



Agenda 600
Date 11/7/22

4814 Henry Street Norton Shores, Michigan 49441 www.nortonshores.org

November 1, 2022

Rescheduled Planning Commission Meeting of
November 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Zoning Ordinance Amendment
Chapter 48, Article XII,
Section 48-1325

Chairman and Members
of the
Planning Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a zoning ordinance amendment for proposed Section 48-1325, which has the proposed title of "Deer fences". Due to resident complaints about the influx of deer on private properties, City staff has sought out solutions to control the deer issues in Norton Shores. One solution is permitting deer fencing to be installed to stop the deer from destroying gardens, flowers, etc.

The draft ordinance proposes having deer fences that would not exceed 8 feet in height (current fence ordinance states the maximum could only be 6 feet), it would be limited to green, brown, and black coloring, and only be made out of nylon ("mesh") or polypropylene plastic. Other criterion would include not placing the fence on top of another fence or walls, that the fencing could only be in a side or rear yard, and that it could not be used on property lines as a boundary fence. All fencing on property lines would continue to be permitted and enforced as they currently are.

The Planning Commission may use the attached resolution in making a recommendation to the City Council regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Ted Woodcock
Planning and Zoning Administrator

Attachment

Administration/City Clerk (231) 798-4391	Assessing Division (231) 799-6806	Building Division (231) 799-6801	Finance/Treasurer (231) 799-6805	Fire Prevention (231) 799-6809	Fire Department (231) 798-2255
Parks/Recreation (231) 799-6802	Planning/Zoning (231) 799-6800	Police Department (231) 733-2691	Public Works (231) 799-6803	Streets Division (231) 798-2156	Water/Sewer (231) 799-6804

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission hereby recommends to the City Council that the zoning ordinance amendment for Section 48-1325 is granted/denied per the submitted ordinance amendment.

At a rescheduled meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Norton Shores, held at the Norton Shores Branch Library, 705 Seminole Road, on the 7th day of November 2022, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner. The motion was supported by Commissioner.

Ayes:

Nays:

Resolution declared adopted/denied.

Sarah Romine, Recording Secretary

Sec. 48-1325. – Deer fencing restrictions

- (1) Deer fencing is permitted on private property if all the following are met:
 - a. Deer fencing may only be constructed in the interior portion of the rear and side yards, not along property lines or to be used as a boundary between properties. Deer fencing shall be setback at least 3 feet from property lines.
 - b. Deer fencing may not exceed 8 feet in height (including poles) and must be constructed only of see-through nylon (“mesh”) and polypropylene plastic materials that are green, brown, and black in color (wood, vinyl, metal, or similar materials are not permitted).
 - c. No fence shall be allowed to be placed on top of a wall or another fence. The fence must be supported on its own.
 - d. Deer fencing shall not be constructed in the road right-of-way.
 - e. Deer fencing must remain open air; no fencing or roof structure is permitted.
- (2) No permit shall be required for the installation of deer fencing.

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