

**GRASS LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
JACKSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
AMENDMENT TO JUNK VEHICLES ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. PPO-05**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan, held at the Grass Lake Charter Township Hall on the 13th day of November, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., Lester moved to finally adopt the following Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Butterfield:

*An Ordinance amending the Grass Lake Charter Township Junk Vehicles Ordinance to provide for a more expansive definition of "Junk Vehicle," to limit the outdoor storage of vehicles within the Township, and to repeal all conflicting ordinances or parts of ordinances.*

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRASS LAKE ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO JUNK VEHICLES ORDINANCE, SECTION II.A: DEFINITIONS.** Section II.A of the Grass Lake Township Junk Vehicles Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

A. Vehicle – The term "Vehicle" used herein shall include:

- (1) Automobiles;
- (2) Trucks;
- (3) Truck trailers;
- (4) Motor homes;
- (5) Travel trailers;
- (6) Camping trailers;
- (7) Utility trailers;
- (8) Motorcycles;
- (9) Boats, regardless of size or means of propulsion;
- (10) Mopeds; off-road vehicles; recreational vehicles;
- (11) Hovercraft, personal watercraft; snow mobiles; and
- (12) Any motorized or self-propelled means of conveyance for use on land or water, which when used on a public road, street, highway, waterway, or trail requires a license or registration issued by the State of Michigan.

**SECTION 2: AMENDMENT TO JUNK VEHICLES ORDINANCE, SECTION II.C: DEFINITIONS.** Section II.C of the Grass Lake Township Junk Vehicles Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

- C. Operable Vehicle – Shall mean a Vehicle in working mechanical condition, capable of being operated as intended and in a safe manner upon a public road, street, highway, waterway, or trail.

**SECTION 3: AMENDMENT TO JUNK VEHICLES ORDINANCE, SECTION III.A: DEFINITIONS.** Section III.A of the Grass Lake Township Junk Vehicles Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

- A. No person, firm, corporation, or similar entity shall park, store, or place upon any public right-of-way or public property, or upon any private property that is not specifically zoned for this use any Vehicle that is not two of the following: (i) Duly Licensed, (ii) an Insured Vehicle, or (iii) an Operable Vehicle. If state law does not require a Vehicle to be Duly Licensed or an Insured Vehicle, that Vehicle shall not be parked, stored, or placed upon any public right-of-way or public property, or upon any private property if that Vehicle is not an Operable Vehicle. In addition, no new or used parts or junk from any vehicle shall be parked, stored, or placed as described above, unless those parts or junk are completely stored within a fully enclosed building and do not violate any zoning or building laws of the Township or the State of Michigan. This Section does not apply to the following:
1. Vehicles that are temporarily inoperable because of minor mechanical failure, but which have substantially all main component parts attached and are not dismantled in any manner may remain upon such private property for no longer than thirty (30) days.
  2. Not more than one (1) Vehicle in fully operating condition, such as a stock car or modified car, that has been redesigned or reconstructed for the purpose other than that for which it was manufactured, provided no building or garage is located upon the premises in which the same could be parked or stored. In no event shall any such Vehicle be parked in the front or side yard of any residential premises.
  3. Unlicensed, but operable farm trucks in active use as part of a farming operation.
  4. Truck trailers used for long-term storage or as part of a farm operation, provided the location is approved in writing by the Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The location of the truck trailer on the property shall be located in such a way so as to minimize its visibility from neighboring properties and public right-of-ways.

**SECTION 4: AMENDMENT TO JUNK VEHICLES ORDINANCE, SECTION III.D: DEFINITIONS.** Section III.D of the Grass Lake Township Junk Vehicles Ordinance shall be amended to read as follows:

- D. No Vehicle shall be parked, stored, maintained, or placed in any location other than the rear yard of any property for a period exceeding forty-eight (48) hours, unless that Vehicle is parked, stored, maintained, or placed within a driveway or is located on a property zoned for this use. Any Vehicle parked, stored, maintained, or placed in the rear yard of a property shall be located in such a way so as to minimize its visibility from neighboring properties and public right-of-ways. No more than four (4) vehicles may be

stored on any property that is not zoned for this use unless those Vehicles are completely stored within a fully enclosed building and do not violate any zoning or building laws of the Township, County, or State of Michigan.

**SECTION 5: 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 6: REPEAL:** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

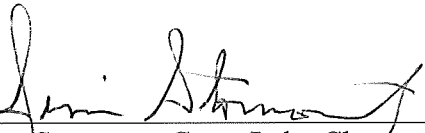
**SECTION 7: EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall take effect the day following publication and posting after final adoption by the Township Board.

YEAS: Lester, Butterfield, Zenz and Stormont

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: Bray, Loveland and Brennan

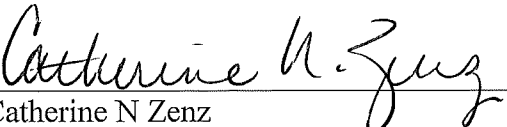
INTRODUCED FOR FINAL ADOPTION, AND ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
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Jim Stormont, Grass Lake Charter Township Supervisor

**CERTIFICATE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF JACKSON        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk for Grass Lake Charter Township, Jackson County, Michigan, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Grass Lake Charter Township Board at a meeting held on the 13th day of November, 2018, and further certify that the proposed Ordinance was introduced for first reading, posting, publication and subsequent final adoption at said meeting.

  
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Catherine N Zenz  
Grass Lake Charter Township Clerk