

ROME TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING SPECIAL
LAND USES**

The Township of Rome ordains:

Section 1. Addition of New Section 11.94 to the Zoning Ordinance.

A new Section 11.94 is added to Article XI of the Zoning Ordinance and reads in its entirety as follows:

Section 11.94. MORATORIUMS.

A. Moratorium by Resolution.

1. The Township Board, by resolution, may impose a temporary moratorium upon the review or issuance of any and all applications, permits, rezonings, licenses, or approvals for specific special or other new or emerging land uses in the Township if the Township Board desires to review, enact, or amend provisions of the master plan or zoning ordinance to regulate specific special or other new or emerging land uses that may impact the health, safety or welfare of Township residents or property.
2. A temporary moratorium may also be imposed by the Township Board upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission when the Planning Commission determines that a moratorium is needed to allow it sufficient time to review and recommend amendments to the master plan or zoning ordinance concerning existing, new, or emerging land uses that may adversely affect the health, safety, or welfare of Township residents or property.

B. Purpose and Findings. The resolution must state the purpose of the moratorium and include findings of the Township Board in support of the moratorium.

C. Length of Moratorium. Any resolution adopted pursuant to this Section must specify the length of the moratorium which may not exceed twelve (12) months. The resolution may provide for one (1) extension of the moratorium, by resolution, for up to six (6) months.

D. Notice. Notice of the resolution must be published within seven (7) days of its adoption. The notice must include the following:

1. A summary of the resolution's effect.
2. The length of the moratorium and whether an extension is possible.
3. Where the public may inspect the resolution enacting the moratorium.

Section 2. Validity and Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after its publication pursuant to MCL 125.3401.