

ARTICLE III. JUNK

Sec. 12-61. Legislative findings.

It is hereby determined that there exists on privately owned parcels of land within the township accumulations of junk, junk cars and/or garbage and such accumulation of junk, junk cars and/or garbage constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the township for the reasons that they provide a habitat conducive to breeding and nesting of rats, mice and other vermin and also that they contain objects with

sharp edges and other hazards which could injure small children who would be attracted to play thereon without appreciating the danger thereof, and that the regulations contained in this article are the minimum regulations required to eliminate the foregoing undesirable conditions and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

(Ord. No. 54, § I, 9-28-89)

Sec. 12-62. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Garbage means any accumulation of trash, refuse or litter, specifically including, but not limited to, containers once containing edible, drinkable or usable materials, as well as dead animals (or parts thereof) and discarded edible or drinkable items.

Junk means any unused or unusable building materials, furniture, machinery, appliances, or parts thereof, including junk motor vehicles.

Junk motor vehicle means any motor vehicle which is in such condition of disrepair that it shall not be legally operable upon public roads of this state or which is unlicensed for a period of six (6) months or longer after the last days of licensing of motor vehicles in the state.

Rubbish means wastepaper, tinware, or aluminum ware, tin or aluminum cans, tin or aluminum cuttings, boxes, glass, straw, shavings, barrels, lumber, paper cartons, brush, lawn cuttings and hedge trimmings.

(Ord. No. 54, § II, 9-28-89)

Sec. 12-63. Storage of junk.

No owner, occupant or possessor of land within the township shall keep or permit to be kept, at any time, on such parcel any accumulation of junk, unless the same is within a completely enclosed building.

(Ord. No. 54, § III(A), 9-28-89; Ord. No. 54-B, 2-25-93; Ord. No. 54-D, 1-13-94)

Sec. 12-64. Storage of rubbish and garbage.

No owner, occupant or possessor of land in the township shall keep or permit to be kept at any time on such parcel any rubbish or garbage unless the same is kept within a closely covered can or other metal, plastic or rubber container designed for same and sufficient to prevent entry of rats, mice or other vermin.

(Ord. No. 54, § III, 9-28-89)

Sec. 12-65. Storage of junk motor vehicles (automobiles) restricted.

(a) Except as provided below, no junk motor vehicle (automobile) shall be kept for any period of thirty (30) days or longer upon any premises within the township, which premises are not a licensed junk yard of which premises are not a public motor vehicle repair garage regularly used and occupied, as a legal commercial public motor vehicle repair garage.

(b) This section shall not prohibit the keeping of farm tractors or other motorized farm equipment upon any farm on which such tractor or farm equipment is regularly used for farming operations nor shall it prohibit the keeping of motorized construction equipment upon commercial premises legally devoted to such construction business if such construction equipment is regularly used or in a usable condition.

(c) This section shall not prohibit the keeping or storage of junk motor vehicles provided same are kept and stored within a completely enclosed building.

(d) The owner, occupant or possessor of land within the township may keep and store no more than four (4) junk motor vehicles (automobiles) upon the following conditions:

- (1) The owner, occupant or possessor of the land on which the junk vehicles (automobiles) are stored intends to repair or restore same or to use all or part of the stored junk vehicles (automobiles) in the repair or restoration of other vehicles (automobiles).
- (2) The issuance of a permit by the township police department setting forth that the junk vehicles (automobiles), as

described in the permit, may be stored within an area enclosed by a six-foot high privacy fence, which prevents the junk motor vehicles (automobiles) from being visible outside the storage area.

Note—Fence construction requires permit from the building department.

- (3) The storage area shall consist of an area no larger than eight hundred (800) square feet, located in the back yard of the premises and located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from the back lot line and each side lot line of the premises.
- (4) Requests for a permit shall be submitted annually in writing to the police department and shall include the applicant's name, address and telephone number, and proof of ownership; a description of the junk motor vehicles (automobiles) to be stored including VIN number; the address of the premises where the junk motor vehicles are to be stored and a diagram of the specific area on the premises where the junk motor vehicles are to be stored; and a statement as to the intended final disposition of each junk motor vehicle. A non-refundable application fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid to the township police department when the application is submitted.
- (5) Upon receipt of the application, the township police department shall review the application and inspect the premises and storage area and, if the police department finds the junk motor vehicles to be stored within the proposed storage area will not be visible from the outside of the storage area and that the storage of the junk motor vehicles will not pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare, the township police department may issue a permit. The permit shall be good for a period of one (1) year. The permit may be renewed at the discretion of the police chief, but only, if reasonable progress toward the repair or restoration of the junk motor vehicles was made during the period of the prior permit.

(Ord. No. 54, § IV, 9-28-89; Ord. No. 54-D, 1-13-94)

Sec. 12-66. Abandoned vehicles.

Abandoned vehicles are covered under state law, MCL 257.252a, MSA 9.1952(1).
(Ord. No. 54-A, 11-9-89)

Sec. 12-67. Violation.

A violation of sections 12-61 through 12-66 of the Code shall be a township civil infraction.
(Ord. No. 61-3-94, § 7, 10-27-94)