

TOWNSHIP OF ARCADIA
BLIGHT ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 302

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by eliminating blight; to define and prohibit blight; and to provide penalties for violations.

TOWNSHIP OF ARCADIA ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I

Blight Defined and Prohibited

Section 1.1. It is hereby determined that the uses of land described in this Article constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary and undesirable conditions.

Section 1.2. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any property owned, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (a) The outdoor storage of any junk motor vehicle. The term "junk motor vehicle" shall include any motor vehicle which does not have a current license plate on it and which has been inoperable for any reason for a period in excess of fifteen (15) days.
- (b) The storage or accumulation of garbage of any kind, except domestic refuse originating on the premises and stored in a sanitary manner for a period not-to-exceed fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers, as well as any other household refuse.
- (c) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, tires, containers, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, metal remnants, cast-off materials, inoperable farm machinery, discarded building materials, and any other inoperable or discarded machinery, aircraft, watercraft, recreational vehicles, or other materials.
- (d) The dumping or landfilling of any junk, garbage, or junk motor vehicles. The term "dumping or landfilling" shall include burying or otherwise disposing of items on property not licensed as a landfill pursuant to the Michigan Solid Waste Management Act.
- (e) The existence of lawns with grass, weeds, or brush, taller than 12 inches within the defined open spaces, or setbacks, from any residence (see Ordinance 100, Section 14.02). Areas that cannot be safely maintained, as well as actively cultivated and maintained naturalized areas, are exempt from this paragraph.
(Adopted November 12, 2013)

ARTICLE II

Enforcement and Penalties

Section 2.1. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars and/or by imprisonment not-to-exceed ten (10) days.

Section 2.2. If a property owner fails to eliminate blight after notification to eliminate such blight has been sent to the address shown on the Township tax roll, and the Township Board deems such blight to be a danger to the public health or safety, a designated agent of the Township may enter the property and eliminate the blight. The cost of such blight elimination shall be assessed against the property on the next tax roll.

ARTICLE III

Enactment and Effective Date

Section 3.1. This Ordinance was adopted by the Arcadia Township Board at a meeting duly held on the 12th day of November, 2013.


Section 3.2. This Ordinance was published in the L.A. View on the 21st day of November, 2013.

Section 3.3. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after the date of publication specified in Section 3.2.

Section 3.4. The former Arcadia Township Anti-Blight Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 300 adopted February 4, 1976, is hereby repealed in its entirety.



John Howell, Supervisor



Sharna L. Smith, Clerk