designated for public
16 parking, subject to the restrictions that would apply to any other vehicle that would
17 park in that space.

18 (3) Electric vehicle charging stations shall be sized the same as a standard parking space.

19 (b) Lighting. Site lighting shall be provided where an electric vehicle charging station is installed
20 unless charging is for daytime purposes only.

21 (c) Equipment Standards and Protection.

22 (1) Vehicle charging station outlets and connector devices shall be no less than thirty-six
23 (36) inches and no higher than forty-eight (48) inches from the surface where
24 mounted. Equipment mounted on pedestals, lighting posts, bollards, or other devices
25 shall be designed and located as to not impede pedestrian travel or create trip hazards
26 on sidewalks.

27 (2) Adequate vehicle charging stations protection, such as concrete-filled steel bollards,
28 shall be used. Curbing may be used in lieu of bollards, if the vehicle charging station
29 is setback a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches from the face of the curb.

30 (d) Signage and Notification of Station Specifics.

31 (1) Each electric vehicle charging station space may be posted with signage indicating
32 the space is only for electric vehicle charging purposes.

33 (2) Notification shall be placed on the unit to identify voltage and amperage levels, time
34 of use, fees, safety information and other pertinent information.

35 (e) Installation and Maintenance.

36 (1) All necessary electrical permits must be obtained.

37 (2) Electric vehicle stations shall be maintained in all respects, including the functioning
38 of the equipment. A phone number or other contact information shall be provided on
39 the equipment for reporting when it is not functioning or other problems are
40 encountered.
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42 **Section 10.** Section 86-762, Green Infrastructure, is hereby added to Article VIII to read as
43 follows:
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45 In order to meet Meridian Township's sustainability goals, development needs to diversify the ways
46 that stormwater runoff is collected, infiltrated, stored, and treated. Continued reliance solely on
47 conventional infrastructure (water runoff into pipes and ponds) has proven to be unsustainable,
48 especially with an increase in large storms and built development. The use of green infrastructure
49 best management practices (BMPs) has proven to be effective in working in conjunction with

1 conventional infrastructure to mimic natural processes and to meet low-impact development site
2 design.

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4 (a) Drain Commissioner Approval. Green Infrastructure requirements must be approved by the
5 Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s office as part of the site plan review process.
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7 (b) Structural and Nonstructural green infrastructure.

8 (1) Structural green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) are stormwater
9 management and treatment techniques where devices are constructed for temporary
10 storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. Examples include:

- 11 a. Rain gardens/bioretention areas
- 12 b. Vegetated swales/bioswales
- 13 c. Vegetated green roofs
- 14 d. Tree filter boxes
- 15 e. Vegetated filter strips

16 (2) Nonstructural green infrastructure BMPs are stormwater treatment techniques that
17 use natural measures to manage and treat stormwater and do not involve the
18 construction or installation of devices. Examples include:

- 19 a. Native revegetation
- 20 b. Minimized soil compaction
- 21 c. Natural flow paths and sensitive area preservation
- 22 d. Wetland preservation
- 23 e. Tree preservation

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25 **Section 11.** Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the
26 invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness
27 of the remainder of the Ordinance.
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29 **Section 12.** Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are
30 hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.
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32 **Section 13.** Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties
33 that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.
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35 **Section 14.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication
36 or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act
37 (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.
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39 ADOPTED by the Charter Township of Meridian Board at its regular meeting this **XXth** day of
40 **XXXXXXX**, 2026.
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45 Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor

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48 Angela Demas, Township Clerk

1 and when all requirements for location, design, construction, and landscaping can be
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3 (2) Size and layout of off-street parking. Plans for the layout of off-street parking facilities shall
 4 be in accordance with the following minimum requirements:
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Parking Pattern	Maneuvering Lane Width (feet)	Parking Space Width (feet)	Parking Space Length (feet)	Total Width of 1 Tier of Spaces plus Maneuvering Lane (feet)	Total Width of 2 Tiers of Spaces plus Maneuvering Lane (feet)
0° (parallel parking)	12	9	23	20	28
30°	12	9	20	32	52
45°	15	9	20	36.5	58
60°	20	9	20	40	60
90°	24	9	20	44	64
90°	25	10	18	43	61
90°	23	10	20	43	63

6 (3) Parking for the Physically Handicapped. Parking for the handicapped shall comply with the
 7 State of Michigan Barrier-Free Rules, Michigan Public Act No. 1 of 1966, as amended; the
 8 adopted Meridian Charter Township Building Code; and the Federal Americans with
 9 Disabilities Act. The number of required barrier free zones shall be in accordance with the
 10 following requirements:
 11

<u>Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Lot</u>	<u>Total Minimum Required Number of Barrier-Free Spaces</u>	<u>Van Accessible Parking Spaces (Minimum 8' wide access aisle)</u>	<u>Accessible Parking Spaces (Minimum 5' wide access aisle)</u>
<u>Up to 25</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>26 to 50</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>51 to 75</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>76 to 100</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>101 to 150</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>151 to 200</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>201 to 300</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>301 to 400</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>401 to 500</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>501 to 1,000</u>	<u>2% of total parking provided in each lot</u>	<u>1 out of every 8 accessible spaces</u>	<u>7 out of every 8 accessible spaces</u>
<u>1,001 and over</u>	<u>20 plus 1 for each 100 spaces over 1,000</u>	<u>1 out of every 8 accessible spaces</u>	<u>7 out of every 8 accessible spaces</u>

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 14 (3)(4) Minimum residential parking space size. A minimum of 180 square feet shall be
 15 provided for each vehicle parking space located within a multiple-family residential
 16 development.

1 (4)(5) Marking or designation. Each space shall be clearly marked and reserved for parking
2 purposes.

3 (5)(6) Access drives. An access drive shall be provided not less than 25 feet wide and so
4 located as to secure the most appropriate development of the individual property.

5 (6)(7) Required surfacing and drainage. The entire parking area, including parking spaces
6 and maneuvering lanes, required under this division shall have asphaltic or concrete
7 surfacing in accordance with specifications approved by the Township Engineer. Such
8 facilities shall be drained so as to dispose of all surface water accumulated in the parking area
9 in such a way as to preclude drainage of water onto adjacent property or toward buildings.
10 Drainage systems must be approved in writing by the Township Engineer. The parking area
11 shall be surfaced within one year of the date the permit is issued.

12 (7)(8) Curb and gutter. Concrete curb and gutter shall be required in order to control
13 stormwater flow from the parking area and in order to protect landscaped areas such as
14 landscape islands and other plantings. This section may be waived at the discretion of the
15 Director of Community Development as follows:

16 a. Procedure. The following procedures shall govern requests for exemptions from
17 Subsection (78) of this section.

- 18 1. The Director of Community Development shall review a site plan submitted in
19 accordance with and in conjunction with the requirements of this chapter. The site
20 plan may be referred to the County Drain Commissioner for a recommendation.
- 21 2. The site plan shall include an estimate of the volume of runoff.
- 22 3. The applicant shall provide a report indicating that the expected runoff can be
23 absorbed on site.

24 b. Criteria. The following criteria shall be considered in the Director's decision:

- 25 1. The County Drain Commissioner's and/or the Director of Public Works and
26 Engineering's recommendation (if applicable).
- 27 2. The parking lot is drained so as to dispose of all surface water accumulated in the
28 parking area in such a way as to preclude drainage of water onto adjacent properties
29 or towards buildings and to ensure stormwater pretreatment and prevent erosion.
- 30 3. The site plan provides for protection of landscaping by other means acceptable to the
31 Township.
- 32 4. The parking lot has 25 or fewer parking spaces.
- 33 5. Where provided, detention and retention areas shall maintain slopes no steeper than
34 4:1 (horizontal:vertical).

35 (8)(9) Backing onto street. All spaces shall be provided adequate access by means of
36 maneuvering lanes. Backing directly onto a street shall be prohibited.

37 (10) Lighting. ~~Adequate lighting shall be provided for use when a parking area is in~~
38 ~~operation. All lighting shall be arranged so that no source of light shall be visible beyond the~~
39 ~~parcel lot upon which the parking area is located. Except for one-family or two-family~~
40 ~~residences, all parking areas, parking lot entrances, driveways, and walkways shall be~~
41 ~~illuminated in accordance with Chapter 38, Article VII in the Meridian Charter Township Code~~
42 ~~of Ordinances.~~

43 (9)(11) Landscaping

44 a. Adjoining a residential district. ~~Perimeter landscaping shall be provided along all~~
45 ~~parking areas in accordance with the following regulations:~~

<u>Parking Area Capacity</u>	<u>Width of Landscape Buffer</u>	<u>Height of Screening</u>
<u>Less or equal to 50 vehicles</u>	<u>20 feet</u>	<u>4 feet</u>
<u>Greater than 50 vehicles</u>	<u>40 feet</u>	<u>4 feet</u>

1 The vegetation in the buffer area shall meet the requirements of Sec. 86-758(1)(d).

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3 ~~Where a parking area with a capacity of less than 50 vehicles, or its associated internal~~
4 ~~access or service drives, adjoins a residential district, a landscaped buffer, at least 20~~
5 ~~feet wide, shall be provided between the parking area and the adjoining property and~~
6 ~~a vertical screen shall be erected consisting of a masonry wall, plant materials, a~~
7 ~~landscaped earth berm, or a combination thereof, as appropriate for the site, no less~~
8 ~~than four feet in height. Where a parking area with a capacity of 50 or more vehicles,~~
9 ~~or its associated internal access or service drives, adjoins a residential district, a~~
10 ~~landscaped buffer, at least 40 feet wide, shall be provided between the parking area~~
11 ~~and the adjoining property and a vertical screen shall be erected consisting of a~~
12 ~~masonry wall, plant materials, a landscaped earth berm, or a combination thereof, as~~
13 ~~appropriate for the site, no less than four feet in height.~~

14 b. Adjoining a public street. For all land uses other than one-family or two-family
15 residential, where a parking area, or its associated internal access or service drives,
16 adjoins a public street, a landscaped buffer of at least 20 feet in width shall be
17 provided between the parking area and the adjacent right-of-way. In addition, a
18 vertical screen of at least 3 feet in height shall be provided to screen the parking area
19 for the entire length of the buffer.

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21 ~~Where a parking area, or its associated internal access or service drives, adjoins a~~
22 ~~public street, except parking areas on individual residential driveways, a landscaped~~
23 ~~buffer at least 20 feet wide shall be provided between the parking area and the~~
24 ~~adjacent right of way, as measured from the back of the parking lot curb to the right-~~
25 ~~of-way line. A vertical screen, consisting of a masonry wall, plant material, a~~
26 ~~landscaped earth berm, or a combination thereof, as appropriate for the site, no less~~
27 ~~than three feet in height, shall be provided to screen the parking area from view along~~
28 ~~the entire length of this buffer strip.~~

29 c. Adjoining the same or any other nonresidential district. Where a parking area, or its
30 associated internal access or service drives, adjoins the same or any other
31 nonresidential district, a landscaped buffer, at least 15 feet wide, shall be provided
32 between the parking area and the property line. A vertical screen shall be erected
33 consisting of a masonry wall, plant material, a landscaped earth berm, or a
34 combination thereof, as appropriate for the site, no less than three feet in height.

35 d. Required vertical screens may consist of masonry, plant material, a landscaped berm,
36 or a combination thereof, as appropriate for the site.

37 a.e. Plantings in this buffer areas shall be maintained in a healthy condition. No more than
38 two driveway approaches may be permitted to break thisa buffer from an arterial or
39 collector street, and no more than one driveway from a local street, except as
40 provided in § 86-441, the corridor access management overlay district, no more than
41 two driveway approaches may be permitted to break this buffer from an arterial or
42 collector street, and no more than one driveway from a local street.

43 ~~(10)(12)~~ Sidewalks. When deemed necessary to provide for the public safety, the Planning
44 Commission may require construction of sidewalks along public streets or highways.

45 ~~(11)(13)~~ Bicycle paths. Bicycle paths may be required when required by the Township
46 Pathway Master Plan or deemed necessary to provide for safe pedestrian and nonmotorized
47 vehicular movement throughout the Township and when in conjunction with an adopted
48 plan for parks, open space and pedestrian and bicycle paths.

49 ~~(12)~~ ~~Adjoining the same or any other nonresidential district. Where a parking area, or its~~
50 ~~associated internal access or service drives, adjoins the same or any other nonresidential~~

1 district, a landscaped buffer, at least 15 feet wide, shall be provided between the parking area
2 and the property line. A vertical screen shall be erected consisting of a masonry wall, plant
3 material, a landscaped earth berm, or a combination thereof, as appropriate for the site, no
4 less than three feet in height.
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6 **Section 7.** Section 86-759, Parking Deferral, is hereby amended to read as follows:
7

8 (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to eliminate unsightly expanses of unused paved
9 areas, unnecessary levels of accelerated stormwater runoff, excess radiated heat from paved
10 surfaces, and the premature loss of open space by permitting such uses to develop with
11 reduced numbers of constructed off-street parking spaces while retaining additional site area
12 for possible future off-street parking use, where appropriate.

13 ~~(b) The following provisions apply: Deferral of Parking Spaces. Where an applicant demonstrates~~
14 ~~that the parking requirements for a particular proposed use would be excessive, a deferral of~~
15 ~~parking spaces may be approved by the Planning Commission, with a plan designating areas~~
16 ~~of required parking spaces and areas reserved for future use, provided the requested deferral~~
17 ~~complies with the standards of this division. An applicant may request a parking reduction at~~
18 ~~any time, as part of a current site plan, special land use, or rezoning application.~~

19 ~~(b)~~(c) Submittal Requirements. For any request to defer parking spaces, the following shall
20 be submitted by the applicant:

21 (1) ~~For uses requiring a special use permit, other than multiple-family projects, the Planning~~
22 ~~Commission, or the Township Board on appeal, may defer the construction of all or part~~
23 ~~of the required off-street parking during its review of the application for a special use~~
24 ~~permit, provided the requested deferral complies with the standards of this division. A~~
25 ~~written statement describing the nature of the business or operational characteristics of~~
26 ~~the proposed project that justify justifies the requested parking deferral.~~

27 (2) A parking plan, identifying the areas where parking is being proposed to be built and
28 areas where parking is proposed to be deferred, including a parking lot layout for the
29 deferred parking area.

30 (3) A landscape plan for the deferred parking area, which shall be landscaped and maintained
31 with grass or other acceptable plant materials. If that area is not disturbed during
32 construction, it may be maintained in its natural vegetative condition existing prior to
33 development, provided the natural vegetation is in keeping with the general appearance
34 of the area.

35 (d) Standards of Review. ~~The Planning Commission, or Director of Community Development~~
36 ~~depending on the type of application,~~ shall utilize the following standards in review of a
37 parking deferral.
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39 (1) Areas where parking construction has been deferred shall not be used to satisfy interior
40 landscaping, buffer, pervious surface, or stormwater retention or detention requirements
41 of this article or other agency having jurisdiction.

42 (2) If the conditions by which any reduction approved under the provisions of this section
43 are changed or eliminated, the approved reduction shall no longer apply and parking shall
44 be provided in accordance with this article, or the owner applies for another parking
45 deferral.

46 ~~(c)~~(e) Procedure.

47 (1) ~~For uses subject to site plan review only, the Director of Community Development, subject~~
48 ~~to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals, may defer the construction of all or part of the~~
49 ~~required off-street parking during the review of the application for site plan review,~~
50 ~~provided the requested deferral complies with the standards of this division.~~

- 1 ~~(2) Where a parking construction deferral is requested, the applicant shall submit the~~
2 ~~following information with the application for a special use permit or site plan review:~~
3 ~~a. A written statement describing the characteristics of the proposed project that justify~~
4 ~~the requested parking deferral.~~
5 ~~b. The site plan submitted with an application for a special use permit or site plan~~
6 ~~review for the property shall indicate all required parking, parking lot landscaping,~~
7 ~~and other information necessary to determine compliance with all requirements of~~
8 ~~this article. The site plan shall also indicate that area where parking construction will~~
9 ~~be deferred, the number of parking stalls for which deferral is proposed, and the~~
10 ~~number of parking stalls to be constructed. The site plan will note that the area where~~
11 ~~parking will be deferred is to be reserved for future parking, will be maintained as~~
12 ~~landscaped open space, and may not be used for any other purposes.~~
- 13 ~~(3) Areas of land where parking construction has been deferred shall be landscaped and~~
14 ~~maintained with grass or other acceptable plant materials. If that area is not disturbed~~
15 ~~during construction, it may, with the approval of the Planning Commission, or director~~
16 ~~for site plan review only, be maintained in its natural vegetative condition existing prior~~
17 ~~to development, provided the natural vegetation is in keeping with the general~~
18 ~~appearance of the area.~~
- 19 ~~(4)(1) Areas where parking construction has been deferred shall not be used to satisfy~~
20 ~~interior landscaping, buffer, pervious surface, or stormwater retention or detention~~
21 ~~requirements of this article or other agency having jurisdiction.~~
- 22 (1) That portion of the proposed parking lot which will be constructed shall be landscaped
23 to comply with the parking area landscaping requirements of this article as applied to a
24 parking lot of the size actually constructed.
- 25 (2) In addition to the requirements in subsections (b)(1)—(7) of this section, approval for
26 deferral of parking lot construction shall be granted only upon finding that the proposal
27 will provide adequate off-street parking for the proposed use.
- 28 (3) In approving a parking deferral, the Planning Commission or Director of Community
29 Development, or the Township Board or Zoning Board of Appeals on an appeal, may
30 prescribe such conditions regarding the character, location, landscaping, and other
31 features that will secure the objectives and purposes of this article.
- 32 (4) The approved parking deferral and any conditions related to such deferral shall be
33 described in a parking construction deferral agreement between the Township and the
34 applicant and recorded with the County Register of Deeds. The parking construction
35 deferral agreement shall include a provision that grants the Township a license to come
36 on the subject property and construct the deferred parking at the property owner's cost
37 if the property owner refuses or neglects to construct the deferred parking as directed by
38 the Township and a provision that the cost for such construction may be added to the tax
39 roll under Chapter 46 of this Code if not timely paid by the property owner.
- 40 (5) The owner of property for which a parking deferral has been granted shall submit any
41 request to increase or change the use or occupancy of the property to the Director of
42 Community Development prior to such increase or change. If the Director of Community
43 Development determines that the increased or changed use may affect the property's
44 parking needs, a request to review the parking deferral shall be submitted to the Planning
45 Commission in accordance with subsection (b)(1) of this section. The Director of
46 Community Development may approve a request to increase or change a use subject to
47 site plan review in accordance with subsection (b)(2) of this section. Any changes in the
48 approved parking deferral shall be incorporated in a recorded agreement as provided in
49 subsection (b)(10) of this section.

1 (6) The owner of property for which a parking deferral has been granted may, at his
2 discretion, construct all or part of the deferred parking if the need arises.

3 (7) The Township shall require the full or partial construction of the deferred parking upon
4 a determination of an ongoing demonstrated need for additional parking or a violation of
5 the terms and conditions of the parking construction deferral agreement. An ongoing
6 demonstrated need for additional parking shall include, but not be limited to, inadequate
7 parking on the site for more than three hours or more than 15 days in a thirty-day time
8 period.

9 (8) A violation of a parking deferral agreement or failure to construct the required parking
10 as ordered shall be considered a nuisance per se as provided in Chapter 46 of this Code.

11 (f) Parking Reduction Procedures. Off-street parking requirements may be reduced by the
12 Director of Community Development or Planning Commission based on the procedures and
13 requirements of this section. Conditions for Parking Deferrals/Reductions. The following
14 conditions may be used by applicants to justify requested parking deferrals and shall be used
15 by the Planning Department in reviewing parking reductions in accordance with the
16 procedures of subsection (c)(3).

17 a. Joint Use of Parking Areas. The joint use of parking areas by two (2) or more buildings
18 or uses is recommended when all requirements for location, design, construction, and
19 landscaping can be satisfied.

20 b. Mixed Use Parking Coefficient. Where the Director determines that a mix of land uses
21 could reduce the number of required parking spaces, Table ___ below shall be used to
22 calculate mixed-use parking requirements. The required parking for each use shall be
23 totaled, then divided by the appropriate mixed use coefficient.

24 c. Shared Parking Agreements. Where a mix of land uses creates staggered peak periods
25 of parking demand, shared parking agreements may reduce the total amount of
26 required parking.

27 d. On-Street Parking. The use of on-street parking to meet no more than fifty (50)
28 percent of the minimum off-street parking requirements shall be permitted provided
29 that adequate on-street parking exists within five hundred (500) feet of the primary
30 entrance of the main building, measured along probable pedestrian paths.

31 e. Transit. CATA bus stops within one hundred (100) feet of a use may be considered
32 for parking reductions. The applicant shall provide a written statement from CATA
33 verifying that the bus stop is in permanent location for the foreseeable future.

34 ~~a.f.~~ Trail heads or township pathways may be considered for parking reductions. The
35 path must be at least ten (10) feet wide to accommodate commuting traffic to be
36 considered.

37
38 **Section 8.** Section 86-760, Bicycle Parking, is hereby amended to read as follows:
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40 (a) Purpose. While the rest of the language in this Article regulates vehicular traffic, this section
41 applies to non-motorized traffic. The purpose of this section is to provide adequate and safe
42 facilities for the temporary placement and use of bicycles. This section is intended to specify
43 the required type, number and location of bicycle parking spaces on a site. The regulations
44 and requirements are designed to promote and encourage the safety and general welfare of
45 the community by:

46 (1) Promoting an alternative and energy efficient mode of transportation.

47 (2) Encouraging a healthy lifestyle by promoting and accommodating the use of bicycles.

48 (3) Providing adequate and safe facilities for the temporary placement of bicycles.

49 (b) Applicability.

- 1 (1) Bicycle parking shall be provided for any new building constructed after the effective date
 2 of this section. After the effective date of this section, bicycle parking shall also be
 3 provided on all sites when an addition to an existing building is constructed that results
 4 in the need for additional motor vehicle parking spaces or for any change in the use of a
 5 building that results in the need for additional motor vehicle parking spaces.
 6 (2) This section does not prohibit the voluntary installation of bicycle parking that conforms
 7 to the requirements set forth in this section.
 8 (3) Except as otherwise required, a bicycle parking area shall be treated in a similar manner
 9 as a required motor vehicle parking area.
 10 (c) Exemptions. Bicycle parking shall be required for all uses, with the exception of one- and two-
 11 family residential uses.
 12 (d) Location.
 13 (1) A bicycle parking area shall be located such that it is visible, safe, and convenient with
 14 adequate lighting provided. Lighting will be based on the provisions set forth in
 15 Chapter 38, Article VII, titled outdoor lighting.
 16 (2) Bicycle parking areas shall be located to maximize accessibility to building entrances.
 17 (e) Design criteria and dimensions. Bicycle parking racks and lockers are encouraged to be
 18 unique in design and appearance; however, the bicycle parking area shall be functional,
 19 operational, and shall provide for the following:
 20 (1) A bicycle rack, bicycle locker, or functionally equivalent structure shall be used to secure
 21 a bicycle.
 22 (2) Bicycle parking areas incorporating the standard inverted "U" shaped bicycle rack, or
 23 functionally equivalent structure, shall have the following dimensions:
 24 a. The minimum height of the bicycle rack shall be 36 inches from the base to the top of
 25 the rack.
 26 b. The minimum length for the bicycle rack shall be two feet.
 27 c. A bicycle rack shall accommodate at least two bicycles.
 28 d. The exterior surface of bicycle racks and bicycle lockers shall be nonabrasive, non-
 29 marring, and durable.
 30 e. The bicycle parking area shall comply with the dimensions designated in Figure 1:

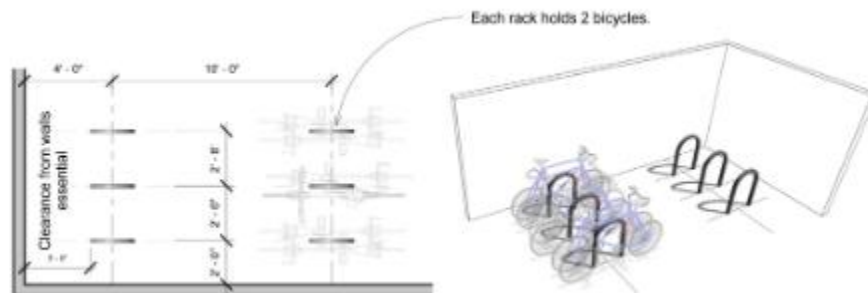


Figure 1: Bicycle Parking Area (Source: David Baker + Partners)

- 31 (3) ~~Each bicycle parking space must be at least six feet long and two and a half feet wide with~~
 32 ~~a five-foot access aisle. The bicycle parking area shall be constructed with adequate space~~
 33 ~~to allow operation of the locking mechanism and each bicycle parking space shall be~~
 34 ~~easily accessible.~~ A bicycle parking area shall not interfere with any designated
 35 pedestrian sidewalk or pathway, required vehicle parking spaces or vehicle maneuvering
 36 lanes, and shall not eliminate any required landscape area.
 37 (4) The bicycle parking rack shall be installed so that the rack supports the bicycle in an
 38 upright position and allows for the bicycle frame and front wheel to be securely locked.

- 1 (5) The bicycle parking area shall be hard surfaced with material such as asphalt, concrete,
2 or a brick paving system and shall be adequately maintained and kept free of mud, dust,
3 ice, and snow.
- 4 (6) The bicycle racks, bicycle lockers or functionally equivalent structures must be securely
5 anchored.
- 6 (7) Up to 1/2 of the required bicycle parking spaces on the site may be located inside of a
7 building.
- 8 (f) Shared bicycle parking facilities. For sites containing multiple uses or tenants, a single bicycle
9 parking area may be provided as long as the total number of bicycle parking spaces provided
10 is not less than the sum of all of the separate uses combined.
- 11 (g) Bicycle parking requirements.
- 12 (1) Unless otherwise provided, one bicycle parking space shall be provided for every ten-
13 motor vehicle parking spaces required. The minimum number of bicycle parking spaces
14 provided shall not be less than two. The maximum number of bicycle parking spaces shall
15 not exceed 50. If after calculating the number of required bicycle parking spaces a
16 quotient is obtained containing a fraction of one-half or more, an additional space shall
17 be required; if such fraction is less than one-half, it may be disregarded.
- 18 (h) Reduction of required motor vehicle parking spaces. The number of required motor vehicle
19 parking spaces on a site may be reduced by one motor vehicle parking space for every two
20 bicycle parking spaces installed on a site in compliance with this section. Motor vehicle
21 parking spaces may not be reduced by more than 10% of the total number of required motor
22 vehicle parking spaces.
- 23 (i) Waiver. An individual may submit a written request to the Director of Community
24 Development for a waiver from the requirements of this section. The request shall state the
25 reason(s) for the waiver and contain any other applicable information related to the waiver.
26 In making a determination regarding a waiver the Director of Community Development may
27 consider characteristics of the site including the type of use, site layout (accessibility,
28 maneuverability, design, and other related elements), or unique circumstances.

29
30 **Section 9.** Section 86-761, Electrical Vehicle Stations, is hereby added to Article VIII to read as
31 follows:

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33 (a) Parking.

34 (1) An electric vehicle charging station space may be included in the calculation for
35 minimum required parking spaces in accordance with Sec. 86-755.

36 (2) Public electric vehicle charging stations are reserved for parking and charging electric
37 vehicles only. Electric vehicles may be parked in any space designated for public
38 parking, subject to the restrictions that would apply to any other vehicle that would
39 park in that space.

40 (3) Electric vehicle charging stations shall be sized the same as a standard parking space.

41 (b) Lighting. Site lighting shall be provided where an electric vehicle charging station is installed
42 unless charging is for daytime purposes only.

43 (c) Equipment Standards and Protection.

44 (1) Vehicle charging station outlets and connector devices shall be no less than thirty-six
45 (36) inches and no higher than forty-eight (48) inches from the surface where
46 mounted. Equipment mounted on pedestals, lighting posts, bollards, or other devices
47 shall be designed and located as to not impede pedestrian travel or create trip hazards
48 on sidewalks.

1 (2) Adequate vehicle charging stations protection, such as concrete-filed steel bollards,
2 shall be used. Curbing may be used in lieu of bollards, if the vehicle charging station
3 is setback a minimum of twenty-four (24) inches from the face of the curb.

4 (d) Signage and Notification of Station Specifics.

5 (1) Each electric vehicle charging station space may be posted with signage indicating
6 the space is only for electric vehicle charging purposes.

7 (2) Notification shall be placed on the unit to identify voltage and amperage levels, time
8 of use, fees, safety information and other pertinent information.

9 (e) Installation and Maintenance.

10 (1) All necessary electrical permits must be obtained.

11 ~~(1)~~(2) Electric vehicle stations shall be maintained in all respects, including the
12 functioning of the equipment. A phone number or other contact information shall be
13 provided on the equipment for reporting when it is not functioning or other problems
14 are encountered.

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16 **Section 10.** Section 86-762, Green Infrastructure, is hereby added to Article VIII to read as
17 follows:

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19 In order to meet Meridian Township’s sustainability goals, development needs to diversify the ways
20 that stormwater runoff is collected, infiltrated, stored, and treated. Continued reliance solely on
21 conventional infrastructure (water runoff into pipes and ponds) has proven to be unsustainable,
22 especially with an increase in large storms and built development. The use of green infrastructure
23 best management practices (BMPs) has proven to be effective in working in conjunction with
24 conventional infrastructure to mimic natural processes and to meet low-impact development site
25 design.

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27 (a) Drain Commissioner Approval. Green Infrastructure requirements must be approved by the
28 Ingham County Drain Commissioner’s office as part of the site plan review process.

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30 (b) Structural and Nonstructural green infrastructure.

31 (1) Structural green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) are stormwater
32 management and treatment techniques where devices are constructed for temporary
33 storage and treatment of stormwater runoff. Examples include:

34 a. Rain gardens/bioretention areas

35 b. Vegetated swales/bioswales

36 c. Vegetated green roofs

37 d. Tree filter boxes

38 e. Vegetated filter strips

39 (2) Nonstructural green infrastructure BMPs are stormwater treatment techniques that
40 use natural measures to manage and treat stormwater and do not involve the
41 construction or installation of devices. Examples include:

42 a. Native revegetation

43 b. Minimized soil compaction

44 c. Natural flow paths and sensitive area preservation

45 d. Wetland preservation

46 e. Tree preservation

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48 **Section 11.** Validity and Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the
49 invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness
50 of the remainder of the Ordinance.

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Section 12. Repealer Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 13. Savings Clause. This Ordinance does not affect rights and duties matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun, before its effective date.

Section 14. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after its publication or upon such later date as may be required under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3402) after filing of a notice of intent to file a petition for a referendum.

ADOPTED by the Charter Township of Meridian Board at its regular meeting this **XXth** day of **XXXXXXX**, 2026.

Scott Hendrickson, Township Supervisor

Angela Demas, Township Clerk



To: Board Members
From: Amber Clark Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director
Date: May 7, 2026
Re: Tailgaters SDD Resort Liquor License Application

Tailgaters LLC, operating locally as Tailgaters Meridian LLC, has expressed interest in opening a new convenience service station within the Township. The convenience service station did require a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the drive-thru and gas pumps. The SUP was approved by the Planning Commission on April 27th. The SUP does not require Township Board approval. Tailgaters operates similar establishments in other communities, several of which have received local and national recognition for their operations and service offerings. As part of this proposed development, Tailgaters Meridian LLC has submitted an application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) for a Resort Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) license. The proposed licensed premises is located at 1622 W. Grand River Avenue, Okemos, Michigan.

Under the Michigan Liquor Control Code, standard SDD licenses are quota-based and are issued directly by the MLCC to eligible applicants without local legislative approval. At this time, the Township has no remaining standard SDD licenses available for issuance.

A Resort SDD license is a separate classification that allows the MLCC to issue a license in a community that has exhausted its quota of standard licenses. This competitive licensing process requires the Township to authorize by resolution their support for an additional SDD license, outside of the available quota. In addition to the required resolution, Tailgaters Meridian LLC has requested a letter of support from the Township to accompany its application. While not required, letters of support are commonly submitted in connection with resort license applications to demonstrate community benefit and local support to the MLCC. Resort SDD licenses are competitive and limited to 15 statewide.

Authorization of the resolution does not itself issue the liquor license. Rather, it confirms that the Township supports the applicant's pursuit of a resort SDD license and allows the MLCC to continue its review and investigation of the application. As the project is not yet under construction, the MLCC may choose to authorize an approval for the license contingent on the construction of the facility.

Department Comments:

Staff of Community Planning, Fire and Police Departments have reviewed the application. No comments were received in opposition to the entity or their application to the MLCC.

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While Tailgaters is not currently operating in the boundaries of Meridian Township, the Alaiedon Township Tailgaters operation is frequented by local police departments. Several officers have attested to the cleanliness of the facility, the professionalism of staff, and adherence to public safety.

Township staff have reviewed the application and subsequent request from Tailgaters Meridian LLC. Staff recommends the Board to consider the authorization of the resolution and letter of support for Tailgaters Meridian LLC application to MLCC. A motion is prepared for your consideration:

MOVE TO ADOPT MLCC FORM 106 AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR, TAILGATERS MERIDIAN LLC, AND SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RESORT SDD LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR 1622 W. GRAND RIVER AVENUE.



Local Government Approval
(Authorized by MCL 436.1501)

Instructions for Applicants:

- You must obtain a recommendation from the local legislative body for a new on-premises license application, certain types of license classification transfers, and/or a new banquet facility permit.

Instructions for Local Legislative Body:

- Complete this resolution or provide a resolution, along with certification from the clerk or adopted minutes from the meeting at which this request was considered.

At a _____ meeting of the _____ council/board
(regular or special) (name of township, city, village)
called to order by _____ on _____ at _____
the following resolution was offered: (date) (time)

Moved by _____ and supported by _____
that the application from Tailgaters Meridian LLC
(name of applicant - if a corporation or limited liability company, please state the company name)

for the following license(s): Specially Designated Distributor Resort
(list specific licenses requested)

to be located at: 1622 W Grand River Ave. Okemos MI 48864 also known as V/L 33-02-02-22-401-013 & V/L 33-02-02-22-426-009
and the following permit, if applied for:

Banquet Facility Permit Address of Banquet Facility: _____

It is the consensus of this body that it _____ this application be considered for
(recommends/does not recommend)
approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

If disapproved, the reasons for disapproval are _____

Vote

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the _____
council/board at a _____ meeting held on _____
(regular or special) (date) (name of township, city, village)

Print Name of Clerk

Signature of Clerk

Date

Under Article IV, Section 40, of the Constitution of Michigan (1963), the Commission shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof, subject to statutory limitations. Further, the Commission shall have the sole right, power, and duty to control the alcoholic beverage traffic and traffic in other alcoholic liquor within this state, including the licensure of businesses and individuals.

Please return this completed form along with any corresponding documents to:
Michigan Liquor Control Commission
Mailing address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909
Overnight packages: 2407 N. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906
Fax to: 517-763-0059



Meridian Township
5151 Marsh Road
Okemos, MI 48864

P 517.853.4000
F 517.853.4096

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May 7, 2026

Michigan Liquor Control Commission
7150 Harris Drive
P.O. Box 30005
Lansing, MI 448909

Subject: Tailgaters Meridian LLC, Resort SDD Liquor License Request

Dear MLCC Liquor License Investigation Unit,

The Meridian Township Board has recently approved and confirmed the authorizing resolution in support of the Tailgaters Meridian LLC, Resort Specialty Designated Distributor (SDD) Liquor License application. The Township Board recognizes the competitive nature of this liquor license, with only 15 being issued each year statewide. A license of this nature will support the expansion of this business in Meridian Township and support the needs of our community with a quality convenience service station.

As proposed, Tailgaters Meridian, LLC will use the Resort SDD License to compliment other products and services it will offer Meridian Township residents at the gas station/ convenience store, and on-site restaurant to be constructed at the above address. This clean and modern multi-use development will be like other Tailgaters locations in the greater Lansing area, and the first within Meridian Township. The existing Tailgaters stores have excellent reputations for the products offered and the services provided, and we are eager to welcome another quality establishment in our community.

Tailgaters Meridian LLC, will aid our local economy by offering several full and part time jobs, increase in sales tax, State fuel tax, and liquor revenue to the local economy. Please accept this letter as our recommendation and support for a Resort SDD license to be issued to Tailgaters Meridian LLC.

Sincerely,

Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor
Meridian Charter Township

*Your premier
convenience destination*



What you'll find at Tailgaters:

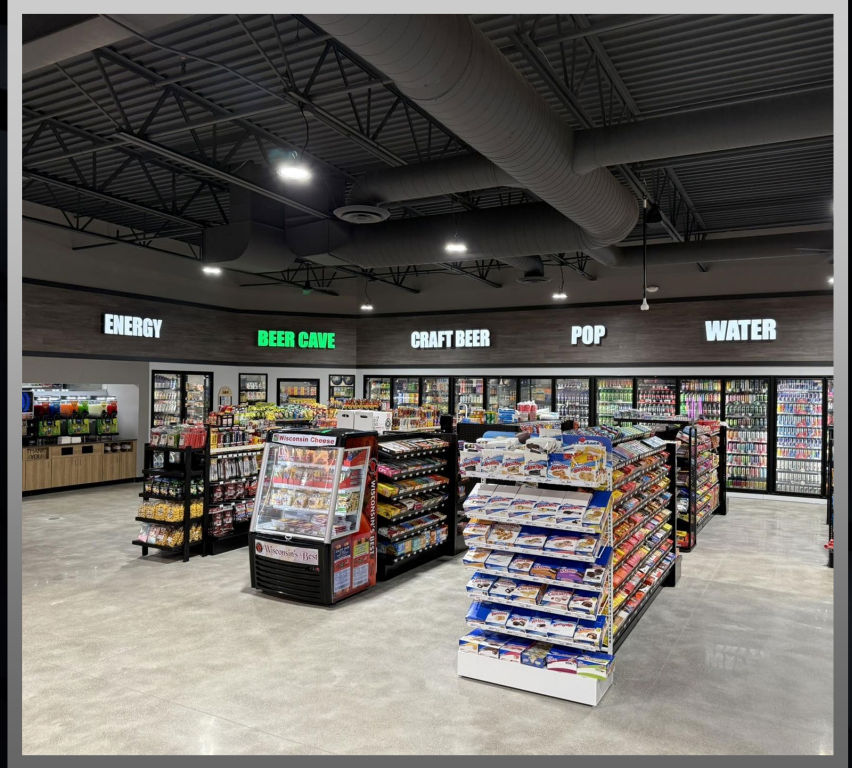
- A clean and spacious fueling station
- A nationally branded quick service restaurant with a drive thru
- Fast, friendly service
- A modern convenience store with a wide range of snacks
 - Chips
 - Candy
 - Slushies
 - Ice Cream
- Last minute grocery needs
- Vast selection of beer, wine, and packaged spirits



Facts about

Tailgaters:

- Locally owned and operated
- Proudly serving the Lansing area for over 40 years
- Recipient of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce: 2025 Regional Growth Award
- Each Tailgaters location creates 5060 jobs
- Open 24 / 7 / 365



Creyts Rd Location

Completed 2025







To: Township Board Members

From: Timothy R. Schmitt, *AICP*
Director of Community Planning and Development

Date: April 30, 2026

Re: Backyard Chicken and Rabbit Ordinance update

In the past several years, Staff has received several requests from residents for backyard chickens. Chickens and rabbits on single-family lots are regulated under Sec. 86-368(a)(8) in the zoning ordinance, which allows backyard chickens and rabbits in the RAA, RAA, and RA single-family zoning districts.

Township Board has asked the Planning Commission to look at our backyard chicken and rabbit ordinance to potentially expand the number of zoning districts that allow backyard chickens and rabbits. Currently, under the Township's backyard chicken ordinance, backyard chicken and rabbits are prohibited in the RB and RX districts. The update would allow backyard chickens and rabbits in the RB and RX zone and would define regulatable chickens and rabbits.

The Planning Commission discussed the matter at their regular meetings on January 26, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)) and February 9, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)). The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the draft ordinance update on April 13, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#)). The Planning Commission adopted a resolution recommending approval of the ordinance update at the regular meeting on April 27, 2026 ([PACKET](#), [VIDEO](#), [MINUTES](#) [not yet available]).

Staff looks forward to discussing this with the Township Board.

Attachments:

1. Backyard Chicken Ordinance Update – Clean version
2. Backyard Chicken Ordinance Update – Redlined version

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-XX

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
MERIDIAN AT ARTICLE IV, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, TO UPDATE THE STANDARDS FOR THE
REGULATION OF CHICKENS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 86-368(b)(8), RR District: One-Family Rural Residential District, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits as nonagricultural use. Male chickens, also known as roosters, are permitted by right only on parcels exceeding five (5) total acres. Roosters are not permitted on parcels within the Urban Services Boundary.

The raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits accessory only to one-family dwellings in the RAAA, RAA, RA, RB, and RX zoning districts is subject to the following requirements:

- a. Registration.
 - 1. Prior to the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits on any property under this section, the property shall be registered with the Department of Community Planning and Development.
 - 2. Only an individual living in a dwelling on the property shall raise or keep chickens and rabbits on the property. A registration may not be transferred.
 - 3. Notwithstanding registering with the Township, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over the registration. Private restrictions include, but are not limited to, deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, neighborhood association bylaws, and covenant deeds. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

- b. Standards. In addition to registering with the Township, the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits accessory only to one-family dwellings in the RAAA, RAA, RA, RB, and RX zoning districts shall comply with the following standards:
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 - 2. Roosters shall not be allowed.
 - 3. The sale of chickens, rabbits and eggs on the property is prohibited.
 - 4. Chickens and rabbits shall not be kept in any location on the property other than in the rear yard as defined by the zoning ordinance.
 - 5. Chickens and rabbits shall be provided with a covered structure and must be kept in the covered structure or an adjoining fenced area at all times. Covered structures and fenced areas used for the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits are subject to all provisions of Chapter **86** (zoning), except the covered structure and fenced area shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from a side or rear lot line and structures propose for reverse

- 1 frontage lots shall be located no closer than 30 feet to the right-of-way of the designated
2 rear yard.
- 3 6. All structures for the raising and keeping of chickens and rabbits shall be constructed so
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- 11 9. This section shall not regulate the keeping of chickens in those areas zoned RR (Rural
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13 conducted in compliance with the Michigan Right to Farm Act and the generally accepted
14 agricultural and management practices promulgated therein.
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30 ADOPTED by the Charter Township of Meridian Board at its regular meeting this **XXth** day of
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