

GARBAGE & RUBBISH DISPOSAL ORDINANCE:					Length: 3 Pages				
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Note: The current Township Zoning Ordinance does not provide for the use of any land in the township for disposal of garbage or rubbish.

Purpose of Ordinance:

An ordinance defining and regulating the collection of, and/or disposal of, garbage and rubbish in the Township of Grass Lake, Jackson County, Michigan, designating the handling or feeding, or disposing of commercial waste, assigning places for the operation thereof, providing regulations relating thereto, and providing remedies for penalties and the violation of the provisions thereof.

I. Title of Ordinance:

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Grass Lake Charter Township Garbage & Rubbish Disposal Ordinance.

II. Definitions:

- A. Garbage – within the meaning of this Ordinance, shall be construed to mean rejected food waste and to include every refuse accumulation of animal, fruit, or vegetable matter, used or intended for food, or that attends to preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing meat, fish, fowl, fruits, or vegetables, dairy products, and other perishable items.
- B. Commercial Garbage – within the meaning of this Ordinance shall be construed to mean any garbage which has been removed from the premise of any dwelling, establishment, institution or other place where it originated.
- C. Garbage Collector – shall mean any person who collects garbage from dwellings or establishments other than his own or occupied by himself.
- D. Rubbish – shall mean discarded combustible articles from all sources, metal cans, glass bottles, broken glass or crockery, discarded non-perishable materials not including ashes or garbage.
- E. Person – shall mean any municipality, political subdivision public or private corporation, individual, partnership or other entity.
- F. Unregulated Rubbish Dump – shall mean one that has partial or no supervision of type of material or maintenance.

G. Health Officer – shall mean the appointed Health Officer of Grass Lake Charter Township and/or his authorized representative.

III. Accumulation of Garbage and Rubbish:

No owner or lessee or person in possession of any public or private premise shall permit to accumulate upon such premises any garbage and rubbish except in covered containers of rodent proof, fly proof, and water tight construction and not in such containers for longer then one week until satisfactorily disposed of.

IV. Transportation of Garbage:

Vehicles used in transportation of garbage shall be constructed and maintained so that no portion of the contents there from shall be deposited on any public highway. The vehicle shall be kept clean and in a sanitary condition and all garbage covered while in transit.

V. Private Nuisance Rights

Any of the provisions herein shall not be construed to deprive any person of any remedy as a result of any nuisance, offensive smells, or exhalation created as a result of any activity regulated by this Ordinance.

VI. Severability

If any section, subdivision sentence, regulation, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subdivision, sentences, regulation, clauses and phrases of this ordinance or the regulation as an entirety.

VII. Penalties and Civil Fines/Cost

Any person, firm or corporation found violating the provisions of this Ordinance, is responsible for a Municipal Civil Infraction as defined by Michigan law and subject to a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule: Each day that a violation shall continue, it constitutes a separate offense. The fine starts the day after the deadline date stated on the notice. Checks for fines shall be made payable to Grass Lake Charter Township.

First Violation within a 3-year period*	\$50.00/per day
Second violation within a 3-year period*	\$100.00/per day
Third violation within a 3-year period*	\$200.00/per day
Fourth or subsequent violation within a 3-year period..	\$400.00/per day

*(*determined on the basis of the date of the violation(s))*

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs, which may include all direct or indirect expenses to which the township has been put in connection with the violation. In no case, however, shall costs of less then \$9.00 or more the \$500.00 be ordered. A violator of this ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions, remedies

and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan law.

VIII. Supercedes

This Ordinance shall supercede Grass Lake Township Ordinance No 58-1.

IX. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication or posting as required by law following adoption by the Township Board. Adoptive Date 10-11-2005.

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Grass Lake Charter Township, Clerk
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