

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING

ORDINANCE NO. ____

An ordinance to repeal and replace the below section of Chapter 19 and 36 of the Code of Ordinances.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal and Replace of the below Sections of Chapter 19 and 36 the Code of Ordinances as follows:

Article 3 Junk

Sec. 19-62. Definitions.

Removal of recreational vehicles definition.

(Ord. No. 54, § II, 9-28-89)

Sec. 19-65. 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) 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 established by the Township Board shall be paid to the township police department when the application is submitted. Fees shall be payable to the Township or its authorized agent. A schedule of fees as approved by the Township Board shall be maintained on file at the Township offices.

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. 36-200. Definitions.

Recreational vehicle means any vehicle designed to be used primarily for recreational purposes to move one or more persons over the ground, air, water, ice or snow, and which is either self-propelled or connects to a vehicle which is self-propelled, including, but not limited to, house trailers, recreational trailers, trailer coaches, campers, fifth wheels, pickup campers, motor homes, folding tent trailers, boats and boat trailers, golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, off-road recreational vehicles, aircraft; provided, however, that any such vehicle or unit which is 40 feet or more in overall length and connected to water or sewer facilities shall be considered a mobile home and shall be subject to all regulations of all ordinances applicable to a mobile home.

Sec. 36-319. Temporary Travel Trailer or Recreational Vehicle Parking

(G) The authorized township official shall have the authority to enter at any reasonable time any premises upon which a travel trailer or other recreational vehicle is parked, used, or occupied for the purpose of ascertaining that the owner, operator, or occupant thereof is complying with all the statutes, ordinances, and rules and regulations governing the same.

(J) No owner, occupant or possessor of land within the Township shall keep or permit to be kept at any time on such land, any recreational vehicle unless the recreational vehicle is properly stored, as provided in this ordinance.

1. A recreational vehicle may be kept on a driveway provided the recreational vehicle is a minimum of one hundred (100) feet from any window or door of any residence adjoining or across the street from the property where the vehicle is kept.
2. A recreational vehicle may be kept in the rear yard if the frontage of the property is less than 125 feet.
3. If the frontage of the property is equal to or more than 125 feet, the recreational vehicle may be kept in the rear yard or the side yard as defined in the zoning ordinance.
4. A recreational vehicle may not be parked in the required front yard setback.
5. A parcel shall be limited to having one RV parked in the driveway at a time.
6. While on the driveway, the recreational vehicle must be operable and display a current license plate or appropriate registration.
7. Any cover placed on a recreational vehicle must be free of rips or tears and securely fastened at all times.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after publication.

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Flushing held on _____, 2025, adoption of the foregoing ordinance was moved by _____ and supported by _____.

Voting for:

Voting against:

The Supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.

Wendy D. Meinburg

Frederick R. Thorsby

Township Clerk

Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. _____ which was enacted by the Charter Township of Flushing Township Board at a regular meeting held on _____, 2025.

Wendy D. Meinburg
Township Clerk

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