THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE RAISIN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE# 106-01

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the safety, health and welfare for the general public.

STORAGE OF DISMANTLED OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR PARTS THEREOF

An ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Township of Raisin, Lenawee County, Michigan, a municipal corporation, by the regulation of the outdoor parking and storage of motor vehicles, tractor trailers, house trailers and new or used parts of junk therefrom, within the Township of Raisin: to provide penalties for the violation of this ordinance and to repeal any ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE TOWNSHIP OF RAISIN, LENAWEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

NAME

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Raisin Township Storage of Dismantled or Inoperable Motor Vehicles or Parts Thereof Ordinance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to limit and restrict the outdoor storage, parking or unreasonable accumulation or junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operating motor vehicles, house trailers, or tractor trailers, or new or used parts thereof upon premises primarily used or zoned for any type of residential purpose within the Township; to thereby avoid injury and hazards to children and others attracted to such vehicles or trailers; the devaluation of property values and the psychological ill effect of the presence of such vehicles or trailers upon adjoining residents and property owners.

REGULATIONS

A. No person, firm, or corporation shall park, store, or place upon any public right-of-way or public property, or upon any premises that is primarily used or is zoned for any type of residential purpose within the Township, any motor vehicle, house trailer, or similar type of residential unit or new or used parts of junk therefrom, unless the same is wholly contained within a ~~within a~~ permanent concealed enclosure and does not violate any zoning or building laws of the Township, County, or State of Michigan, except for the following:

1. Duly licensed and operable vehicles or trailers with substantially all main component parts attached.

2. Vehicles or trailers that are temporarily inoperable, because of minor mechanical failure, but which are not, in any manner, dismantled and have substantially all main component parts attached, which may remain upon such private property for not exceed 14 days.

3. Not more than one vehicle in fully operating condition, such as stock car or modified car that has been re-designed or reconstructed for a purpose other than that for which it was manufactured, provided no building or garage is located upon the premises in which the same could be parked or stored. In no event shall any such vehicle be parked in the front or side street yard area of any such residential premises.

B. No repairing, redesigning, modifying or dismantling work or operations shall be allowed upon any vehicle or trailer or parts thereof upon any public right-of-way or public property or on any property primarily used or zoned for any type of residential purpose for a period in excess of 24 hours except such as shall be accomplished within fully enclosed buildings; will not constitute a nuisance or annoyance to adjoining property owners or occupants; and does not violate any provision of the Raisin Township Zoning Ordinance. Any such work within such 24-hour period heretofore allowed shall not, however, consist of any major repair, re-designing, modifying or dismantling work, but only such occasional minor work as may frequently be required to maintain a vehicle or trailer or parts thereof in normal operating condition.

C. In the event the foregoing regulations create any special or peculiar hardship beyond the control of the particular violator thereof because of unforeseen circumstances, the Building and Zoning Inspector of the Township is hereby given the authority to grant permission to an applicant to operate contrary to the provisions hereof for a limited period of not to exceed 14 days provided no adjoining property owner or occupant is unreasonably adversely affected thereby and the spirit and purpose of the ordinance are still substantially observed.

NUISANCE

Any parking storage, placement, or operation in violation of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be a public nuisance which may be enjoined or which may subject the violator to civil damages and the fines and penalties herein provided for.

CONSTRUCTION

This. ordinance shall not prevent the operation of any licensed junk yard, salvage yard, garage, body, or paint shop legally operating within a proper zone as defined in the Raisin Township Zoning Ordinance, and shall be in addition to any other laws or ordinances respecting rubbish, refuse, litter, trash, or junk control and regulations.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of the ordinance other than said part of portion thereof.

PENALTY

Any violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed a Municipal Civil Infraction and shall be punishable pursuant to Raisin Charter Township Ordinance No. 101005-1 in addition to any costs of enforcement, including, but not limited to, costs of prosecution. In addition to any penalty for violation of this Ordinance, the Township is authorized to file a civil action seeking injunctive relief to further the enforcement of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of publication.

The foregoing Ordinance was approved by the Township Board at a Regular meeting on October 12, 2026.

Susan Bunch, Clerk

Debra Brousseau, Supervisor