

**SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

To the residents and property owners of South Haven Charter Township and all other interested persons: Please take notice that at its regular meeting on May 9, 2007 the Township Board adopted the following ordinance:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN
ORDINANCE NO. 96
ADOPTED: May 9, 2007**

EFFECTIVE: Thirty (30) days following publication following adoption

An Ordinance to provide for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed multiple family dwelling project for persons of low and moderate income to be financed or assisted pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as amended, to provide for severability; to repeal all Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, and to provide for an effective date.

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SECTION I

TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Charter Township of South Haven Tax Exemption Ordinance - 2007."

SECTION II

PREAMBLE

It is acknowledged that it is a proper public purpose of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions to provide housing for its citizens of low income and to encourage the development of such housing by providing for a service charge in lieu of property taxes in accordance with the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended, MCLA Section 125.1401 et. seq. The Charter Township of South Haven (the "Township") is authorized by this Act to establish or change the service charge to be paid in lieu of taxes by any or all classes of housing exempt from taxation under this Act at any amount it chooses not to exceed the taxes that would be paid but for this Act. It is further acknowledged that such housing for persons of low income and moderate income is a public necessity, and as the Township will be benefited and improved by such housing, the encouragement of the same by providing certain real estate tax exemption for such housing is a valid public purpose; further, that the continuation of the provisions of this Ordinance for tax exemption and the service charge in lieu of taxes during the period contemplated in this Ordinance are essential to the determination of economic feasibility of housing developments which are constructed and financed in reliance on such tax exemption.

The Township acknowledges that Park Meadows of South Haven Limited Dividend Housing Association Limited Partnership (the "Sponsor") has offered, subject to receipt of an allocation under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and a Mortgage Loan, to erect, own, and operate a housing development identified as the Park Meadows of South Haven Development on certain property with a current address of 72633 M-33 Highway, in the Township, to serve persons of low and moderate income, and that the Sponsor has offered to pay the Township on account of this housing development an annual service charge for public service in lieu of taxes.

SECTION III

DEFINITIONS

All terms not herein defined shall have the meanings given them in the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, being Public Act 346 of 1966, of the State of Michigan, as amended.

A. "Act" means the State Housing Development Authority Act, being Michigan Public Act 346 of 1966, as amended.

B. "Annual Shelter Rent" means the total collections during an agreed annual period from all occupants of a housing development representing rent or occupancy charges, exclusive of charges for gas, electricity, heat, or other utilities furnished to the occupants.

C. "Authority" means the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

D. "Housing Development" means a development which contains a significant element of housing for persons of low income and such elements of other housing, commercial, recreational, industrial, communal, and educational facilities as the Authority determines improve the quality of the development as it relates to housing for persons of low income.

E. "Mortgage Loan" means a loan to be made by the Authority to the Sponsor for the construction and/or permanent financing of the Housing Development.

F. "Utilities" mean fuel, water, sanitary sewer and/or electrical service which are paid by the Housing Development.

G. "Sponsor" means person(s) or entities which have applied to the Authority for a Mortgage Loan or for an allocation under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program to finance a Housing Development.

SECTION IV **CLASS OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

It is determined that the class of Housing Developments to which the tax exemption shall apply and for which a service charge shall be paid in lieu of such taxes shall be Housing Developments which are financed or assisted pursuant to the Act. It is further determined that the Park Meadows of South Haven Development is of this class.

SECTION V **ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE**

The Housing Development known as the Park Meadows of South Haven Development and the property on which it shall be constructed shall be exempt from all property taxes from and after the commencement of construction. The Township acknowledging that the Sponsor and the Authority have established the economic feasibility of the Housing Development in reliance upon the enactment and continuing effect of this Ordinance and the qualification of the Housing Development for the exemption from all property taxes and a payment in lieu of taxes as established in this Ordinance, and in consideration of the Sponsor's offer, subject to receipt of a Mortgage Loan and an allocation under the LIHTC program, to construct, own and operate the Housing Development, agrees to accept payment of an annual service charge for public services in lieu of all property taxes. The annual service charge shall be equal to four percent (4%) of the difference between the Annual Shelter Rents actually collected and Utilities.

SECTION VI **LIMITATION ON THE PAYMENT OF THE ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGE**

Notwithstanding Section V, the service charge to be paid each year in lieu of taxes for the part of the Housing Development which is tax exempt and which is occupied by other than low income persons or families shall be equal to the full amount of the taxes which shall be paid on that portion of the Housing Development if the Housing Development were not tax exempt. The term "low income persons or families" as used herein shall be the same meaning found in Section 15(a)(7) of the Act.

SECTION VII
CONTRACTUAL EFFECT OF THIS ORDINANCE

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15(a)(5) of the Act to the contrary, a contract between the Township and the Sponsor, with the Authority as third party beneficiary under the contract, to provide tax exemption and accept payments in lieu of taxes, as previously described, is effectuated by enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII
PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGE

The service charge in lieu of taxes as determined under the Ordinance shall be payable in the same manner as general property taxes are payable to the Township except that the annual payment shall be paid on or before February 28 of each year.

SECTION IX
DURATION

This ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not terminate so long as the Authority's Mortgage Loan remains outstanding and unpaid or the Authority has any interest in the property; or the Housing Development remains subject to income and rent restrictions pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that construction of the Housing Development commence within one year from the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION X
SEVERABILITY

The various sections and provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable, and should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section or provision of this Ordinance other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION XI
EFFECTIVE DATE; CONFLICTS

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty days after publication after adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict. Nothing in this ordinance is intended to repeal Ordinance No. 68 or Ordinance No. 79, both of which are Tax Exemption ordinances already in effect.

A copy of the ordinance may be obtained or reviewed at the office of the Township Clerk at the address shown below.

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