

**15.0400 CHAPTER 4
AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT**

15.0401 SECTION 4.01 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The AG Agricultural District is designed for those open areas of the Township where farming, dairying, forestry operations and other rural type activities exist and should be preserved or encouraged. Large vacant areas, fallow land and wooded areas may also be included. Although the demand for other uses in these districts may ultimately outweigh their use as zoned, any such zoning changes should be made cautiously with the realization that adequate food supply is essential to the health and welfare of the Township, County, State, and Nation. This district is not intended to be used for residential housing; although some residential housing is allowed, it is permitted when subordinate to some other agricultural use which is being conducted on the parcel or lot.

15.0402 SECTION 4.02 PERMITTED USES

Except as provided in Section 4.03, below, in an Agricultural District, no building or land shall be used and no building or structure shall be erected, except for the following uses:

1. The conduct of agriculture, or horticulture, and any barns, stables, silos, and those buildings, structures, and uses (except, single family dwellings) which are customarily incidental to agriculture or horticulture, but excluding: rendering plants, production of fertilizer for resale, animal and poultry feed lots, piggeries (and other intensive livestock operations), and animal disposal activities.
2. Greenhouses or nurseries.
3. Kennels, stables, and other places for accommodation or treatment of live domestic animals; animal disposal activities or structures related thereto are not permitted.
4. Accessory buildings, structures, and uses which are customarily incidental to any of the foregoing uses, when located on the same lot or parcel of land, but excluding single family dwellings.
5. Small Tower-Mounted Wind Energy Turbines and Small **STRUCTURE**-Mounted Wind Energy Turbines. (ord. no. 467 eff. May 8, 2009)
6. Housing for farm labor which is licensed by and continually meets all applicable statutes, regulations and requirements of the State of Michigan for farm labor. (amend. by ord. no. 506 effective December 11, 2011)

15.0403 SECTION 4.03 SPECIAL LAND USES

The following uses are permitted in the AG District when approved as special land uses pursuant to the procedures provided in Chapter 19 (Special Land Uses):

1. Wildlife preserves.

2. Intensive livestock operations.
3. Single-family dwellings.
4. Markets for the sale of farm products grown on premises.
5. Removal and processing of natural resources.
6. Wireless telecommunication towers and antennas.
7. Composting operations.
8. Public and private campgrounds, if the land is in an area not Master Planned for residential development. (amend. by ord. no. 362 eff. September 22, 2002)
9. Public parks, public playgrounds, and other municipally owned and operated recreational facilities. (amend. by ord. no. 408 eff. June 25, 2005)
10. Medium Wind Energy Turbines. (ord. no. 467 eff. May 8, 2009)

15.0404 SECTION 4.04 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

1. Standards for height, bulk, density, and area.

Minimum lot area	20 acres
Minimum lot width	330 feet
Maximum height of structures	2½ stories, or 35 feet, whichever is lower
Front yard setback	50 feet
Rear yard setback	50 feet
Side yard setback	Each side yard setback shall be at least twenty (20) feet; both side yard setbacks combined shall be at least fifty (50) feet (ord. no. 309 eff. 2/22/99; amend. by ord. no. 376 eff. 6/21/03)
Minimum floor area per dwelling unit	1,100 square feet
See also footnotes 1; 8; 9; 11; and 18 in Chapter 21 (Schedule of District Regulations).	

2. Site Plan Review is required in accordance with Chapter 23 (Site Plan Review).
3. Off-street Parking is permitted in accordance with the requirements in Chapter 24 (Parking, Loading Spaces, and Signs).
4. Signs are permitted in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 24 (Parking, Loading Spaces, and Signs).