

COUNTY OF CLARE, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TOWNSHIP OF FROST NUISANCE ORDINANCE NO. 20

**ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE**

**ADOPTED: 12-19-2000**

**EFFECTIVE: 02-1- 2001**

An ordinance to secure the public health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of Clare County, Frost Township, Michigan, by regulating, preventing, reducing or eliminating blight, blighting factors or causes of blight within said township, to provide for the enforcement thereof; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

**BOARD OF FROST TOWNSHIP**

CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I**

NAME

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Frost Township Anti-Blight Ordinance.

**SECTION II**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of Frost Township by regulating, and preventing, reducing, or eliminating blight or potential blight in the county through the prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes or blighting factors which exist or may exist in the future within the township.

# SECTION III

## CAUSES OF BLIGHT OR BLIGHTING FACTORS

On and after the effective date of this ordinance, no person, firm, corporation or entity of any kind shall maintain or allow to be maintained upon any property in the Township of Frost owned, leased, rented or occupied or possessed by such person, firm corporation or entity of any kind any of the following uses, structures or activities which are hereby determined to be causes of blight or blighting factors which, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighted or undesirable neighborhoods and threaten the public health, safety, and welfare:

a) The parking or storage of “junk automobiles” outside of a completely enclosed building in any area (not including property for which a valid junk-salvage yard permit license issued by the township or State Of Michigan is in effect) or a legitimate place of business in which the use of such materials is necessary for a period in excess of forty-five days.

For the purpose of this ordinance the term “junk automobile” shall include any motor vehicle which is not licensed for use upon the highways of the State of Michigan, and shall also include, whether licensed or not, any motor vehicle which is inoperable or does not have all its main component parts attached.

b) The storage of “building materials” within plain site of roadway and or immediate neighbors in any area for a period in excess of thirty (30) days, not including building materials stored on the site of property for which a valid building permit has been issued by the appropriate county or township building official and where said materials are intended for use in connection with such construction.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the term “building materials” shall include lumber, bricks, concrete, cinderblocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws or any other materials used in constructing any structure.

c) The storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind outside of a completely enclosed building in any area (not including property for which a valid junk-salvage yard permit issued by a municipality within the township is in effect) for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the term “junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind” shall include without limitations, parts of vehicles, metal, iron, steel, copper, brass, zinc, tin, lead, rope, rubber rags, clothing, wood, plastic, paper, glass, garbage, appliances, mobile homes not meeting the minimum standards for inhabitation by humans, unusable trailers, televisions, furniture, or any other scrap or waste material of any kind, including parts of any of the above, but not including domestic refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days, and not including firewood stored in an orderly manner.

d) Any structure or part of structure which because of fire, wind or other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is no longer habitable as a dwelling, or useful for any other purpose for which it may have been intended.

## **SECTION IV**

### **PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT**

a) Violation of this ordinance shall be a civil infraction. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **Minimum Maximum**

First Violation \$50.00 \$500.00

Second Violation \$125.00 \$500.00 within 3-year period

Third Violation \$250.00 \$500.00 within 3-year period

Fourth and subsequent violation \$400.00 \$500.00 within 3-year period

(of the same ordinance violation)

b) This ordinance shall be enforced by such person or persons as may be designated by the Frost Township Board.

## **SECTION V**

### **VALIDITY**

Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

## **SECTION VI**

### **NON-REPEAL**

This ordinance shall not be construed to repeal by implication any other ordinance of Frost Township pertaining to the same subject matter.

## **SECTION VII**

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take immediate effect.

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Emerson Davis  
Frost Township Clerk