

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF SAUGATUCK  
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 250210-B**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE XV, CHAPTER 154, OF  
THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAUGATUCK TO AMEND SECTION 154.022 (W)(3)  
TO REVISE THE REQUIRED MINIMUM GROSS FINISHED FLOOR AREA FOR  
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND TO AMEND SECTION 154.092 (J) TO ALLOW  
EXISTING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF 154.022 (W) TO QUALIFY FOR RENTAL IF ALL OTHER  
APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS ARE SATISFIED**

Section 1. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Section 154.022(W). The City of Saugatuck Zoning Ordinance is amended to revise Section 154.022(W)(3) as follows:

*Existing:*

- (3) An accessory dwelling unit shall have a minimum of 375 square feet of gross finished floor area and shall not exceed the lesser of 30% of the gross finished floor area contained within the single-family detached dwelling or 600 square feet of gross finished floor area; except, in the CRC zone district when the parcel on which the accessory dwelling unit is located is two or more acres in area, the floor area of an accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed the lesser of 30% of the gross floor area of the principal residence or 1,500 square feet. For purposes of this section, the floor area of an accessory dwelling unit is the total gross finished floor area intended for living, sleeping, bathing, eating and cooking. In the case of an accessory dwelling unit attached to or incorporated with a detached accessory building intended for other purposes, such as accessory studio, shop, or storage space, there shall be no internal access and connection to the additional floor area intended for the other purpose if the result of the connection would exceed the maximum gross finished floor area required for the accessory dwelling unit.

*Revised (tracked changes shown for reference):*

- (3) Minimum and Maximum Size.
  - a. An accessory dwelling unit shall have the minimum gross finished floor area necessary to satisfy the State of Michigan Building Code for residential occupancy.
  - b. An accessory dwelling unit ~~shall have a minimum of 375 square feet of gross finished floor area~~ and shall not exceed the lesser of 30% of the gross finished floor area contained within the single-family detached dwelling or 600 square feet of gross finished floor area; except, in the CRC zone district when the parcel on which the accessory dwelling unit is located is two or more acres in

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Section 2. Amendment to Zoning Ordinance, Section 154.092(J). The City of Saugatuck Zoning Ordinance is amended to revise Section 154.092(J) as follows:

*Existing:*

- (J) *Rental of an accessory dwelling unit.* Unless otherwise specified below, a rental accessory dwelling unit shall conform to all regulations in § 154.022(W) and the following:
  - (1) A rented accessory dwelling unit shall only be permitted on a parcel that contains a single-family detached dwelling that is occupied and used by the owner as his or her primary, year-round residence. Under no circumstances may a single-family detached dwelling and an accessory dwelling unit on the same parcel be rented to separate parties or under separate contracts.
  - (2) Accessory dwelling units rented for less than 31 days shall require a short-term rental license pursuant to the City of Saugatuck's Short-Term Rental Ordinance, Chapter 99.5 of the City Code, and shall otherwise adhere to all of this chapter's requirements concerning short-term rentals.

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Section 3. Repeal. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days after publication of a notice of adoption of this Ordinance, unless referendum procedures are initiated under MCL 125.3402. If referendum procedures are initiated, this Ordinance will take effect in accordance with MCL 125.3402.

YEAS: Anderson, Clark, Dean, Munsey, Stanton, Petersen  
NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: Gardner

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Holly Anderson  
Holly Anderson  
City of Saugatuck, Mayor

Jamie Wolters  
Jamie Wolters  
City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the City of Saugatuck at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of the City Council held on Feb, 10 2024, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above ordinance was duly published in the Commercial Record newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within the City of Saugatuck, on 2-20, 2024.
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded the above ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the City Council voting, and how each member voted.

ATTESTED:

Jamie Wolters  
Jamie Wolters  
City of Saugatuck, Clerk

## LIFE AS PERFORMANCE ART

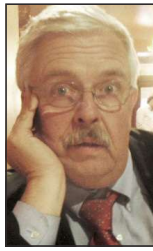
By G.C. STOPPEL

I came to know John Thistle when we played bagpipes in the Fourth Battalion of the West Mosby Volunteers Band. The name came from a tiny village a few miles outside of Mosby, Mont. He was a good man and great father. One summer he and his son bought a 1947 Plymouth they worked together restoring most nights in his garage. John said all his son could think about was how much fun he would have once they finished the job and he could slip behind the wheel.

He laughed at how his son liked the bench front seat because some day a girlfriend could slide left to ride next to him. If you are one of the Olds who had a car before bucket seats, you know that was a lot of teenagers' aspiration.

One night, after hearing enough of his son's prattle, John set down the tool he was using, looked at the boy and said, "You're probably having as much fun now restoring this car as you will ever have driving it. How about focusing on the present and enjoying it?"

Every so often, when I'm either looking to the past or fantasizing about the future, that suggestion comes back to mind. Have you ever gone to a high school class reunion? Before long, all the jocks would recall their glory days playing sports. The



theater nerds talked about past performances that were either magnificent or utter failures. Or we would recall the best or worst teacher, school trips and other people and events from a bygone decade.

Were it a 25th reunion when many classmates were still working, their other main topics of conversation were post-retirement plans, seeing their children off to college, upcoming weddings, their eagerness to see new grads or some other milestone event. Usually these were a few years ahead.

They were like John Jr., missing the present moment. Much of their lives were either in the rearview mirror or well ahead down the road.

A friend recalled taking a woman to a Detroit Tigers game. She brought along a book. They broke up because she was not

interested in experiencing something new in the moment. He was enjoying the game but she was lost in a novel.

The poor fellow had rotten luck with his social life. Later he went out on a date that lasted almost to the end of dinner, then suddenly it was "Check, please!" Just before dessert she started asking about names for future babies.

It's hard living in the moment. Many of us have silent conversations rattling in our brains about what we need to or should do soon. Either that or we are recalling something from the past. Though that can be a good thing, it can impede living in the present.

Actor William Shatner may be prickly, but he lives in the moment and is perpetually enthusiastic. If he sits down to a meal, even sardines on toast, he will exclaim, "These are the best sardines I've ever had — and get a load of this toast. It's wonderful!"

The late English author R.F. Delderfield started his career more than 100 years ago as a reporter for the local paper. His job was to interview residents who just had a death in the family, take notes,

go back to the office and write the obituary.

In his two autobiographies, Delderfield wrote about how he had to train himself to ask questions and rake notes, but not mentally start the first draft.

To learn how to live in the moment, try this unpopular approach the next time you have a family dinner. Go from person to person and shake them down for their mobile phones and devices. Trust me, they'll hate you for it. "Stay firm, smile and tell them, "It hurts me more than you, but it's for your own good."

Take the phones into another room and close the door, so no one can hear the ringer on their device. Life will be awkward and unpleasant for a few minutes. Why, they will be so engaged with the other guests they will even let you clean the table, put away the leftovers, wash and dry the dishes and not even think to offer help.

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**Tuesday March 11th 3pm-6pm & 7pm-9pm  
& Wednesday March 12th 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm at City Hall in the Council Chamber located at 102 Butler St. Saugatuck, MI 49453.**

The purpose of this meeting is to hear all assessed and taxable value appeals. Please call City Hall to make an appointment. Walk ins will be accepted.

BY: Tony Meyard, MMAO  
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## CITY OF SAUGATUCK ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 250210-B

Please take notice that on February 10, 2025, the City Council of the City of Saugatuck adopted Ordinance No. 250210-B to amend Title XV, Chapter 154, of the Code of the City of Saugatuck to update the regulations regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Section 1. and 2.:

- Section 154.022(W)(3): Revises the minimum gross finished floor area requirement for ADUs to align with the State of Michigan Building Code.
- Section 154.092(J):
  - (1) A rented accessory dwelling unit shall only be permitted on a parcel that contains a single-family detached dwelling that is occupied and used by the owner as his or her primary, year-round residence. Under no circumstances may a single-family detached dwelling and an accessory dwelling unit on the same parcel be rented to separate parties or under separate contracts.
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Copies of the ordinance may be obtained from Jamie Wolters, City of Saugatuck Clerk, at 102 Butler Street, P.O. Box 86, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453, during regular business hours.

Jamie Wolters  
City of Saugatuck, Clerk  
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Publication Date: February 20, 2025



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