

**TOWNSHIP OF GANGES**

**COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 65**

**ADOPTED: 11/24/2025**

**EFFECTIVE: 12/4/2025**

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON RV PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS**

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing regulations relating to a moratorium on considering applications for RV parks or campgrounds while the Township completes a study of regulations pertaining thereto and possible subsequent revisions to the current Zoning Ordinance and other ordinances; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.

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ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I  
FINDINGS**

In accordance with Public Act 246 of 1945, MCL 41.181 et seq., as amended, Ganges Township has determined the following:

1. It has been a significant period of time since the Township Zoning Ordinance has been studied with regard to recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds as a special use.
2. The Township Board, Planning Commissioners, and members of the public have provided substantial comments and information raising public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding use of property within the Township for a recreational vehicle park and campground.
3. The Township Board has public health, safety, and welfare concerns regarding the special use of a recreational vehicle park and campground and finds that it requires time to study the zoning regulations with regard to such use.
4. The Township finds that imposing a moratorium upon the consideration of any applications for special use for a recreational vehicle park and campground, on a limited temporary basis, is reasonable and necessary for, among other reasons, the following reasons:
  - A. Michigan courts have recognized that a moratorium is a common and legitimate planning tool to preserve the status quo while formulating a development strategy.
  - B. The contemplated moratorium would allow the study of the public health,

safety, and welfare concerns regarding the special use of a recreational vehicle park and campground and allow for any needed Zoning Ordinance update and implementation process to occur.

- C. The contemplated moratorium would allow the study and possible implementation of revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to occur with citizen input and involvement, public debate, and full consideration of all issues and points of view.
- D. The contemplated moratorium would allow for consideration of changes in land use that have occurred since the provisions regarding recreational vehicles and campgrounds were last addressed.

5. A moratorium should be imposed upon the consideration of any applications for special use recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds for six months or until an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is adopted, whichever occurs first.

## **SECTION II** **MORATORIUM**

A moratorium is imposed upon the consideration of any applications for RV parks or campgrounds until June 30, 2026 or until an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is adopted, whichever occurs first.

## **SECTION III** **TERM OF MORATORIUM**

The moratorium imposed by this ordinance will remain in effect until June 30, 2026 or until amendments to the Zoning Ordinance become effective, whichever occurs first. Before this moratorium expires, the Township may by resolution extend the moratorium as appropriate to allow sufficient time to complete amendments to its ordinances. If an extension is adopted, the Township will publish notice of the same.

## **SECTION IV** **SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

## **SECTION V** **REPEAL**

All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

## **SECTION VI**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

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