

**CITY OF IRON RIVER**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION**  
**Thursday, February 26, 2026**  
**9 AM**  
**Minutes**

Chair Michael Poindexter called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Iron River City Hall.

Present: Rodney Dood, Jacob Pietrzak, Adrienne Baker and Poindexter.  
Absent: Robert Byczek and Mike Hoinowski.

Also present: City Clerk Tyana Elenbaas.

Public in attendance: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**Rental Registration and Inspection Ordinance**

Poindexter suggested that the committee go through line-by-line and change as things arise.

In the definition section, discussion about the definition of “Building Official.” It was decided that the term “Building Official” is to be strike and replaced with zoning administrator throughout the ordinance.

In the Registration section Baker noted a spelling error on A) (3.) The current ordinance states renal and should say “rental.” There were other clerical errors with indentations on D.)

In the Inspection section, B) it was suggested that the part of the ending sentence be removed. The section to be omitted will be from “which is signed by a license residential building contractor or residential maintenance contractor that rental unit is in satisfactory condition.”

Poindexter suggested that “annual” replace the three-year date initially in the ordinance.

Next Section G) item 3) was discussed. Poindexter suggested leaving an appropriate period of time up to the inspector. Baker suggested adding language stating, “false reports may be assessed a fee, up to the City’s discretion.” All agreed, this would help deter false complaints.

In Section 154.07 Fees, it was decided that the word “not” should be strike through in section A. Baker felt that it was important to make sure the City allows for partial year prorated rates. Poindexter suggested having the fee easily dividable by 12 to allow for rates for partial years.

Item 3 in the same section required a change in fee, which was set to \$50.00 for the first violation. Baker suggested that in Item 4, it clarified that a fee will be assessed if you are still in violation.

In Section 154.09 Enforcement Authority, the Planning Commission would like Interim City Attorney to look over the legality over who can issue an MCI. If an MCI is allowed to be issued by the Zoning Administrator, they would like it left as is.

In the same section under Item F, there were questions regarding what Michigan law classifies as “reasonable times.” Dood stated that Michigan law states 24-hour notice. Baker suggested having Interim City Attorney Goodman investigate Michigan law and reference the law in the ordinance.

In Section 154.99 Penalty, it was decided that fines should be established by the City Council from time to time. It was requested that the City of Caspian’s language regarding fines be provided to the Planning Commission for their review. It was asked that the Interim City Attorney Goodman look over Caspian’s enforcement and see if it would be something our city could implement.

It was decided that the Planning Commission will pause at this point.

**Food Truck Ordinance**

Poindexter moved with the support of Dood to table the Food Truck Ordinance until the next meeting. All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Byczek and Hoinowski.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**


None.

**Commissioner Comments**

The next work session was scheduled for March 26, 2026, at 9 AM, where they will further discuss the Rental Registration and the Food Truck Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Baker with the support of Pietrzak adjourned at 10:39 a.m. All in favor; Motion Carried. Absent: Byczek and Hoinowski.

  
Tyana Elenbaas, City Clerk