

**TOWNSHIP OF ALPENA**  
**NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY TO INCORPORATE AS**  
**A CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND RIGHT TO REFERENDUM**

Official certification has been received from the Michigan Secretary of State that the Township of Alpena has a population of 2,000 or more, making it eligible to incorporate as a charter township. The Township of Alpena is presently a general law township. The Township of Alpena Board of Trustees has various options concerning incorporation as a charter township under the provisions of the Charter Township Act, Public Act 359 of 1947, as amended (MCL 42.3a). Those options include:

1. Adopt by majority vote a resolution opposed to incorporation as a charter township.
2. Adopt by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township by resolution. At least 60 days after the adoption of the resolution of intent, the Alpena Township Board of Trustees may adopt a resolution to incorporate as a charter township.
3. Adopt by majority vote a resolution to place before the electorate at the next regular or special township election the question of incorporation as a charter township.
4. The Alpena Township Board of Trustees also has the option to take no action.

Please note that during its regular meeting on December 18, 2017, the Alpena Township Board of Trustees adopted by majority vote a resolution of intent to approve incorporation as a charter township (option 2 set forth above). As a result of the adoption of this resolution of intent, the citizens of the Township of Alpena have the right to file a "Right of Referendum Petition." This petition must be filed before the final adoption by the Alpena Township Board of Trustees of the resolution to incorporate as a charter township.

The petition must follow, in general form, the nominating petition form as prescribed in the Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.488), and the heading must indicate "Disagreement of Intent to Incorporate as a Charter Township." The petition must be signed by not less than 10% of the number of electors of the Township of Alpena voting for the Township of Alpena Supervisor at the last election in which a supervisor was elected.

If the petition is successful, the question of incorporation will be placed on the ballot at the next general or special election.

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Township of Alpena Clerk