

**TOWNSHIP ZONING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 184 of 1943**

\*\*\*\*\* 125.271 THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 110 OF 2006 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006 \*\*\*\*\*

**125.271 Zoning ordinance for regulation of land development and establishment of districts; division of township into districts; purposes; uniform provisions; jurisdiction relative to wells; ordinance subject to electric transmission line certification act.**

Sec. 1. (1) The township board of an organized township in this state may provide by zoning ordinance for the regulation of land development and the establishment of districts in the portions of the township outside the limits of cities and villages which regulate the use of land and structures; to meet the needs of the state's citizens for food, fiber, energy, and other natural resources, places of residence, recreation, industry, trade, service, and other uses of land; to insure that use of the land shall be situated in appropriate locations and relationships; to limit the inappropriate overcrowding of land and congestion of population, transportation systems, and other public facilities; to facilitate adequate and efficient provision for transportation systems, sewage disposal, water, energy, education, recreation, and other public service and facility requirements; and to promote public health, safety, and welfare. For these purposes, the township board may divide the township into districts of such number, shape, and area as it considers best suited to carry out this act. The township board of an organized township may use this act to provide by ordinance for the regulation of land development and the establishment of districts which apply only to land areas and activities which are involved in a special program to achieve specific land management objectives and avert or solve specific land use problems, including the regulation of land development and the establishment of districts in areas subject to damage from flooding or beach erosion, and for that purpose may divide the township into districts of a number, shape, and area considered best suited to accomplish those objectives. Ordinances regulating land development may also be adopted designating or limiting the location, the height, number of stories, and size of dwellings, buildings, and structures that may be erected or altered, including tents and trailer coaches, and the specific uses for which dwellings, buildings, and structures, including tents and trailer coaches, may be erected or altered; the area of yards, courts, and other open spaces, and the sanitary, safety, and protective measures that shall be required for the dwellings, buildings, and structures, including tents and trailer coaches; and the maximum number of families which may be housed in buildings, dwellings, and structures, including tents and trailer coaches, erected or altered. The provisions shall be uniform for each class of land or buildings, dwellings, and structures, including tents and trailer coaches, throughout each district, but the provisions in 1 district may differ from those in other districts. A township board shall not regulate or control the drilling, completion, or operation of oil or gas wells, or other wells drilled for oil or gas exploration purposes and shall not have jurisdiction with reference to the issuance of permits for the location, drilling, completion, operation, or abandonment of those wells. The jurisdiction relative to wells shall be vested exclusively in the supervisor of wells of this state, as provided in part 615 (supervisor of wells) of the natural resources and environmental protection act, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.61501 to 324.61527 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) An ordinance adopted pursuant to this act is subject to the electric transmission line certification act.

**History:** 1943, Act 184, Eff. July 30, 1943;—CL 1948, 125.271;—Am. 1978, Act 637, Eff. Mar. 1, 1979;—Am. 1995, Act 35, Imd. Eff. May 17, 1995;—Am. 1996, Act 47, Imd. Eff. Feb. 26, 1996.