

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Garfield Township hereby gives notice of proposed Ordinance No. 2025-02, Anti-Blight & Nuisance Ordinance.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held in the Township Hall located at 1138 W. Erickson Road, Linwood, Michigan 48634 on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at a meeting of the Township Board of Trustees. The Township Board of Trustees complies with the “Americans with Disabilities Act.” If auxiliary aids or services are required at a public meeting for individuals with disabilities, please contact Sean Gorman, Township Clerk, at least three (3) business days prior to any such meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for examination at the office of the Township Clerk and copies may be provided at a reasonable charge. The following is a summary of the proposed ordinance.

ANTI-BLIGHT & NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Section 1. Title. Section 1 states the title of the proposed ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose; Preamble; Findings. Section 2 of the proposed ordinance prohibits and makes it unlawful to commit, create, or maintain any public nuisance within the Township to regulate the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons and property, and to provide penalties for violations of the proposed ordinance.

Section 3. Definitions. Section 3 of the proposed ordinance defines terms as they will be used in the proposed ordinance.

Section 4. Public Nuisance Prohibited. Section 4 of the proposed ordinance defines a public nuisance and advises that all complaints alleging public nuisance be in writing to a member of the Township Board or representative with a general description of the location and alleged nuisance condition.

Section 5. Public Nuisances Per Se. Section 5 of the proposed ordinance provides acts and conditions considered a public nuisance per se.

Section 6. Dangerous Buildings Prohibited. Section 6 of the proposed ordinance would make it unlawful to keep or maintain a dangerous building, defines a dangerous building, and details the procedures the Township must follow to address complaints involving alleged dangerous buildings.

Section 7. Abatement; Costs. Section 7 of the proposed ordinance describes how the Township may charge all expenses, attorney fees, and costs to the person responsible for a nuisance.

Section 8. Enforcement and Penalties. Section 8 of the proposed ordinance addresses the Township’s ability to enforce the proposed ordinance pursuant to and in compliance with the Garfield Township Municipal Penalty, Civil Infraction and Appearance Tickets Ordinance.

Section 9. Severability. Section 9 of the proposed ordinance provides that if a portion of the proposed ordinance is held invalid, such holding will not affect the remaining provisions.

Section 10. Repealer Clause. Section 10 of the proposed ordinance provides that other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of the ordinance are repealed but only to the extent necessary to give the ordinance full force and effect.

Section 11. Effective Date. Section 11 of the proposed ordinance provides that it will take effect 20 days after adoption and publication.

Sean Gorman, Clerk
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