

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ADRIAN

LENAWEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

ORDINANCE ____

An ordinance to secure the public peace, health safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Adrian, Lenawee county, Michigan, a municipal corporation, by the regulation of outdoor parking and storage of vehicles as defined herein, and new or used parts therefrom, within the Township; to provide penalties for the violation of this ordinance and to repeal any ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ADRIAN, LENAWE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to limit and restrict the outdoor storage, parking, or unreasonable accumulation of junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operating vehicles as defined herein, 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; the devaluation of property values and the psychological ill effect of the presence of such vehicles upon adjoining residents and property owners.

Section 2. Definitions

- 2.1. Dismantled or partially dismantled motor vehicle means any motor vehicle from which some part which is ordinarily a component of such motor vehicle has been removed or is missing.
- 2.2. Fully enclosed building as used herein shall mean a building with roof, windows that are not broken or which may be covered with a wood or metal and with operable doors.
- 2.3. Inoperable motor vehicle means any motor vehicle which, by reason of dismantling, lack of repair, or other cause, is incapable of being propelled under its own power.
- 2.4. Motor vehicle means any wheeled vehicle which is designed to be self-propelled and is not operable upon rails

- 2.5. Vehicle as used in this ordinance shall mean: Junk, unused, partially dismantled or non-operating motor vehicles; house trailers, tractor trailers, and trailers of any other kind; watercraft; recreation vehicles such as snowmobiles and ATV's; lawnmowers; aircraft; or used parts therefrom.

Section 3. Regulations

- 3.1. No person firm or corporation shall park, store, or place upon any public right-of-way or public property, or upon any on any parcel of land in the Township, platted or unplatted, or any street adjacent thereto, unless any such motor vehicle or parts thereof shall be kept in a wholly enclosed garage or structure. Alternatively, such motor vehicle or parts thereof may be stored or placed in an area that is screened, by landscaping or fencing otherwise permitted by the Township zoning ordinance, in such a manner that the motor vehicle or parts cannot be readily seen from adjoining properties, except for the following:
- A. Duly licensed and operable vehicles with substantially all main component parts attached.
 - B. Vehicles 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 outside a totally enclosed building on such private property for not to exceed 14 days.
 - C. This section shall not apply to motor vehicles which are upon the premises of any licensed, new or used automobile dealer, gasoline service station, automobile repair garage, or junk yard; provided however, that the preceding shall not be construed to permit a use of land not allowed by applicable zoning ordinances.
- 3.2. In the event the foregoing regulations create any special or peculiar hardship beyond the control of the particular violator thereof because of unforeseen circumstances, he or she may request an extension in writing from the Zoning Inspector of the Township who, after consulting with the Township Supervisor, is hereby given the authority to grant permission to an applicant to operate contrary to the provisions hereof for a limited period not to exceed 14 days provided no adjoining property owner or occupant is adversely affected thereby and the spirit and purpose of the ordinance are still substantially observed.

Section 4. Nuisance Per Se

Any violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

Section 5. Penalty

- 5.1. Upon discovering a violation of this ordinance, the Zoning Enforcement Officer shall notify the violator orally or in writing, by means of first class letter. Such notice shall give up to 5 days for the violation to be abated or a civil infraction shall be issued. No further notification is required for subsequent violations in a three year period.
- 5.2. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed responsible for a civil infraction. Penalties may be imposed as set forth in the Adrian Charter Township Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance, together with costs and all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the plaintiff has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction, including actual attorney fees, up to the entry of judgment. Costs of not more than \$500.00 shall be ordered.
- 5.3. Each and every day during which a violation of this ordinance shall exist shall be deemed to be a separate offense.
- 5.4. In addition to pursuing a municipal civil infraction proceeding pursuant to subsection 5.2 hereof, the Township may also initiate an appropriate action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking injunctive, declaratory, or other equitable relief to enforce or interpret this ordinance or any provision of the ordinance. The Township shall be entitled to receive actual attorney fees expended for enforcement of this ordinance from any person found in violation.
- 5.5. All remedies available to the Township under this ordinance and Michigan law shall be deemed to be cumulative and not exclusive.
- 5.6. Any person, firm or entity that assists with or enables the violation of this ordinance shall be responsible for aiding and abetting, and shall be considered to have violated the provision of this ordinance involved for which such aiding and abetting occurred. Furthermore, any attempt to violate this ordinance shall be deemed a violation of the provision of this ordinance involved as if the violation had been successful or completed.

Section 6. Construction

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

Section 7. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word or 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 the said part or portion thereof.

Section 8. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the publication of this ordinance.

Ordinance declared adopted on _____

YEAS: () _____
NAYS: () _____
ABSENT: () _____

Ordinance declared adopted on _____, 2026.

Stephen May
Supervisor for the Charter Township of
Adrian

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION

I, Sarah Buku, the Clerk of the Charter Township of Adrian certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of the ordinance enacted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Adrian on _____, 2026 and published in the _____, a newspaper circulated in the Township of Adrian on _____, 2026.

Sarah Buku
Clerk for the Charter Township of Adrian