

**TOWNSHIP OF COURTLAND
COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN**

**TRASH ORDINANCE
UNIFORM ORD. NO. II EFF. MAY 5, 1973**

As an Ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight, blighting factors, or causes of blight, within the Township, and to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare by prohibiting the accumulation of trash and junk or either of them on premises other than in properly designated sanitary landfills or licensed junkyards, and to provide penalties for the violation of said Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP ORDAINS:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS.

(a) The terms **“Trash”** and **“Junk”** are used synonymously and each as herein used shall include the following: Used articles or used pieces of: iron, scrap metal, automobile bodies or parts of machinery or junked or discarded machinery, used lumber which may be used as a harborage for rats, ashes, garbage, industrial by-products or waste, empty cans, food containers, bottles, crockery, utensils of any kind, boxes, barrels, and all other articles customarily considered trash or junk and which are not housed in a building.

(b) The term **“Person”** as used herein shall include any person, firm or corporation. (uniform ord. no. II eff. May 5, 1973)

Section 2. ACCUMULATION OR PLACING OF TRASH OR JUNK.

It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate, place, or allow or permit the accumulation or placing of trash or junk on any premises in said Township, except in a sanitary landfill licensed by the State of Michigan or in a junkyard duly licensed by the Township. (uniform ord. no. II eff. May 5, 1973)

Section 3. PENALTY.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) together with court costs, in the discretion of the court. Each day that such violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense. (uniform ord. no. II eff. May 5, 1973)

Section 4. **VALIDITY.**

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part declared to be invalid. (uniform ord. no. 1 eff. May 5, 1973)

Section 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on the thirtieth day following publication thereof. (uniform ord. no. II eff. May 5, 1973)

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