

City of Eaton Rapids

Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Vanek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT
Chair Vanek	X		Com Hiltz	X	
Vice Chair Baker	X		Com Wicker	X	
Secretary Tanner	X		Com Davis	X	
Com Wegner	X		Com Millington		X Ex
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Commissioner Millington was absent and excused. Also present were Building Official Hummel and Financial Specialist Leigh Tyler.

3. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Vice Chairman Baker moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Hiltz seconded. Motion carried to approve the agenda as presented.

4. **Approval of the November 3, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting minutes:**

Secretary Tanner moved to approve the November 3, 2025 Minutes and Commissioner Wegner seconded. Motion carried to approve the minutes as presented.

5. **Election of Officials:** Commissioner Wegner nominated Chairman Vanek for another term. By Roll Call Vote, all Commissioners voted Aye. Secretary Tanner nominated Vice Chairman Baker for another term. By Roll Call Vote, all Commissioners voted Aye. Chairman Vanak nominated Secretary Tanner for another term. By Roll Call Vote, all Commissioners voted Aye.

6. **Public Hearing:** None

7. **Old Business: Short Term Rental Ordinance:** Building Official Hummel came to the podium to brief the Commissioners. "After reviewing ordinances for Short Term Rentals, I found the Michigan Short Term Rental Association's pamphlet and sent you a copy of it for discussion. The pamphlet brings out several good points for discussion. After reading it, I believe it should be adopted as a Police Power rather than a zoning ordinance. We would still need to have the allowed locations in the zoning ordinance. It makes sense to include the Short- Term Rental Ordinance in Chapter 12 Housing in the section with the Rental Inspection ordinance". Building Office Hummel said that short term rentals would still be inspected by the Building Inspector and Police Powers are just another way of enforcement. There is currently a short- term rental on Main Street and there is one on Knight Street. Building Official Hummel will use this template to come up with a new ordinance and send it to the City Attorney (Cullen Harkness) to look over the ordinance before bringing it back to the