

# PORTSMOUTH TOWNSHIP BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

## NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

On May 19, 2025, the Portsmouth Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 40-J, which amends the Portsmouth Township Zoning Ordinance to, among other things, provide for regulations on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Copies of the complete text of the Ordinance were and are available at the Portsmouth Township Hall at 1711 West Cass Avenue Road, Bay City, MI 48708.

The Ordinance has the following sections: Section 1: Amendment to Chapter 23 – Definitions, which shall insert definitions for nonparticipating parcel, safety hazard, and battery energy storage system (BESS); Section 2: Amendment to Chapter 14, Section 14.05, Addition of Approval Standard 25. Battery Energy Storage Systems, which shall permit battery energy storage systems in the A-E Agricultural Estate District as a special land use; Section 3: Severability; Section 4: Repeal and Form; and Section 5: Effective Date, which shall be seven (7) days after publication of a notice of adoption of this Ordinance, or as otherwise provided by MCL 125.3402.

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