

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01

On June 9, 2025, the Township Board of Garfield, Bay County, Michigan, adopted Garfield Township Municipal Penalty, Civil Infraction and Appearance Tickets Ordinance. This ordinance outlines the enforcement process for municipal civil infractions in Garfield Township, Michigan. It establishes how violations are identified, cited, and handled through the court system, ensuring that alleged violators have clear options to admit or deny responsibility, with or without explanation. Designated township officials—including inspectors, the sheriff, and the zoning administrator—are authorized to issue citations or appearance tickets depending on the type of violation. Civil infractions generally result in fines starting at \$100, with higher penalties for repeat offenses, while violations not specifically designated as civil infractions are treated as misdemeanors. The ordinance also allows for legal remedies such as injunctions and clarifies that state law will govern if any part of the ordinance is silent or conflicting.