

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE
OF DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE TIMELINE FOR
PURSUING VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE**

The Township of Douglass ordains:

Section 1. Purpose

The Township adopts this Ordinance to render effective timelines for violations of zoning ordinance and to promote the public health, safety and welfare of Township residents.

Section 2. Amendment to Section 21.01 to the Zoning Ordinance

The Township’s Zoning Ordinance is amended to add timeline for violations to section 21.01 of the Zoning Ordinance, (VIOLATION & PENALTIES) which reads as follows in its entirety:

SECTION 21.01 VIOLATION & PENALTIES

Any use of land which is commenced or conducted, or any building or structure which is erected, moved, placed, reconstructed, raised, extended, enlarged, altered, maintained or changed, in violation of any provision of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance, per se. Any person who disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance or any permit, license or exception granted hereunder, or any lawful order of the Zoning Administrator, Zoning Board of Appeals, or the Township Board issued in pursuance of this ordinance shall be a violation of this ordinance. Any such violation is hereby declared to be a nuisance, per se. A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall not be less than \$150.00 nor more than \$500.00 for the first offense and not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the Court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, attorney’s fees, and expenses. Zoning administrator shall issue citation, and recipient of citation shall have 21 days to rectify situation. For purposes of this Section, “subsequent offense” means a violation of the same provision of this ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible. Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 3. Validity and Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance is found invalid for any reason, such holding will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance takes effect seven days after publication as provided by law

AYES: Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting

NAYS:

Ordinance declared adopted.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF MONTCALM)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township of Douglass, Montcalm County, Michigan (the “Township”), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting on Oct. 16, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 16th day of October, 2024.

Holly Huff

Clerk of Douglass Township