

DANBY TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-1
Adopted 9/24/26
Effective Date 10/2/26

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DANBY TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO
REVISE AND CLARIFY REGULATIONS CONCERNING ADULT FOSTER CARE
GROUP HOMES AND GROUP DAY CARE HOMES FOR CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP OF DANBY, COUNTY OF IONIA, STATE OF MICHIGAN,
ORDAINS:

Section 1: Chapter 13 Special Land Uses. Chapter 13 of the Danby Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to revise Section 13.07 A. Adult Foster Care Group Homes to read in its entirety as follows (*note: tracked for convenience*):

A. Adult foster care group homes.

1. The use may not be closer than 1,500 feet to any of the following:
 - a) A licensed foster care facility **for children** or group day care home **for children**.
 - b) **An adult foster care family home, also known as a state licensed residential facility.**
 - c) An adult foster care small group home or large group home licensed under the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act, Act 218 of the Public Acts of 1979.
 - d) A facility offering substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services to seven (7) or more people **that is licensed under part 62 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6230 to 333.6251.**
 - e) A community correction center, resident home, half-way house, or other similar facility that houses an inmate population under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.
2. This distance shall be measured along a street, road, or place maintained by the state, county, or Township of Danby and generally open to use by the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular traffic, not including an alley.

~~A drop off/pick up area shall be provided for motorists off the public street, which permits vehicles to exit the property without backing into the street, and which provides off street parking in accordance with Chapter 12.~~

~~Fencing at least fifty four (54) inches, and no more than six (6) feet in height shall be provided around all outdoor areas accessible to children.~~

~~All playground equipment, and areas for playing and exercise shall be in the rear yard of the property. This area shall be at least two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet in size.~~

~~The property shall be consistent with the characteristics of the neighborhood.~~

~~One non-illuminated sign measuring no more than four (4) square feet may be permitted if attached to the principal structure.—~~

~~Hours of operation shall not exceed 16 hours during any 24 hour period. Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. the Planning Commission may limit the operation.~~

Section 2: Chapter 13 Special Land Uses. Chapter 13 of the Danby Township Zoning Ordinance is amended to revise Section 13.07 H. Group Day Care Homes to read in its entirety as follows:

H. Group day care homes. A group day care home for children shall be issued a special use permit if it meets all of the following standards:

1. Is located not closer than 1,500 feet to any of the following:
 - a) Another licensed group day care home.
 - b) An adult foster care small group home or large group home licensed under The Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act, 1979 PA 218, MCL 400.701 to 400.737.
 - c) A facility offering substance use disorder services to seven (7) or more people that is licensed under part 62 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6230 to 333.6251.
 - d) A community correction center, resident home, halfway house, or other similar facility that houses an inmate population under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections.
2. Has appropriate fencing for the safety of the children.
3. Maintains the property consistent with the visible characteristics of the neighborhood.
4. Does not exceed 16 hours of operation during a 24-hour period.
5. Complies with fencing, signage, and parking requirements, as well as any other applicable requirement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 3: Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of this ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

ADOPTED:

Yeas: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF IONIA)

I, the undersigned, the duly elected Clerk of Danby Township, Ionia County, Michigan, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete representation of certain
proceedings conducted by the Board of Trustees of said Township at a meeting held on this

27th 30th day of August 2026.

Kristina Platte
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Danby Township Clerk