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\*Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Parcel # \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Section # \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Application For Pond Permit**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zone Classification \_\_\_\_\_ Size of Parcel \_\_\_\_\_

Safety \_\_\_\_\_ Precautions \_\_\_\_\_

Pond Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_ Average Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum Depth \_\_\_\_\_

Water Source \_\_\_\_\_

Site plan? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No                      Cross-Section Drawing? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Earth change permit? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No                      DNR Permit?                      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

A fee of **\$50.00** must accompany this application.

I hereby authorize Laketown Township staff to inspect this site at their discretion.

I hereby acknowledge that I will obtain all necessary state and local permits and that I will not be in violation of any state or local ordinances.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant  
Or Authorized Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by Zoning Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ORDINANCE NO. 74

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE to amend certain portions of the Zoning Ordinance of Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan (the "Zoning Ordinance").

THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKETOWN, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definition of Pond. That Section 3.36A shall be added to the Zoning Ordinance to state in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 3.36 POND. Any outdoor body of standing water accumulated in a natural or artificially constructed basin or depression in the earth, either above or below or partly above or partly below grade, capable of holding water to a depth of greater than two (2) feet when filled to capacity.

Section 2. Regulation of Ponds. That Section 14.17 of the Zoning Ordinance shall be restated in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 14.17 PONDS.

(a) No pond shall be constructed, erected, installed, located or maintained unless it has first been authorized by a permit from the Zoning Inspector. In considering such authorization, the Zoning Inspector shall consider the following standards:

- (1) The location of the pond and particularly its proximity to adjoining properties;
- (2) The purpose(s) of the pond;
- (3) The character, nature and size of the pond;
- (4) Any potential of the pond to result in stagnant water or other such difficulties or problems; and
- (5) The effect of the pond on adjoining properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

(b) If the Zoning Inspector determines, in considering the authorization of a pond, that the protection and safety of the general public requires that the pond be enclosed, then it shall be enclosed by a fence or wall constructed and erected to such specifications as shall be established by the Zoning Inspector.

(c) No pond shall be used unless adequate public health measures are periodically taken to

ensure that the existence and/or use thereof will not cause or spread a disease or otherwise provide conditions dangerous to the public health.

(d) The discharge pipe leading from any pond shall not exceed six (6) inches in diameter and shall be composed of galvanized iron or such other standard and durable material as may be approved by the Zoning Inspector. No pond shall be wholly or partially emptied in any manner that will cause water to flow upon other property. No pond shall discharge into the public sanitary sewer. If a storm drain is readily accessible to the lot on which the pond is located, then the pond shall be emptied in such a manner as to utilize such storm drain.

(e) The slope to the banks or sides of a pond shall in no event exceed a minimum of four (4) feet horizontal to one (1) foot vertical. This slope must be maintained and extended into the water to a depth of four (4) feet.

(f) No pond shall be constructed, erected, installed, maintained or located that will cause or contribute to the erosion of any adjoining property.

(g) Each pond shall be located on one (1) lot and shall be at least forty (40) feet from any lot line (i.e. no lot line may be closer than forty (40) feet to any portion of the pond).

(h) The pond may not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent of the total area of the lot in question.

(i) The pond shall comply with all of the regulations in this Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the removal of natural resources from the premises.

(j) The Zoning Inspector may not authorize any pond which exceeds any of the limitations in this Section. If an applicant proposes a pond which will be located on more than one (1) lot and therefore will not meet the requirements of the (g) above, then the pond may not be constructed, erected, installed, maintained or located unless authorized as a special use by the Planning Commission. In considering such a special use application, the Planning Commission shall consider the standards in (a) above.

Section 3. Effective Date. That the foregoing amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, on \_\_, 1995, after a public hearing as required pursuant to the Michigan Act 184 of 1943, as amended. This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

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Gene Berghorst  
Township Supervisor

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Robert Jaskulski  
Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Robert Jaskulski, the Clerk for the Township of Laketown, Allegan County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing Laketown Township Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance was adopted at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the Laketown Township Board held on \_\_\_\_\_, 1995. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: \_\_\_\_\_. The following members of the Township Board were absent: \_\_\_\_\_. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board \_\_\_\_\_ voting in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Board voting in opposition. Notice of Adoption with a complete copy of the Amendment Ordinance was published in the Holland Sentinel on \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

Robert Jaskulski, Clerk  
Laketown Township