

**MUNSON TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF STEARNS  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 1**

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ENACTING A MORATORIUM ON THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY NEW VACATION/PRIVATE HOME RENTALS IN  
ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

**THE TOWN BOARD OF MUNSON TOWNSHIP ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Intent.** It is the intent of this Interim Ordinance to allow Munson Township to study and review its Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances to determine what changes, if any may be required in the regulation of Vacation/Private Home Rentals and to make appropriate changes in the same in order to protect the value of properties within Munson Township, to insure proper land use controls, and to facilitate compatibility between such property and the surrounding property.

**Section 2. Authority and Purpose.** The Township Board is empowered by Minn. Stat. § 462.355, Subd. 4 to pass an interim ordinance, applicable to all or a portion of its jurisdiction, for the purpose of protecting the planning process and the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

**Section 3. Temporary Prohibition.** For one year after the effective date of this ordinance, or until such earlier time as the Munson Township Board determines by resolution that the reasons for the moratorium no longer exist, no new vacation/private home rental uses shall be established or modified within any zoning district in Munson Township, nor shall the Township accept any new applications or process any applications for the establishment of any new Vacation/Private Home Rentals in any zoning district in Munson Township.

**Section 4. Misdemeanor.** Any person, persons, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 609.02, Subd. 3, or as subsequently amended, plus costs of prosecution.

**Section 5. Injunctive Relief.** In the event of a violation of this ordinance, the Township may institute appropriate actions or proceedings, including requesting injunctive relief to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate such violations.

**Section 6. Separability.** It is hereby declared to be the intention that the several provisions of this ordinance are separable in accordance with the following: if any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any provision of this ordinance to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance not specifically included in said judgment.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and shall remain in effect until one year after the effective date, unless a shorter period of time is approved by proper resolution of the Munson Township Board.

**PASSED** by the Township Board of the Munson Township this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

**MUNSON TOWNSHIP  
COUNTY OF STEARNS  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INTERIM ORDINANCE ENACTING A  
MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANY NEW  
VACATION/PRIVATE HOME RENTALS IN MUNSON TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Stearns County's zoning ordinance allows Vacation/Private Home Rentals in a number of zoning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Munson Township Board believes that the issue of allowing Vacation/Private Home Rentals to be established in Munson Township needs further study before such uses are allowed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Munson Township Board has determined that in order to protect the planning process and insure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Munson Township, the presently existing ordinances and controls need to be reevaluated to determine what, if any, changes should be made relating to allowing Vacation/Private Home Rentals in Munson Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board desires that the Township Planning Commission study the Township's current comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance and report to the Township Board regarding any proposals for change in either control that the Planning Commission might arrive at with regard to allowing Vacation/Private Home Rentals in Munson Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township needs a period of time within which to conduct these studies and to implement any needed changes.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
MUNSON TOWNSHIP:**

1. The attached interim ordinance entitled "An Interim Ordinance Enacting A Moratorium On The Establishment Of Any New Vacation/Private Home Rentals in All Zoning Districts in Munson Township" is hereby adopted.
2. The Munson Township Planning Commission is hereby directed to study and review the Township's Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances to determine what changes, if any, may be required in the regulation of Vacation/Private Home Rentals in order to protect the value of properties within Munson Township, to insure proper land use controls, and to facilitate compatibility between such property and the surrounding property and to recommend the same to the Munson Town Board.

**ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

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Joe Willenbring

Joe Willenbring, Chair

Bonnie Behnen

Bonnie Behnen, Clerk