

## BLIGHT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT, REDUCE, OR ELIMINATE BLIGHT, BLIGHTING FACTORS OR CAUSES OF BLIGHT WITHIN ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT HEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF, PURSUANT TO THE ENACTING AUTHORITY THEREFORE PROVIDED BY ACT 344 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1945, AS AMENDED.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ISHPEMING, MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

### Section 1. Purpose

Consistent with the letter and spirit of Act No. 344 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to prevent, reduce, or eliminate blight or potential blight, environmental causes of blight or blighting factors which exist or which may in the future exist in said Township.

### Section 2. Causes of Blight or Blighting Factors

It is hereby determined that the following uses, structures and activities are causes of blight or blighting factors which, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighted and undesirable neighborhoods. On and after the effective date of this Ordinance, no person, firm or corporation of any kind shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of these causes of blight or blighting factors upon any property in Ishpeming Township owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person, firm or corporation.

- A. In any area platted or subdivided, recorded or unrecorded, but zoned for residential purposes, the storage upon any property of junk automobiles except in a completely enclosed building. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "junk automobiles" shall include any motor vehicle which is not licensed for use upon the highways of the State of Michigan, and shall also include, whether so licensed or not, any motor vehicle which is inoperative.
- B. In any area zoned for residential purposes, the storage upon any property of building materials unless there is in force a valid building permit issued by the Township of Ishpeming for construction upon said property and said materials are intended

for use in connection with such construction. Building materials shall include, but shall not be limited to, lumber, bricks, concrete or cement, nails, screws, or any other materials used in constructing any structure.

- C. In any area, the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish, or refuse of any kind without a landfill permit, except domestic refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days. The term "junk" shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of woods, metal or any other material or other cast-off material of any kind whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.
- D. In any area the existence of any structure or part of any structure which, because of fire, wind or other natural disaster or physical deterioration is no longer habitable, if a dwelling, nor useful for any other purpose for which it may have been intended.
- E. In any area, the existence of any vacant dwelling, garage or other outbuilding unless such buildings are kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals or other unauthorized persons.
- F. In any area the existence of any partially completed structure, unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid and subsisting building permit issued by the Township and unless such construction is completed within a reasonable time.

### Section 3. Enforcement and Penalties

- A. This Ordinance shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the Township Board.
- B. The owner, if possible, and the occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in Section 2 hereof is found to exist, shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from such property within ten (10) days after service of the notice upon him. Such may be personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bonafide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are in progress.

- C. Failure to comply with such notice within time allowed to the owner and/or occupant shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.
- D. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) Dollars or by imprisonment for not exceeding thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court for each day of violation.

Section 4. Effective Date and Adoption

- A. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its publication as required by law.
- B. This Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan, at a regular meeting thereof held on June 13, 1968.

Signed: Bernard A. Mattila  
Township Clerk

Published: June 22, 1968

Effective Date: July 22, 1968

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Ishpeming Township Board at a Regular meeting held on the 13th day of June 1968.

Signed: Bernard A. Mattila  
Township Clerk