

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENT PROCEDURES**

SECTION 8.1 -- INITIATING AMENDMENTS AND FEES

The Village Council may from time to time, on recommendation from the Planning Commission or on its own motion amend, modify, supplement, or revise the district boundaries or the provisions and regulations herein established whenever the public necessity and convenience and the general welfare require such amendment. Said amendment may be initiated by resolution of the Village Council, the Planning Commission or by the proposed amendment. Except for the Village Council or the Planning Commission, the petitioner requesting an amendment shall at the time of the application, pay the fee established by resolution of the Village Council, no part of which shall be returnable to the petitioner.

SECTION 8.2 -- AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

The procedure for making amendments to this Ordinance shall be in accordance with Act 207 of the Public Acts of 1921, for villages and cities. The Act requires that the following procedure be followed:

1. A public hearing shall be held by the Planning Commission.
2. One (1) notice of the public hearing, giving the subject to be discussed, time and place of the hearing, will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village not less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing.
3. Similar notice must be mailed to any public utilities and railroads which have registered with the Village for such notification at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.
4. In the case of a property rezoning, the owner of the property in question will receive a written notice at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

In addition to the above procedure, the following notification will also be performed:

1. One(1) notice of any public hearing called by the Planning Commission will be posted at the Village Office to be visible from the outside of the building.
2. In the case of a property rezoning, all property owners/occupants within 300 feet of the proposed rezoning will receive a written notice at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.

(Amended, effective August 18, 2002)

SECTION 8.3 -- CONFORMANCE TO COURT DECREE

Any amendment for the purpose of conforming to a provision thereof to the decree of a court of competent jurisdiction shall be adopted by the Village Council and the amendments published without referring the same to any other board or agency.

**ARTICLE IX
LEGAL STATUS**

SECTION 9.1 - CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS

Conflicting laws of a more restrictive nature are not affected or repealed by this Ordinance. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be considered as minimum. Conflicting laws of a less restrictive nature, or those conflicting in other ways than the degrees of restrictiveness, are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance is not intended to abrogate or annul any easement, covenant, or other private agreement provided that where any provision of the Ordinance is more restrictive or imposes a higher standard or requirement than such easement, covenant, or other private agreement, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

SECTION 9.2 - VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare any part of this Ordinance to be invalid, such ruling shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance not included in said ruling. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall declare invalid the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular land, parcel, lot, district, use, building, or structure, such ruling shall not affect the application of said provision to any other land, parcel, lot, district, use, building, or structure not specifically included in said ruling.

SECTION 9.3 - PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS

This Ordinance shall remain in full force and affect henceforth unless repealed.

SECTION 9.4 -- REPEAL OF ORDINANCE

The "Village of Grass Lake Zoning Ordinance" Jackson County, Michigan, adopted the 5th day of February, 1963, and all amendments thereto, are hereby repealed effective coincident with the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9.5 -- EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance was adopted by the Village of Grass Lake, Jackson County, Michigan, at a meeting held on June 18, 1991, and notice ordered published in the Jackson Citizen Patriot, a newspaper having general circulation in said Village of Grass Lake.

July 18, 1991

BRUCE MAXSON Village President

MARTHA BURTON Village Clerk

