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B. Permissible locations.

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 - c) If a tent is erected for the purpose of parties, including graduation, celebrations and family gatherings on private property, any tent erected shall be removed after seven (7) days,
 - d) The property owner upon which any tent is erected must allow any occupant or user of the tent access to proper restroom facilities in the dwelling unless an outdoor toilet complying with the applicable regulations imposed by the Michigan Public Health Code has been provided. All temporary or portable outdoor facilities must be removed at the end of the event or when the tent structure is removed.
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 - f) Tents shall not be used as accessory structures or for the purpose of storage.
 - g) An extension of time for use of a tent on specific property may be granted by the Zoning Administrator through a written Permit for an additional seven (7) days, not to exceed three (3) extension in any calendar year, provided no offensive conduct has been generated by the user(s) of the tent during the initial use period. The fees for any permit may be established by the Township Board as it determines from time to time. A Permit may be revoked for violations of the ordinance or any conduct which is disruptive to the public peace, or the use and enjoyment of property owned by adjoining owners.

- ### C. Violations:
- A violation of any provision of this section of the Ordinance is determined to be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the residents, property owners and other persons within the township, and is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se. Violations of this section of the Ordinance shall subject both the owner of the property and occupant of any tent to the penalties prescribed in Section 4.21. including a basis for injunctive relief against the violator or landowner to restrain and prohibit the violator or owner from continuing the violation, in addition to any other relief or penalty provided by this ordinance or allowed by law. The township or any

owner or owners of real estate within the township may bring an action to enjoin such alleged violation activity.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance revision shall take effect on: November 23, 2024

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication (or summary thereof) in a local newspaper.

This ordinance was adopted on: 10/12/24 at 9 a.m.

Motion by RON, second by ERICA to adopt revisions to ordinance 4.21

Sarah Watson: yes
Kurt Norton: excused absence
Ron Watson: yes
Kathy Wray: yes
Erica Wise: yes

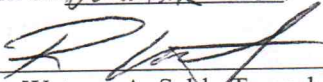
Ordinance declared adopted by Supervisor Erica Wise acting for excused Supervisor Norton

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CERTIFICATION

I, Ron Watson, Clerk of AuSable Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is true and accurate copy of Ordinance No. 4.21 adopted by AuSable Township on October 12., 2024.

A Summary of the Ordinance was duly published in the Houghton Lake Resorter newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within AuSable Township, on October 24, 2024. Within thirty (30) days after such publication, I recorded the Ordinance in a Book or Ordinances kept by me for the purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the Township Board voting, and how each member voted. I filed an attested copy of the Ordinance with the Roscommon County Clerk on November 23, 2024.



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