

**PLEASANTON TOWNSHIP MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ZONING ORDINANCE:  
ARTICLE 1 - PREAMBLE**

**101. - TITLE:**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Pleasanton Township Permanent Zoning Ordinance".

**102. - PURPOSE:**

- A. To promote public health, safety and general welfare.
- B. To promote and encourage the preservation of farmland, forest and open space.
- C. To promote sustainable development, "sustainable" is defined as meeting the needs of today's residents without compromising the needs of future generations.
- D. To encourage the use of lands in accordance with their character and capabilities and to limit the improper use of the land.
- E. To conserve natural resources and energy.
- F. To assist residents needs for food, fiber, and other natural resources, places of residence, recreation, industry, trade, service and other uses of land.
- G. To ensure that uses of land shall be situated in appropriate locations and relationships.
- H. To avoid overcrowding of population.
- I. To provide adequate light and air.
- J. To lessen congestion on the public roads and streets.
- K. To reduce hazards to life and property.
- L. To facilitate adequate provisions for a system of transportation, sewage disposal, safe and adequate water supply, education, recreation and other public requirements.
- M. To conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services to conform to the most advantageous use of land, resources and property.
- N. To reasonably consider the character of each district, its peculiar suitability for particular uses, the conservation of property values and natural resources, and the general and appropriate trend and character of land, building and population development.
- O. To prevent economic and ecological damages due to unwise development.
- P. To prevent unwise patterns of development.
- Q. To assure proper reclamation of mining and industrial sites.
- R. To create Land Use Districts, which conform to the development plan set forth in the Pleasanton Township Land Use Plan.

**103. - LEGAL BASIS:**

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Michigan act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, being the Township Rural Zoning Act, MCL 125.271 et. seq.

**104. - EFFECTIVE DATE:**

The Township Board of the Township of Pleasanton, Manistee County, Michigan, adopted this Ordinance at the meeting held on July 10,2003, and a notice of publication ordered published in a newspaper of general circulation in said Township, as required by Public Act 184 of 1943, as amended, being the Township Rural Zoning Act, MCL 125.271 et seq.

**105.-SCOPE:**

This Ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, annul or in any way impair or interfere with existing provisions of deed restrictions; subdivision regulations; private restrictions placed upon property by covenants; condominium rules, ownership associations rules; ordinances, laws, regulations or any Federal, State or County Agency. When this Ordinance has more restrictive regulations, limitations or requirements, then this Ordinance **shall** control. The Zoning Administrator shall not be engaged in the enforcement of deed restrictions or private restrictions placed upon property by covenants.

**DATE: July 10,2003**

**Fred Alkire  
Township Supervisor**

**DATE: July 10,2003** \_\_\_\_\_

**Constance Ledford  
Township Clerk**

**EFFECTIVE: July 18, 2003 at 12:01 a.m.**