

**BATH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
ORDINANCE 31.72**

At a duly scheduled meeting of the Township Board of Bath Charter Township, Clinton County, Michigan, held at the Bath Charter Township Board Meeting Room on January 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., Township Board Member Trustee Fewins-Bliss moved to adopt the following ordinance, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Trustee Benzie:

An ordinance to add additional provisions to the off-street parking requirements which allow for greater flexibility related to the amount of and types of parking required.

BATH CHARTER TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Article XVII of the Bath Township Zoning Ordinance shall be renamed “Parking, Loading, and Access.”

SECTION 2. Article XVII, Section 17.01, “Intent”, shall read as follows:

Modern planning recognizes that requiring large amounts of off-street parking is not appropriate for most land uses, and over-reliance on impervious pavements can lead to notable issues related to stormwater runoff, heat island effect, and pollution. It is the purpose of this ordinance to provide for requirements, standards, and guidelines for the implementation of parking, loading, and access for both motorized and non-motorized transportation with an emphasis on context-sensitivity and environmental factors.

SECTION 3. Article XVII, Section 17.06, “Bicycle Parking”, shall be added and read as follows:

Section 17.06. – Bicycle Parking

Bicycle Parking may be required at the discretion of the Planning Commission. Bicycle parking includes both short-term, traditional bicycle parking as well as long-term bicycle parking. It is recommended that there be an appropriate balance of short-term and long-term bicycle parking and that context be considered when determining the balance between the two. For example, multi-family residential developments will likely require more long-term bicycle parking versus short-term bicycle parking while retail or office uses may be more oriented toward short-term bicycle parking.

SECTION 4. Article XVII, Section 17.07, “Pervious Pavement”, shall be added and read as follows:

Sec. 17.07. – Pervious Pavement

Use of pervious pavement for parking areas is strongly encouraged where feasible. The Planning Commission shall have the ability to reduce the number of required parking spaces by ten percent (10%), up to a maximum of 10 spaces, if the applicant utilizes pervious pavements for parking areas on-site. All pervious materials must be appropriately maintained in order to ensure that the original design's form, function, and permeability.

SECTION 5. Article XVII, Section 17.08, "Reduction in Required Parking", shall be added and read as follows:

Sec. 17.08. – Reduction in Required Parking

The Planning Commission shall have the ability to reduce the amount of off-street parking required under section 17.03 of this ordinance as they deem appropriate.

SECTION 6. Article XVII, Section 17.09, "Other Provisions", shall be added and read as follows:

Sec. 17.09. – Other Provisions

A traffic study or parking demand study shall be conducted and submitted by the applicant if deemed appropriate by the Planning Commission. No site plan or special use permit approval may be granted without acceptance by the Planning Commission of a traffic study or parking demand study, should such a study be required under the provisions of this section.

SECTION 7. REPEAL: All ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. Severability: The provisions of this ordinance are declared severable. If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration does not affect or impair the validity of all other provisions that are not subject to that declaration.

SECTION 9. Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of a notice of adoption of this ordinance, unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.3402. If referendum procedures are initiated, this ordinance shall take effect in accordance with MCL 125.3402.

YEAS: Wiswasser, Howe, Butler-Challender, Rosekrans, Fewins-Bliss,
Almerigi, Benzie
NAYS: None
ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.



Marie E. Howe, Bath Charter Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

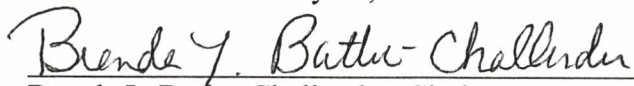
I, Brenda Butler-Challender, Clerk of Bath Charter Township, do hereby certify that the above is a true action taken by the Bath Township Board of Trustees as follows:

First Reading: December 20, 2021

First Publication: December 26, 2021

Second Reading/Adoption: January 4, 2022

Effective Date: January 11, 2022



Brenda L. Butler-Challender, Clerk