

**VILLAGE OF PAW PAW
COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw (the “Village”), Van Buren County, Michigan, held at the Paw Paw District Library, 609 W Michigan Ave, in the Village, on the 11 day of May, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Plaszczak, Craddock, Rohr, Martinez, McQueen, Richardson

ABSENT: Members: N/A

The following preamble and ordinance were offered by Member Martinez and seconded by Member Rohr:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF
THE VILLAGE OF PAW PAW

Regulation of Shipping Containers

THE VILLAGE OF PAW PAW ORDAINS:

Section 1. **Definitions.** Section 42.3, Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance for the Village is hereby amended to add the definition of “Shipping Container,” which shall read in its entirety as follows:

Shipping Container. A large box, with or without a roof or a chassis and/or wheels underneath, designed primarily for shipping or hauling materials, but which is also suitable for storage of materials. Examples of such containers intermodal freight containers, site boxes, pods, semi-trailers when used for storage, roll-off dumpsters and similar containers.

Section 2. **Accessory Buildings.** Section 42.370 shall be amended by the addition of Subsection 42.370(d), which shall read as follows:

(d) The following regulations apply to shipping containers:

1. It shall be unlawful to site a shipping container in a residential district, as depicted on the Village’s Official Zoning Map and within

the corporate limits of the Village, for use as a storage shed or garage, except as provided under section 2 below.

2. The Zoning Administrator may authorize placement of a shipping container in a residential district within the Village for a period not to exceed three months, for use as temporary storage, however such authorization shall not be construed as a building permit or a zoning permit, and a shipping container may not be relocated to a new site on the subject property in order to extend the allowable timeframe for placement. Such authorization shall be documented and retained by the Zoning Administrator, and shall specify the location upon the subject property, which should require a site behind the building setback lines established by the applicable residential zoning district of the Village Zoning Ordinance, unless the Zoning Administrator determines such placement is not possible.
3. Any person placing a shipping container in a residential district within the Village without having received authorization from the Zoning Administrator, or who fails to remove such container so authorized within the three-month timeframe hereby established shall be guilty of a Municipal Civil Infraction and subject to such fines and penalties as established in Division 2 of the Village of Paw Paw Code of Ordinances.

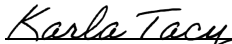
Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation in the Village.

AYES: Members: Plaszczak, Craddock, Rohr, Martinez, McQueen, Richardson

NAYS: Members: N/A

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Paw Paw at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Karla Tacy, Clerk
Village of Paw Paw