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**ROOM AND BOARD FACILITIES ORDINANCE  
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN**  
ord. no. 31 eff. May 17, 1993

An Ordinance to regulate room and board facilities within the Charter Township of South Haven. To provide an adequate level of safety from the perils of fire an other hazards. These standards are intended to complement the current regulatory system in place for building standards.

**I. ADOPTION.** The Charter Township of South Haven hereby adopts by reference the 1993 edition of the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code for the purpose of ongoing regulation of room and board facilities within the Charter Township of South Haven, Van Buren County, State of Michigan.

**II. DEFINITION.**

**ROOM AND BOARD FACILITY:** A building, not including single-family dwellings as defined by the above code, arranged for the shelter and sleeping accommodations for seven or more individuals who are primarily not transient in nature, without separate cooking facilities for individual occupants.

**III. ADDITIONS.** The following additions and amendments are made to this code.

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**Sec. 1. INTERIOR STAIRWAYS.**

Interior stairways shall be enclosed by fire separation assemblies having a 1-hour fire resistance rating with all openings protected with smoke-actuated automatic-closing or self-closing doors having a fire resistance comparable to that required for the enclosure.  
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**Sec. 2. PROTECTION OF VERTICAL OPENINGS.**

Vertical openings shall be protected so that no primary exit route is exposed to an unprotected vertical opening. The vertical opening is considered protected if the opening is cut off and enclosed in a manner that provides a smoke and fire resisting capability of not less than 1 hour. Any doors or openings shall have fire and smoke resisting capability equivalent to that of the enclosure and shall be automatic-closing on detection of smoke or shall be self-closing.  
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**Sec. 3. DETECTION, ALARM, AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.**

**A. GENERAL.** A fire alarm system shall be installed in accordance with the building code.

**Exception:** Buildings that have a smoke detection system meeting or exceeding the requirements of subsection D. below and where that detection system includes at least one manual fire alarm station per floor arranged to initiate the smoke detection alarm.

**B. INITIATION.** Initiation of the required fire protective signaling system shall be by manual means as provided by the building code.

**Exception:** Buildings protected throughout with an approved fire suppression system installed in accordance with the building code, with initiation upon actuation of the extinguishing system operation.

**C. NOTIFICATION.** Occupant notification shall be provided automatically, without delay by internal audible alarm in accordance with the building code. Presignal systems are prohibited.

**D. DETECTION.** Approved single station or multiple station smoke detectors powered by the building electrical service shall be installed in accordance with the building code on every level. In addition, approved single station smoke detectors powered by the building electrical service shall be provided in each sleeping room.

**Exception:** Existing battery powered detectors, rather than house electric service powered detectors, shall be accepted where, in the opinion of the code official, the facility has demonstrated testing, maintenance, and battery replacement programs that ensure reliability of power to the detector.  
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**Sec. 4. FIRE EXTINGUISHER.**

Portable fire extinguishers shall bear the label of an approved agency, be of an approved type and be installed in a visible and accessible location on each occupied floor and basements.  
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**22.155 Sec. 5. FIRE DRILLS.**

Fire exit drills shall be conducted at least once each two month in each facility.

Each occupant shall be provided with a written evacuation plan approved by the local authority having jurisdiction.

An egress plan shall be posted in each sleeping room showing the building diagram, the room location and the location of exits (ord. no. 31 eff. May 17, 1993)

**22.156 Sec. 6. INTERIOR FINISHES.**

The interior finish on walls and ceilings and trim material shall be a minimum class III, tested in accordance with ASTM E-84.

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**22.157 Sec. 7. EXEMPTIONS.**

Facilities not covered by this Ordinance include: Adult foster care facilities licensed under Act No. 218 P.A. 1979 as amended Nursing homes licensed under Act No. 368, P.S. 1978, as amended; A home for the aged licensed under Act No. 386, P.A. 1978, as amended; A county infirmary operated under Act No. 280, P.S. 1939; and a child care institution, children's camp, or foster family group home licensed or approved under Act No. 116, P.A. 1973, as amended, nor hotels, motels and similar facilities.

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**22.158 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL.**

This Ordinance shall take effect on May 17, 1993, and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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