

## ARTICLE 8

### RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

- 8.1 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT. This District is responsive to the goals and policies of the Schoolcraft Township Master Plan pertaining to preservation of the rural atmosphere of the Township, and is derived from the "Rural Preservation" land use classification in the Plan. Areas within this classification may have some characteristics similar to areas within the Agricultural Preservation land use classification in the Plan, such as agricultural uses, large parcels, and open spaces, but are more likely to be either in the proximity of urbanizing residential development or have significant natural features that enhance the rural character of the Township valued by the residents. Such features may include lakes and other waterways, wetlands, wooded areas, and wildlife, as well as farms and other open spaces. The regulations for this district are therefore specifically designed and intended to allow only low density residential development, and limited other land uses, that protect the rural character of the area and the natural resource base on which that character is dependent, including the continued operation of already existing agricultural uses. Open space preservation/clustering development is allowed in this district as provided in Article 21 of this Ordinance.
- 8.2 PERMITTED USES. The following uses are designated as permitted uses in the RR Rural Residential District:
1. Single Family Dwelling.
  2. Child (Family) Day Care Home.
  3. Foster Care Facility.
  4. Home-Based Business.
  5. Essential Services.
  6. Accessory uses, buildings and structures incidental to any use allowed in this district, in accordance with Article 22 of this Ordinance; provided, however, that the raising or keeping of livestock is only allowed as an accessory use to an existing dwelling on the premises on a purely non-commercial basis, and subject to all applicable provisions of this Ordinance, including the following density, setback, and other requirements:
    - A. The minimum lot area for the keeping of such livestock is three acres.
    - B. No more than two animals shall be allowed on the initial three acres.
    - C. At least one additional acre shall be required for each additional animal, up to a maximum total of 25 animals.

- D. Barns or shelters for livestock shall be located at least 150 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties.
- E. Pens for holding livestock, and paddocks and riding rings, shall be located at least 100 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties.
- F. Pastures used for grazing livestock shall be located at least 25 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties.
- G. Animal waste storage areas shall be located at least 150 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties, and at least 75 feet from all adjoining property lines.

7. Signs, in accordance with Article 25 of this Ordinance.

8.3 SPECIAL LAND USES. The following uses are designated as special land uses in the RR Rural Residential District, subject to special land use approval and site plan approval in accordance with this Ordinance (see Section 23.7 for specific special land use approval standards):

- 1. Institutional or Public Use.
- 2. Golf Course.
- 3. Child (Group) Day Care Home.
- 4. Public Utility Service Facilities.
- 5. Bed & Breakfast Facility.
- 6. Child Day Care Center or Child Care Center.

8.4 DENSITY, AREA, HEIGHT, BULK AND PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS. In accordance with Article 20 of this Ordinance.

8.5 OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS. In accordance with Article 26 of this Ordinance.

8.6 SITE PLAN REVIEW. In accordance with Article 24 of this Ordinance.