VILLAGE OF LAWTON

VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2026

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 180-DAY TIME LIMIT FOR DEMOLITION PERMITS

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Lawton, Van Buren County, Michigan, held on October 13th, 2026, at the Village Hall, the following resolution was offered by Council Member E. Dudek and supported by Council Member Tanis.

WHEREAS, the Village of Lawton issues demolition permits for the removal of buildings and structures within the Village; and

WHEREAS, demolition projects that remain incomplete for extended periods may create unsafe conditions, attractive nuisances, blight, drainage concerns, and other conditions detrimental to neighboring properties and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds it appropriate to establish a reasonable time period for the completion of work authorized by a demolition permit; and

WHEREAS, establishing a uniform expiration period will provide property owners, contractors, and Village officials with a clear standard for the timely completion of demolition projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Village Council of the Village of Lawton, Van Buren County, Michigan, hereby establishes the following requirements for demolition permits issued by the Village:

1. **180-Day Permit Period.** A demolition permit shall be valid for 180 calendar days from the date the permit is issued.

2. **Completion Required.** All demolition work authorized by the permit shall be completed within the 180-day period, including removal of the structure, demolition debris, and other materials associated with the demolition.

3. **Site Restoration.** Upon completion of demolition, the property shall be left in a safe and orderly condition. Excavations, basements, foundations, and other openings shall be removed, filled, graded, secured, or otherwise addressed as required by applicable Village ordinances, codes, and permit requirements.

4. **Permit Expiration.** If the demolition and required site restoration are not completed within 180 days, the demolition permit shall expire unless an extension has been approved by the Village.

5. **Extension.** Prior to expiration, the property owner or permit holder may submit a written request for an extension. The Village Manager or other designated Village official may approve a reasonable extension for good cause.

6. **Expired Permit.** If a permit expires without an approved extension, a new demolition permit and applicable permit fee may be required before demolition work may continue.

7. **Compliance.** Issuance of a demolition permit does not relieve the property owner or contractor from complying with all applicable Village ordinances and state or federal laws, codes, permits, inspections, utility-disconnection requirements, or environmental requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 180-day limitation shall apply to demolition permits issued on or after the effective date of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Village Council.

ADOPTION

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Resolution declared adopted this 13 day of October, 2026.

Village President

Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Lawton, Van Buren County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on October 13, 2026, and that the meeting was conducted and public notice was given in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Village Clerk

Date: 10-16-2026