

ARTICLE XI RECREATIONAL-FOREST DISTRICT, R-F

SECTION 11.01 – INTENT

The intent is to establish and promote the proper use, enjoyment and conservation of the forest, water and land particularly adapted for agricultural, recreational, low density residential and other specialized rural uses requiring large tracts of land, which are compatible with the residents.

SECTION 11.02 - PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES

- A. Detached single-family dwelling.
- B. Two-family dwelling units.
- C. Church, place of worship and related structures, such as parish hall or parsonage, school and cemetery. (See Section 20.01, D)
- D. Temporary dwelling during construction. (See Section 3.07)
- E. Customary accessory buildings. (See Section 3.05)
- F. Farms for both general and specialized farming together with residential dwellings, barns, accessory buildings, and other installations, provided that no livestock, farm animals or fowl are allowed within one fifty (50) feet of any lot line.
- G. The keeping and boarding of horses and ponies may be allowed under the following conditions:
 - 1. Minimum acreage: One horse or pony will be allowed on Two and one-half (2 ½) acres. Each additional horse or pony requires one (1) additional acre to a maximum of four (4) horses or ponies. More than four (4) horses or ponies requires more than six (6) acres and Planning Commission approval.
 - 2. All horses or ponies are required to have a corral and stable. A stable for one (1) horse or pony shall have a minimum floor area of one hundred forty four (144) square feet with an additional forty eight (48) square feet for each additional horse or pony. A corral for one (1) horse or pony shall be a minimum of two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet (i.e. 50'x50'). Two (2) to four (4) horses or ponies shall have a minimum of three thousand seven hundred fifty (3,750) square feet corral area.
 - 3. Stable and corral shall maintain a fifty (50) foot setback from all lot lines.
 - 4. A buffer strip fifty (50) feet deep on side and rear lot lines shall be maintained in its natural state. Additional planting of trees and shrubs is encourage but not required.
 - 5. Large deposits or concentration of manure must be a minimum of seventy five (75) feet from lot lines and one hundred fifty (150) feet from all dwellings and further disposed of in a sanitary manner on at least a monthly basis.
 - 6. A minimum setback of one hundred fifty (150) feet from any lake, stream, watercourse, or designated wetland shall be maintained.
 - 7. Corral and stable shall be not less than one hundred fifty (150) feet from neighboring dwellings.

8. Corral shall not be constructed with slabwood or barbed wire, but shall be constructed of standard building materials strong enough to contain the horses and ponies and aesthetically compatible with the intent of the district.
9. Horses and ponies must be kept and sheltered in a manner conforming to all state and local health codes.
10. Horses and ponies, stable and corral shall be placed in the rear or side yards of the parcel.
11. The keeping of horses or ponies shall not be construed as an agricultural use for the purposes of constructing barns, stables, corrals or related structures.

H. Storage and use of recreational vehicles. (See Section 3.11)

I. Home office, as defined.

J. The keeping of outside, exotic animals as pets may be allowed in the R-F District only, by special use permit, if they don't require the space limitations set in Section 11.02 (G). Each case shall be determined individually by the Grayling charter Township Planning Commission. The burden of proof for exotic animal living requirements shall rest with the animal owner.

K. Exotic animals which are commonly considered dangerous shall not be allowed to be kept in any zoned area, except by permit from the State of Michigan. These include, but are not limited to, all cats other than common house cats, bears, wolves, coyotes, venomous or constricting reptiles, and crocodilians. The determination of a dangerous or exotic animal shall be made by (1) the zoning administrator, or (2) assistant zoning administrator. The advice of the Crawford County Animal Control Officer may be sought in making such determination.

1. Animals considered to be exotic shall include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Llamas, alpacas, and other camelids
 - B. Goats, cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, geese and other common or unusual farm animals and fowl.
 - C. Ostriches, emus, peacocks and pheasants.
 - D. Burros, donkeys and miniature horses.
 - E. Common or unusual zoo or circus animals.
 - F. Others, as determined by the zoning administrator.

SECTION 11.03 – REQUIREMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL USE

No more than one single-family dwelling unit may be located on a lot, except one guest house may be allowed under Section 11.04.

SECTION 11.04 – SPECIAL PERMIT USES

The following uses may be authorized by the Planning Commission provided a Special Use Permit is approved in accordance with the procedures, provisions and standards of Article XVIII.

- A. Community centers and facilities owned and operated by a non-profit neighborhood group.
- B. Recreational vehicle parks and mobile home parks constructed and licensed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health requirements.