

NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE
MERRITT TOWNSHIP
BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT

Please take notice that on **April 14, 2026** the Merritt Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at **6:00 PM**, at the Merritt Township Hall, 48 E Munger Rd, Munger, MI 48747, to consider amendments to Merritt Township Zoning Ordinance that would, among other things, amend the Merritt Township Zoning Ordinance to establish standards including a zoning overlay district for the siting, installation, operation, and repair of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the Township.

In summary, proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Section 2.2 to add definitions for BESS, and to add specific land use standards pertaining to BESS to Chapter 7, including performance standards for siting and location obligations through the establishment of an overlay district that includes regulating their siting, design, and installation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, and to ensure their compatibility with adjacent land uses.

The Ordinance amendment has the following catchlines. Section 1: Amendment to amend definitions in Section 2.2; Section 2: Amendment to Chapter 7 to add Specific Land Use Standards Pertaining to Battery Energy Storage Systems; Section 3: Severability; Section 4: Repeal and Form; and Section 5: Effective Date, which is seven (7) days after publication of a notice of adoption of this Ordinance, unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.3402.

Copies of the ordinance amendment may be obtained from the Township Clerk at the address below. Written comments will be received by the Township at the Township Hall prior to the public hearing or at the public hearing. Oral comments may also be made at the public hearing. Merritt Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should kindly contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the clerk not less than four (4) days before the public hearing using the phone number below or by utilizing the Michigan Relay Service (7-1-1).

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