

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT, REDUCE OR ELIMINATE BLIGHT, BLIGHTING FACTORS, OR CAUSES OF BLIGHT, WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, AND TO SECURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE BY PROHIBITING THE ACCUMULATION OF TRASH AND JUNK OR EITHER OF THEM ON PREMISES OTHER THAN IN PROPERLY DESIGNATED SANITARY LANDFILLS OR LICENSED JUNK YARDS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title:

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the GROUT Township Junk Ordinance, regulating junk storage and accumulation in GROUT Township.

SECTION 2. Purpose:

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to abrogate, affect, or supersede any applicable state law or county ordinances, regulations, or authority. It is the purpose of this ordinance to supplement state laws and to regulate the storage and accumulation of junk in the absence of regulation by state law or ordinances.

SECTION 3. Definitions:

- (a) The terms "Junk" and "Trash" are used synonymously and each as herein used shall include, without limitation, the following: Used articles or used pieces of: iron, scrap metal, automobile bodies or parts of machinery or junked or discarded machinery, furniture, appliances, used lumber which may be used as a harborage for rats, ashes, garbage, industrial by-products or waste, empty cans, food containers, bottles, crockery, utensils of any kind, boxes, barrels, and all other articles customarily considered trash or junk and which are not housed in a building.
- (b) The term "Private Premises" shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned or occupied by a person, whether or not improved with any dwelling, house, building, or other structure, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant.
- (c) The term "Person" as used herein shall include any person, firm or corporation.

SECTION 4. Regulation

It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate, place, or allow or permit the accumulation or placing of trash or junk on any premises in said township, except in a sanitary landfill licensed by the State of Michigan, in a junk yard duly licensed by the Township or in receptacles for not longer than twenty (20) days while awaiting lawful disposal.

SECTION 5. Failure to Remedy Prohibited Condition; Lien.

Should the owner fail to remedy the condition after notice as described herein, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer or the duly authorized representative of the Township of GROU may remedy the condition or cause the same to be done by personnel of the Township or by private contractor, and the actual cost of remedying the prohibited condition plus 10% for inspection and overhead and other additional costs in connection therewith, shall be collected as a special assessment against the premises as provided in the statutes and shall become a lien against the property. Levying or collecting such a special assessment shall not relieve any person offending against this Ordinance from the penalty prescribed for the violation of same.

SECTION 6. Violation.

- (a) Any violation of or any failure to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or 90 days in jail. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance is continued or permitted to exist without compliance shall constitute a separate offense punishable upon conviction in the manner prescribed in this Section. The Township may proceed under Paragraph 5 or 6, or both.
- (b) In addition to any remedies available at law, the township may bring an action for an injunction or other process against any person to restrain, prevent or abate any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Severability.

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 8. Effective Date.

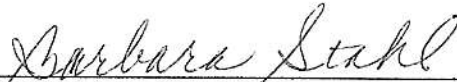
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication in a newspaper in general circulation within the Township of GROU.



The foregoing ordinance, **Grout Township Junk Ordinance 2003-1**, was offered by Board Member Stahl, and seconded by Board Member Nash.

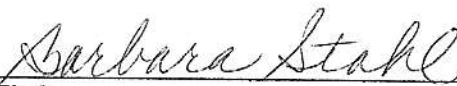
By roll call vote, the following voted "aye": Stahl, Kliewoneit, Conner, Nash and Shearer
"nay": none
absent: none

The Supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.


Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Stahl, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Grout Township, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, **Grout Township Junk Ordinance 2003-1** was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on January 6, 2003, at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth.


Clerk

ORDINANCE ADOPTED: January 6, 2003
ORDINANCE PUBLISHED: January 22, 2003 in the *Gladwin County Record*
ORDINANCE FILED WITH GLADWIN COUNTY CLERK: January 23, 2003
ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2003



JUNK ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT
COMPLAINT FORM
555 WEST CEDAR AVENUE
GLADWIN, MI 48624
517-426-6920

DATE: _____

PROPERTY OWNER: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

VIOLATION ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY ID#: _____ TOWNSHIP: _____ SECTION: _____

COMPLAINT: _____

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

TOWNSHIP: _____

PICTURES SUPPLIED: YES _____ NO _____ COMPLAINT REC'D BY: _____

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FIELD CHECK DATES AND COMMENTS: _____

DATE OF COMPLIANCE: _____