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Summary to Towns for proposed Ordinance Amendment for “camping cabins” in licensed campgrounds

Several months ago, a request was presented to The Sawyer County Zoning Committee to look at the aspects related to “camping cabins” within licensed campgrounds as per the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. This request was brought forward by the owners of Lake Chippewa Campground, the largest campground currently in operation within Sawyer County. The request was to accept the State Definition of camping cabins per ATCP 79. This State Definition would increase the allowed size from 300 sq. ft to 400 sq. ft and would also remove the current prohibition of gas, water, and sewer from cabin cabins. This amendment was proposed to The Committee as to have consistency with a State Definition but also that the industry for camping is changing and the prohibition of water and sewer within these camping cabins for Sawyer County was not up to date with other Counties or industry standards.

Again, Camping Cabins are only allowed in licensed campgrounds. They require a Land Use Permit from Sawyer County Zoning Department and would account for a unit/site as part of a Campground’s original number of sites requested.

Attached with this documentation is the approved “option A” which the Sawyer County Zoning Committee has selected to send to the Towns for approval. This “option A” would change the current Sawyer County Code of Ordinance-Appendix D (Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance) Section 2.0(15)- Definition of CAMPING CABIN & Section 6.610 – Camping Cabins within TRAILER CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS. The attached redline version shows the specifics of the proposed changes.

Town Clerks, please add this letter, the “option A” redline and Town Opinion Form onto your April Town Board Meetings. If there is over 50% approval from the Towns as part of a proposed ordinance amendment there would be an official “Public Hearing” as part of the Sawyer County Zoning Committee Meeting on April, 25, 2025. Zoning Committee would then make a recommendation to County Board of Supervisors for the ordinance amendment ratification. Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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