

**ORDINANCE NO. 68A-4**  
**TOWNSHIP OF WHITEFORD, COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**AMENDMENT TO WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance to amend portions of Ordinance 68, the Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance, regarding outdoor shooting ranges on property in the B-1 Local Business, B-2 general Business, M-1 Limited Industrial and M-2 General Industrial Districts and to repeal all sections and ordinances in conflict therewith.

**THE WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY MICHIGAN,**  
**ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This ordinance amendment shall be known and cited as Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance 68A-4.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**

“Shooting range” or “range” means an area designed and operated for the use of rifles, shotguns, pistols, silhouettes, skeet, trap, black powder, or any other similar sport shooting.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 8.09**

By amending Section 8.09 as set forth in Article VIII and adding a new Paragraph 6 which shall read in its entirety as follows:

**6. Private Outdoor Shooting Ranges.** Private outdoor shooting ranges shall be permitted on property in the B-1 Local Business, B-2 General Business, M-1 Limited Industrial and M-2 General Industrial Districts upon the following conditions:

- a. **Site Plan.** A site plan shall be submitted in compliance with Article VII to the Township’s engineer. At a minimum, the site plan shall show the proximity of the range to all existing buildings on the property, the height of the backstop or mounds, setbacks from buildings and residences and a cross section indicating the material to be used for constructing the mounds or backstops.
- b. **Intended Use.** As part of the site plan approval process, the applicant shall state the intended use of the range including what type of shooting (e.g. pistols, black powder, rifles etc...) and intended caliber sizes to be fired, if any.
- c. **Orientation of Shooting Range.** A shooting range shall not be oriented toward property zoned residential or property used for residential purposes, playgrounds, parks, day cares or schools.
- d. **Mound Height and Backstops.** A minimum mound height of twelve (12) feet shall be required for all shooting ranges. The planning commission may

- approve alternate forms of backstops based on applicant's disclosed intended use, type of weapon, caliber size, topography and site-specific characteristics.
- e. **NRA Guidelines.** The NRA periodically publishes the NRA Range Source Book (A Guide to Planning and Construction) which provides guidelines for the construction, planning, operation and maintenance of a shooting range. Applicant shall indicate how it intends to comply with the most recent version of the NRA Range Source Book (a Guide to Planning and Construction). Applicant shall provide a construction, operation and maintenance plan for the shooting range. The planning commission or Township Board of Trustees may require additional safe guards set forth in the NRA Range Source Book based on the disclosed intended use and activities to be conducted at the shooting range.

**SECTION 4. APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENT**

The restrictions set forth in this amendment shall only apply to property in the B-1 Local Business, B-2 General Business, M-1 Limited Industrial and M-2 General Industrial Districts. This amendment does not apply to property in the R-1 Rural Residential, R-2 Low Density Residential, R-3 Medium Density Residential, R-4 High Density Residential, R-5 Multiple Family Residential and the AG Agricultural Districts.

This amendment does not apply to archery.

**SECTION 5. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The remaining provisions of the Whiteford Township Zoning Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES, MONROE COUNTY,  
MICHIGAN

AUTHENTICATED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela Christensen,  
Whiteford Township Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter Ruhl,  
Whiteford Township Supervisor

I, Angela Christensen, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Township of Whiteford, and I do certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Whiteford Township Board of Trustees, Monroe County, Michigan, at a regular meeting of the Township Board held at the Whiteford Township Hall, 8000 Yankee Road, Suite 100, Ottawa Lake, Michigan 49267, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

The vote on said Ordinance, 4 (four) members being present and 1 (one) member being absent, was as follows:

AYES: Sahloff, Heidelberg, Christensen, Ruhl

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hill

I, Angela Christensen, Whiteford Township Clerk, do hereby certify that this Ordinance, or a summary of it, was published on the 4th day of April, 2023 in the Monroe Evening News, located in the City of Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Whiteford, within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Ordinance.

Dated: March 21, 2023

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Angela Christensen,  
Whiteford Township Clerk

ATTEST:

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Walter Ruhl,  
Whiteford Township Supervisor

ADOPTED: March 21, 2023

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