

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
Re: CIVIL INFRACTIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 2024.001

At a meeting of the Township Board of Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, held at the Washington Township Hall, on the 17th day of October, 2024, at 7:00p.m., Barbara Hoffer moved to adopt Amendment 2024.001 to the Zoning Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Kevin Whaley.

An ordinance to amend Chapter X of the Washington Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for the issuance of a civil infraction citation as a penalty for violating its contents.

Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, Ordains:

Section 1. Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment: The Washington Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter X, shall hereby be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

10.1 Violations. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se and are punishable by municipal civil infraction citation as well as other remedies permitted by this Ordinance.

10.2 Civil Infractions. Any person, corporation or firm who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance or any permit, license or exception granted hereunder, or any lawful order or decision issued by the Township in pursuance of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction. Upon admission of responsibility, or a finding of responsibility for the violation before any court having jurisdiction, he or she shall be punishable by a civil fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, set in accordance with a schedule for fines set by resolution of the Township Board, plus costs and attorney fees for each violation. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional legal actions, sanctions, remedies, and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan law including seeking injunctive relief. Each day a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist constitutes a separate violation.

Section 2. Form: This Zoning Ordinance Amendment may be compiled and incorporated into any subsequent revision of the Township Zoning Ordinance. Such incorporation or compilation may involve changing the chapter or section number of Section 1 above. However, such change shall not impact the enforceability of Section 1's contents.

Section 3. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 4. Repeal: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

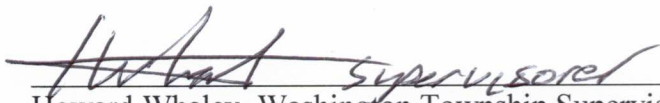
Section 5. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication.

YEAS: Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer, Kevin Whaley, Nancy Rogers and Eric Whitford.

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED: October 17, 2024


Howard Whaley, Washington Township Supervisor

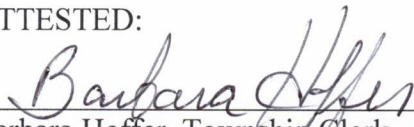
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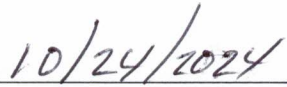
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Washington Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of that Township Board held on October 17, 2024, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above Ordinance was duly published in the Gratiot County Herald, a newspaper that circulates within Washington Township, on October 24, 2024.
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded the above Ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the township board voting, and how each member voted.
4. I filed an attested copy of the above Ordinance with the Gratiot County Clerk on October 24, 2024.

ATTESTED:


Barbara Hoffer, Township Clerk


Date