ORDINANCE No. 2021-4 BARTON TOWNSHIP NUISANCE JUNK ORDINANCE

PREAMBLE

An ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Barton, Newaygo County, Michigan, by the regulation of the accumulation of junk, debris, waste and dismantled or wrecked motor vehicles. It is determined that the accumulation of such junk constitutes a nuisance and that such activity is not otherwise regulated by state, county or township law.

I. NAME.

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Barton Township Nuisance Junk Ordinance."

II. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "junk" shall mean any motor vehicle, machinery, appliance, product or merchandise, scrap metal, other scrap materials which are damaged, deteriorated, or that are in a condition which prevents their use for the purpose for which they were intended, and household trash.

III. REGULATIONS.

No person shall place, discard, or abandon junk in a place where it is visible from a highway, street, or other public way, unless the same are wholly contained within a fully enclosed building or are otherwise screened by natural objects, plantings, fences or other appropriate means so as not to be visible to public view.

V. ENFORCEMENT.

The Barton Township Zoning Administrator and his designees are authorized as local enforcement officers of this Ordinance.

VI. PENALTY.

Violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall be deemed a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 along with costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Barton Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan Law. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

VIII. SAVING CLAUSE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in force and effect. A true copy of this Ordinance can be obtained with Barton Township Clerk.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication and upon being signed by the Township Clerk.

Dated: 4-13-2021

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Effective: 4-15-202

Kyle Luce Fownship Supervisor

Pam Rosendall, Township Cle