

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF MILLE LACS
PRINCETON TOWNSHIP**

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 300, ZONING
ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO ADDING A REVIEW PROCESS
FOR ALLOWING EVENT VENUES AND AGRITOURISM IN
SECTION 200:020 DEFINITIONS; 300:032 R-1 DISTRICT; 300:035
R-2 DISTRICT; 300:042 RR DISTRICT; 300:052 AC DISTRICT;
300:0632 RC DISTRICT; 300:072 C/I DISTRICT; 300:146 EVENT
VENUES AND AGRITOURISM; AND 300:245 SPECIAL EVENTS
AND ESTABLISHING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PRINCETON TOWNSHIP
ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1. Section 200:0202 Definitions, is amended to include the following:

“Agritourism” means activity carried out on a farm or ranch that allows organizations or members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, charitable, or educational purposes, to view, enjoy, or participate in rural activities, including, but not limited to: farming; viticulture; farm winery; distilleries; microbreweries; ranching; and historical, cultural, gleaning, harvest-your-own, or natural activities and attractions. An activity is an agritourism activity whether or not the participant pays to participate in the activity.

“Event Venue” means a private facility and associated grounds made available for rental on a short-term basis to host private events such as, but not limited to weddings, receptions, graduation parties, corporate events and agritourism activities. This term does not include facilities or grounds made available for, or used for, public events or public gatherings that are open to the general public.

“Special Event” means a gathering on public or private property, assembled with common purpose for a period of one hour or longer. Special events include, but are not limited to concerts, fairs, carnivals, car shows, flea markets, marathons, walkathons, festivals, races, bicycle events, celebrations or any other gathering or event of similar nature. Special events do not include events that are not open to the public and held on private property such as weddings and graduation or social parties and for which no fee is charged.

SECTION 2. Section 300:032 Residential R-1 District Conditional Uses, is amended to add the following:

8. Event venues and agritourism subject to the provisions found in Section 300:146 and Section 300:230 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Section 300:035 Residential R-2 District Conditional Uses, is amended to add the following:

7. Event venues and agritourism subject to the provisions found in Section 300:146 and Section 300:230 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Section 300:042, Rural Residential District Conditional Uses, is amended to add the following:

6. Event venues and agritourism subject to the provisions found in Section 300:146 and Section 300:230 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Section 300:052, Agricultural Conservation District Conditional Uses, is amended to add the following:

9. Event venues and agritourism subject to the provisions found in Section 300:146 and Section 300:230 of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Section 300:0632, River Conservation District Permitted and Conditional Uses, is amended to add the following:

22. Event Venues and Agritourism, subject to the provisions found in Section 300:146 and Section 300:230.

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SECTION 7. Section 300:072, Commercial/Industrial District Conditional Uses, is amended to add the following:

16. Event venues that include farm winery, distilleries and microbreweries subject to the provisions in found in Section 300:146 and Section 300:230.

SECTION 8. Section 300:146, Event Venues and Agritourism is hereby added as follows:

300:146 Event Venues and Agritourism. Event venues and agritourism shall require a Conditional Use Permit as regulated in Section 300:230 of the Zoning

Ordinance, meet the following minimum requirements, and shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Supervisors.

- A. Event venues shall not be located on a property less than five (5) acres and shall be owned by the applicant who shall be an active part of the venue.
- B. Any new buildings constructed as part of an event venue shall be setback fifty (50) feet from all property lines.
- C. Event venues shall not be located within one-quarter (1/4) mile of ten (10) residences.
- D. Event venues shall be limited to no more than two hundred (200) guest/visitors at one time unless as otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- E. Events of over two hundred (200) persons at an event venue shall be subject to the provisions of Section 300:245 Special Events and Establishing Permit Requirements including the requirement for a permit. A permit shall not be required for events that are not open to the public such as weddings, graduation or social parties and for which no facility fee is charged.
- F. Event venues shall be allowed within no more than one-quarter (1/4) of the principal dwelling floor space and in all accessory structures or as limited by the Conditional Use Permit.
- G. All structures used for an event venue shall comply with the assembly occupancy classification requirements of the Building Code.
- H. Event Venue parking shall be required at one (1) parking space per three (3) seats. A seating plan and a parking plan shall be provided with each Special Event permit application. No parking shall be allowed on County or Township Roadways.
- I. No event shall be held prior to 8:00 AM or after 1:00 AM. All live or recorded music shall be limited to only indoors after 11:00 PM.
- J. Guest overnight stays, lodging, or camping may be provided as part of an event venue. A plan shall be provided for all overnight occupancy including the number of rooms, or number of campsites. All overnight occupancy shall comply with the requirements of the Building Code.

- K. Signage shall comply with Section 600:200 of the Zoning Ordinance except that event venues in the Residential, Agricultural, River Conservation, and Rural Residential Districts shall be limited to no more than two signs each limited to eight (8) square feet.
- L. All food with intoxicating liquor service shall be provided by owners/vendors licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety. The owner/vendor shall notify Princeton Township and Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office before catering any event. No intoxicating liquor shall be served after 11:00 PM.
- M. Any farm winery, distillery, or microbrewery as part of an agritourism activity shall comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statute 340A. related to liquor licensing.
- N. An emergency plan shall be provided outlining fire, police and medical services to the event venue location.
- O. A plan for lighting of outdoor events shall be provided. Light sources shall be directed downwards and shielded to prevent light being directed off premises.
- P. A plan for providing restroom facilities compliant with the Building Code shall be provided. Subsurface Wastewater Treatment Systems which are subject to a change in occupancy or gallon per day loading as a result of an approved Conditional Use Permit shall be retrofitted and/or upgraded to current code requirements and shall be subject to approval of Mille Lacs County.
- Q. A plan for trash and recycling storage and removal shall be provided.
- R. Proof of liability insurance shall be provided.
- S. The owner shall provide a list of events by the first of each month to the Township Clerk that includes activity/event dates, group identity, times and numbers of guests for the events scheduled that month.

SECTION 9. Section 300:245, Special Permits and Establishing Permit Requirements, Section 2, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. Definitions. For purposes of this ordinance the following terms shall have the meaning given to them:

- b. "Special Event" is defined as a gathering on public or private property, assembled with a common purpose for a period of one hour or longer.

Special events include, but are not limited to concerts, fairs, carnivals, car shows, flea markets, marathons, walkathons, festivals, races, bicycle events, celebrations or any other gathering or event of similar nature. Special events do not include events that are not open to the public and held on private property such as weddings and graduation or social parties and for which no fee is charged.

SECTION 10. Section 300:245, Special Permits and Establishing Permit Requirements, Section 5, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Issuance of Permit, Conditions, Posting. Special Events permits that involve less than two hundred (200) persons, may be issued by the Township Clerk. All other Special Event permits may be issued upon review and Board of Supervisors approval. The Township Clerk/Board of Supervisors may attach such reasonable conditions to the permit as are deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. Such conditions may pertain to any of the following:

- a. Location and hours during which the event may be held including restrictions on the volume, duration, and hours of amplified sound.
- b. Numbers of employees, vendors, staff and volunteers.
- c. Sanitation/availability of potable water including the provision of additional portable restrooms.
- d. Security/crowd management including requirements for contracted law enforcement or private security.
- e. Parking and traffic issues including proof that adequate overflow parking has been secured.
- f. Emergency, fire, and medical services including stand-by fire or ambulance service as necessary for the Special Event.
- g. Placement and clean-up of premises and surrounding area/trash disposal including additional trash receptacles or dumpsters.
- h. Insurance, including proof of adequate commercial liability insurance.
- i. Lighting.
- j. Temporary construction, tents, barricades/fencing.
- k. Placement and removal of advertising/promotional materials.
- l. Alcohol consumption.
- m. Any other condition with the Board of Supervisors deems necessary.

Upon Township Clerk/Board of Supervisors approval, the Township Clerk shall issue a permit to the Person(s) named in the permit application. The permit shall clearly state the conditions, if any, imposed by the Board of Supervisors. Copies of the permit shall be posted in (3) prominent locations during the Special Event. In addition, the Board of Supervisors may require notice of the Special Event to be provided to neighboring property owners. Notice, if required, would be mailed to all residents within three hundred fifty feet (350) of the subject property ten (10) days in advance of the event.

SECTION 9. The Planning Commission of Princeton Township held a public hearing at their February 3, 2020 meeting, took comments from the public, and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve amendments to Chapter 300, Zoning Ordinance as it relates to adding provisions for solar energy systems including Section 200:0202 Definitions and to Section 300:148 Solar Energy Systems to regulate individual solar systems, community solar systems and solar farms.

SECTION 10. The Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township held first reading of this Ordinance at their February 18, 2020 meeting and second reading at their April 21, 2020 meeting.

SECTION 11. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

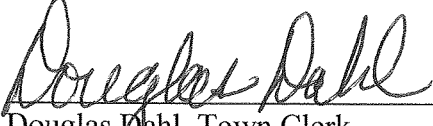
ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2020 by the Board of Supervisors of Princeton Township.

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP



Eugene Stoekel, Board Chair

ATTEST:



Douglas Dahl, Town Clerk