

STARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
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We, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, hereby approve the proposed amendment to the Starke County Z-1 Ordinance concerning medical hardship

- C. Amendment to the zoning ordinance concerning medical hardship
1. The Starke County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, currently prevents two principal dwellings on the same property in areas that are not zoned for multiple dwelling units on the same property.
 2. There are situations where a parent, a child, or other relative is medically disabled and unable to care for themselves and either a caregiver or the disabled person owns their own property.
 3. In these situations, the Board of Zoning Appeals may, at their discretion, grant a medical hardship variance to permit a second principal dwelling on the same property as the dwelling of the caregiver or disabled person without the applicant having to prove unnecessary hardship or practical difficulties.
 4. However, before the BZA can grant a medical hardship variance, the applicant must present evidence satisfactory to the BZA proving the following:
 - a) That the person for whom the medical hardship variance is sought has a medical condition that prevents them from living outside a nursing home or other assisted living residence without help that the caregiver could not give if the caregiver did not live on the same property as the person for whom the medical hardship variance is sought.
 - b) That the need for the variance must be shown to be still needed on an annual basis.
 - c) That one of the dwellings will be removed, up to 180 days, from the property when the need for the variance has ended.

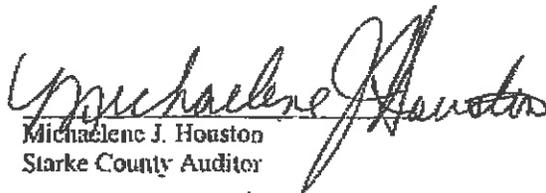
PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON MAY 18, 2005

RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY STARKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ON MAY 18, 2005

PRESENTED TO THE STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 7, 2005

DECISION OF STARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED WITH ADDED COMMENTS

DATED 6-7-05


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