



PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LICENSING ORDINANCE #475

CHAPTER XI

**SEASONAL SALES**

Plainfield Charter Township allows Seasonal Sales on a limited basis subject to the following:

11.01. DEFINITION. For the purpose of this ordinance, "Seasonal Sales" shall mean Christmas Tree Sales, Fireworks Sales, and Flower Sales.

11.02. LOCATION. A Seasonal Sales Operation shall be permitted within any district designated "Commercial" (including PUD Commercial) under the Plainfield Charter Township Zoning Ordinance provided such operation observes the following setbacks:

- a. Front Yard - There shall be a minimum front setback of fifty (50) feet unless, in the opinion on the approving official, this setback will impede the normal flow of traffic or access to existing businesses or may present other adverse impacts on safety. In such cases, a greater setback may be required.
- b. Side yard - There shall be a minimum side yard of ten (10) feet. Where the property abuts a residential district on the side, a side yard of at least twenty-five (25) feet shall be provided. On the street side of a corner lot, a minimum side yard of thirty-five (35) feet is required.
- c. Rear yard - There shall be a rear yard of at least twenty-five (25) feet except that where the commercial district abuts a residential district in the rear, a minimum of fifty (50) feet must be maintained.

11.03. SECURITY DEPOSIT. A \$200.00 deposit shall be required by the Township to insure that cleanup of the sales site is accomplished within seven (7) days after expiration of the sales permit and to ensure that the conditions of the permit and requirements of this ordinance are followed. If the cleanup is not accomplished in that time, or if the conditions of the permit are not met, the deposit shall be forfeited.

11.04. APPLICATION PROCEDURE. Application for a Seasonal Sales Operation shall be made to the Planning Director on a form provided for such purpose. The application shall be accompanied by:

- a. The fee for a Seasonal Sales license shall be reviewed annually and the fee shall be set by Resolution of the Township Board. This fee may be waived where the entire proceeds from the operation are given to charity or used for charitable purposes.
- b. A site plan indicating property boundaries, parking, the location and type of Seasonal Sales operation and other information deemed appropriate.
- c. Written permission from the owner of the property intended for the operation.

11.05. SIGNS. In the case of a Seasonal Sale operating on a vacant lot not associated with an existing business, one unlighted sign, no greater than twelve (12) square feet in total area, may be erected to inform the public of the nature of the sale merchandise. In the case of an existing business operating a Seasonal Sale, such sale may be advertised only on sign(s) permitted under the existing Plainfield Township Sign Ordinance.

11.06 DURATION. The operation of the Seasonal Sales Business shall be as follows: A flower sale may operate for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) consecutive, or forty-six (46) nonconsecutive days within any twelve-month period. A Christmas tree sale may operate for a period not to exceed thirty (30) consecutive, or thirty-one (31) nonconsecutive days within any twelve-month period. A fireworks sale may operate for a period not to exceed ten (10) consecutive days.

