

**TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD  
BLIGHT ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. 32**

AN ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE BY ELIMINATING BLIGHT; TO DEFINE AND PROHIBIT BLIGHT; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1

SECTION 1.1. IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED THAT THE USES OF LAND DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE CONSTITUTE BLIGHT WHICH, IF ALLOWED TO EXIST, WILL RESULT IN UNSAFE, UNSANITARY AND UNDESIRABLE CONDITIONS.

SECTION 1.2. NO PERSON SHALL MAINTAIN OR PERMIT TO BE MAINTAINED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF BLIGHT UPON ANY PROPERTY OWNED, RENTED, OR OCCUPIED BY SUCH PERSON:

- (A) THE OUTDOOR STORAGE OF ANY JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE. THE TERM "JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE" SHALL INCLUDE ANY MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH DOES NOT HAVE A CURRENT LICENSE PLATE ON IT AND WHICH HAS BEEN INOPERABLE FOR ANY REASON FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF FIFTEEN (15) DAYS.
- (B) THE STORAGE OR ACCUMULATION OF GARBAGE OF ANY KIND, EXCEPT DOMESTIC REFUSE ORIGINATING ON THE PREMISES AND STORED IN A SANITARY MANNER FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FOURTEEN (14) DAYS. THE TERM "GARBAGE" SHALL INCLUDE FOOD WASTE MATTER AND DISCARDED FOOD CONTAINERS, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER HOUSEHOLD REFUSE.
- (C) THE OUTDOOR STORAGE OR ACCUMULATION OF JUNK. THE TERMS "JUNK" SHALL INCLUDE MACHINERY PARTS, CONTAINERS, USED TIRES, MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS, TIN CANS, UNUSED APPLIANCES, METAL REMNANTS, CAST-OFF MATERIALS, INOPERABLE FARM MACHINERY, DISCARDED BUILDING MATERIALS, AND ANY OTHER INOPERABLE OR DISCARDED MACHINERY OR MATERIALS.
- (D) THE DUMPING OR LANDFILLING OF ANY JUNK, GARBAGE, OR JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES. THE TERM "DUMPING OR LANDFILLING" SHALL INCLUDE BURYING OR OTHERWISE DISPOSING OF ITEMS ON PROPERTY NOT LICENSED AS A LANDFILL PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT.

ARTICLE II

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

SECTION 2.1. VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR WHICH SHALL BE PUNISHABLE UPON CONVICTION THEREOF BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED (\$500.00) DOLLARS AND/OR BY IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED TEN (10) DAYS.

SECTION 2.2. IF A PROPERTY OWNER FAILS TO ELIMINATE BLIGHT AFTER NOTIFICATION TO ELIMINATE SUCH BLIGHT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE TOWNSHIP TAX ROLL, AND THE TOWNSHIP BOARD DEEMS SUCH BLIGHT TO BE A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY, A DESIGNATED AGENT OF THE TOWNSHIP MAY ENTER THE PROPERTY AND ELIMINATE THE BLIGHT. THE COST OF SUCH BLIGHT ELIMINATION SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE PROPERTY ON THE NEXT TAX ROLL.

ARTICLE III

REPEAL

SECTION 3.1. THE FORMER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BLIGHT ORDINANCE NO. 17 IS HEREBY REPEALED.

ARTICLE IV

ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4.1. THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED BY THE DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD AT A MEETING DULY HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989.

SECTION 4.2. THIS ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LAPEER COUNTY PRESS ON THE 18TH OF OCTOBER, 1989.

SECTION 4.3. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION SPECIFIED IN SECTION 4.2.

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