

TOWNSHIP ZONING ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 184 of 1943

***** 125.286b THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 110 OF 2006 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006 *****

125.286b Special land uses.

Sec. 16b. (1) A township may provide in a zoning ordinance for special land uses which shall be permitted in a zoning district only after review and approval by either the zoning board, an official charged with administering the ordinance, or the township board, as specified in the ordinance. The ordinance shall specify:

(a) The special land uses and activities eligible for approval consideration and the body or official charged with reviewing special land uses and granting approval.

(b) The requirements and standards upon which decisions on requests for special land use approval shall be based.

(c) The procedures and supporting materials required for application, review, and approval.

(2) Upon receipt of an application for a special land use which requires a decision on discretionary grounds, 1 notice that a request for special land use approval has been received shall be published in a newspaper which circulates in the township, and sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered, to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the boundary of the property in question, and to the occupants of all structures within 300 feet. The notice shall be given not less than 5 nor more than 15 days before the date the application will be considered. If the name of the occupant is not known, the term "occupant" may be used in making notification. Notification need not be given to more than 1 occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than 1 dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased by different individuals, partnerships, businesses, or organizations, 1 occupant of each unit or spatial area shall receive notice. In the case of a single structure containing more than 4 dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different individuals, partnerships, businesses, or organizations, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure. The notice shall:

(a) Describe the nature of the special land use request.

(b) Indicate the property which is the subject of the special land use request.

(c) State when and where the special land use request will be considered.

(d) Indicate when and where written comments will be received concerning the request.

(e) Indicate that a public hearing on the special land use request may be requested by any property owner or the occupant of any structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a special use.

(3) At the initiative of the body or official responsible for approving special land uses, or upon the request of the applicant for special land use authorization or a property owner or the occupant of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a special land use, a public hearing with notification as required for a notice of a request for special land use approval, as provided in subsection (2), shall be held before a decision is made on the special land use request which is based on discretionary grounds. If the applicant or the body or official responsible for approving special land uses requests a public hearing, only notification of the public hearing need be made. A decision on a special land use which is based on discretionary grounds, shall not be made unless notification of the request for special land use approval, or notification of a public hearing on a special land use request has been made as required by this section.

(4) The body or official designated in the zoning ordinance to review and approve special land uses may deny, approve, or approve with conditions, a request for special land use approval. The decision on a special land use shall be incorporated in a statement containing the conclusions relative to the special land use under consideration which specifies the basis for the decision, and any conditions imposed.

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