

TOWN OF MARENGO
EYE SORE AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY
ORDINANCE # 02202024

The Town Board of Marengo, Ashland County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1 - Definitions: The following terms shall have the following meanings

1. **Blighted Property** shall mean real property on which are located structures which are not inhabitable because of deterioration or other causes or property which has been declared uninhabitable by appropriate health officials.
2. **Trash** shall mean any motor vehicle, lawn or garden implement, household appliance or fixture, trailer, travel trailer, tires, or similar item which is not in working condition.
3. **Privacy Fence** shall mean a fence constructed of wood, masonry, or any other material approved by the Town Board of Marengo or their designee. Fence shall be a minimum of six feet high with finished side facing toward contiguous properties.

SECTION 2 – No owner, lessee, or occupier of any real property in the Town of Marengo may permit that property to become a blighted property.

SECTION 3 – Property owners of “Trash” visible from the highway/road or visible to the public shall install a privacy fence to obscure the view of such material from the public highway.

SECTION 4 – All vehicles licensed and operable by State law shall not be considered a junk motor vehicle.

SECTION 5 – The Town Board of Marengo shall notify, in writing, the owner of the real estate (as indicated on the tax roll) in violation of this ordinance to correct any condition which violated this ordinance.

SECTION 6 – Any person in violation of this ordinance shall correct any violation(s) **within sixty (60) days** of the date of such written notification.

SECTION 7 – PENALTY – Any person not in compliance shall be adjudged a forfeiture of \$25.00 per day commencing on the 61st day after the notification was sent, plus those costs of prosecution permitted by Wisconsin statutes.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any section or sections herein shall be ruled unconstitutional by any competent court, such determination shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the other sections of this Ordinance and the remainder of said Ordinance shall remain in effect.

This ordinance was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marengo on this ____ day of _____, 2024.

The Town Board of Marengo

BY: _____
Stephen Walston – Chairman

Attest _____
Kimberly Padjen – Clerk

Kenneth Reas – Supervisor

James Schultz – Supervisor

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Marengo on the ____ day of February, _____, shall be effective upon publication in the newspaper pursuant to s. 60.80, Wis. Stat.

Kimberly Padjen, Clerk