

Zoning Report for 2023

Lansing Township Annual Meeting

March 12, 2024

Lansing Township Permit Information for 2023

Lansing Township Issued One (1) Conditional Use Permit in 2023

Theravada Buddhist Society of Minnesota
Buddhist Temple/Church – Conditional Use Permit (CUP) # 121823

Mower County issued Four (4) Conditional Use Permits in 2023

Benson, Pin 08.017.0080 Operate an insurance agency as an extended home occupation from an agricultural building. CUP # 946
Pin 08.025.0050 Additional dwelling in quarter section not suitable for agriculture. CUP # 958
Buddhist Temple/Church, Pin 08.031.0010 and additional structures in phases. Cup 966
Griese, Pin 08.031.0040 mini storage unit on the property. Cup 971

Mower County issued One (1) Variance Permit in 2023

Crowley, Pin 08.011.0310 26ft x 8ft addition to an existing non-conforming structure
Mower County Variance # 571

Lansing Township no longer issues Land Use Permits (Building Permits)

All Land Use Permits (Building Permits) are issued by Mower County

In 2023 a total of Eighteen (18) Land Use Permits were issued by Mower County.

- Eight (8) Decks additions
- Six (6) Accessory structures
- Two (2) Agricultural structures
- One (1) Commercial/Industrial Use
- One (1) Dwelling/Residence/Attachment

Mower County is responsible for issuing Septic System Permits

Mower County issued 91 Septic Permits in 2023, Six (6) of those Septic Permits were issued and installed to Lansing Township Residents. There will be additional permits issued and installed in 2024.

Mower County Adopted on January 12, 2021 Amendments to the Subsurface Sewage Treatment (STSS) Ordinance.

A number of changes were made please review these at Mower County web site (Public Works / Environmental Services). www.co.mower.mn.us

A number of conditions were added including changes to, Certificate of Compliance (COC) inspection guidelines and rules.

Please review these ordinance changes if you have a Septic System.

Contact Angela M. Lipelt (Mower County) for any additional information.

The following information is in regard to **Mower County Planning and Zoning Ordinance requirements**, it is very important that all residents of Lansing Township check before building any structure. Please call Angie Lipelt, at 507-437-9560 Supervisor - Mower County Environmental Services, at 1105 8th Avenue NE Austin MN. to make sure you are in compliance with the Mower County Ordinance.

When are zoning permits required?

Ordinance Excerpt: No person in the county shall erect, alter, or move any building or any part thereof without first securing a zoning permit therefore. In all cases where an improvement will serve to change the exterior shape of the structure including enclosed porches, regardless of the cost of the improvement, a zoning permit must be secured. No permit shall be required for minor repairs, such as redecorating either the inside or the outside, residing, or re-shingling.

Generally, for most any structure or building regardless of the value. This includes:

- portable structures, decks (attached or detached), carports, gazebos, etc.
- *Normally we do not require a permit for structures less than 100 sq feet in area; **but** the structure/building must still must meet setbacks of the applicable zoning district; shoreland setbacks and regulations, and if they are housing, confining, feeding, breeding animals or allowing manure to accumulate; regardless of the number of animals contained; they may not place the structure in a shoreland overlay area (300 feet landward, each direction, of a publicly protected stream) and if the parcel contains floodplain; the floodplain regulations applies to all buildings and/or structures regardless of size.*

Other permits:

In shoreland overlay areas (within 300 feet landward, each direction, of publicly protected stream or river) and in floodplain areas: Permits may also be required for removal of vegetation, grading, and/or filling.

Consequences: Any action for which a permit is required, which was not obtained and in-hand before the construction or development began, triples the normal fee established by the county board.

Violations: Violations of the Mower County Ordinance are a misdemeanor. Misdemeanor penalties are up to \$1,000 and/or 90 days in jail, or both, for each day of offense. *This involves being charged by the Mower County Attorney's Office with a violation of the ordinance and will require appearance before a judge; who determines the penalty. The amount listed above is the maximum penalty allowed under the law. Mower County's goal is always first to entice compliance from a landowner voluntarily.*

Lansing Township is looking for individuals that would be interested in being on the Lansing Planning Commission, please contact (Kristine Allas or Duane Mortensen) if you have any questions and are willing to serve on the Planning Commission.

Lansing Township Ordinance requires certain Conditional Use Permits (CUP) for each district.

The process for starts with the Planning Commission which is responsible for; the following information copied from Lansing Township Ordinance

Section 19.3 Planning Commission.

- (A) **Reaffirmed.** The Lansing Township Planning Commission ("Planning Commission") previously established by the Town Board is hereby reaffirmed as the Township's planning agency. The Planning Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Town Board.
- (B) **Composition.** The Planning Commission shall consist of three to five (3-5) members, which may contain one or more Town Board officers. Each Commission member, including the Chair and Vice-Chair, shall have one vote on all matters acted upon by the Commission. A member must be present at a meeting to vote.
- (C) **Appointment, Vacancies and Removal.** The Town Board appoints the Planning Commission members. Vacancies occurring on the Planning Commission are filled by Town Board appointment for the remainder of the term of the position. Commission members serve at the pleasure of the Town Board and may be removed by the Town Board at any time.
- (D) **Term.** Planning Commission members shall serve a term of three (3) years, unless removed earlier by the Town Board, and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. No member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms on the Planning Commission. Terms expire on April 1st. The Town Board shall stagger the terms of Planning Commission members as it determines is appropriate to minimize the number of Planning Commission positions expiring in the same year.
- (E) **Officers and Duties.** The Planning Commission shall appoint from among its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson. The Planning Commission shall have a secretary, which may be appointed from among the Planning Commission members or the Town Board and may direct that the Town Clerk shall serve as secretary. The Chair shall be the presiding officer for Commission meetings and shall sign documents on behalf of the Commission as needed. The Vice-Chair shall conduct the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence. The Secretary shall provide notices, keep records of the Commission's proceedings, and countersign the Chair's signature on Commission documents.
- (F) **Compensation.** The Town Board shall determine if members will be compensated for their service on the Planning Commission, determine the amount of compensation if provided, and the policy for reimbursing expenses incurred in carrying out the Planning Commission's duties.
- (G) **Rules and Procedures.** The Planning Commission may adopt rules and procedures related to how it conducts its meetings and hearings, provided such rules and procedures are consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and applicable laws.
- (H) **Meetings.** The Planning Commission shall hold meetings and hearings as needed to conduct its duties. The Chair or Vice-Chair, along with the consent of at least one other Planning Commission member, may call special meetings as needed to conduct the Planning Commission's business.
- (I) **Planning Commission Powers and Duties.** The Planning Commission shall have the powers and duties provided it by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462, those indicated in this Ordinance, and such other powers and duties as the Town Board may delegate to it. Unless directed otherwise by the Town Board, the Planning Commission shall be responsible for conducting such hearings as may be required by law or by ordinance to implement and administer the Township's official controls. The Planning Commission does not have the authority to hire professionals or to otherwise bind the Town to a contract.