TOWNSHIP OF MOORE

BLIGHT ORDINANCE-AMENDED

ORDINANCE No. 25-1

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare by eliminating blight within Moore Township; to define and to prohibit blight, and to provide penalties for violation hereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MOORE ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1

Blight Defined and Prohibited

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the use of land described in this Article constitutes blight which. If allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary and undesirable neighborhoods.

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

1. *Disabled Motor Vehicles.* A disabled motor vehicle shall mean any vehicle which is incapable of being self-propelled on the public streets, or which does not meet the requirements for operation on the public streets, including a current registration or license. The outdoor storage of any disabled motor vehicle unless it is hidden from view by a solid fence that blocks the view of the vehicles from the road and/or adjoining properties. This sub-section does not apply to a licensed vehicle repair facility.
2. The storage of 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 14 days. The term “Garbage” shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers, as well as any other household refuse. Dumpsters and other large garbage containers shall not be stored within 25 feet of any property line.
3. The outdoor storage or accumulation of any junk. Any junk, which is not located within a completely enclosed building, shall be deemed stored outdoors in violation of this subsection. The term “junk” shall include machinery parts, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, metal remnants, building debris, or any other cast-off material, which is not usable for the purposes for which it was manufactured.
4. The existence of grass, weeds, brush or undergrowth over (8”) inches in height within 165 feet of any public road right-of-way. After having received a written notice from the Township, delivered personally by US Mail, given (10) days from the date of the notice to mow the property. If the person who receives such notice fails to mow during the 10-day period, the Township may authorize a contractor to enter the property and do the necessary cutting. The owner of the property shall pay all expenses incurred in connection with such work. This subsection shall only apply to property zoned C-Commercial, I-Industrial, or R-Higher Density Residential.
5. *Blighted Structure*. Any dwelling, garage, outbuilding, accessory building, warehouse, sign or any other structure or part of a structure which:
6. Because of fire, wind, other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is no longer usable for the purpose for which it was originally intended:
7. Is partially completed and which is not presently being constructed under an existing valid land use permit/building permit issued by Moore Township or the Sanilac County Construction and Land Use office.
8. Not structurally sound, weather-tight, waterproof or vermin proof.
9. *Vacant Building*. Any building or structure which is unoccupied and which does not have a proper covering of paint or siding, is not securely locked with the windows not glazed or neatly boarded up and protected against the elements and from the entry of vandals, curious children or rodents and other animals.

ARTICLE 2

Penalties and Enforcement

Section 2.1 Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than $100.00, plus cost and other sanctions, for each infraction. Repeat offenses under this ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided in the Civil Infraction Ordinance, Ordinance number 97-1. Unresolved infractions will be fined at $100.00 per day.

Section 2.2 If a property owner fails to eliminate blight after notification to eliminate such blight has been sent certified mail to the address on the Township tax roll, 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 tax roll.

ARTICLE 3

Repeal

Section 3.1 The former Moore Township Ordinance to define and control blight and nuisance, being Ordinance 99-1 is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 4

Enactment and Effective Date

Section 4.1 This ordinance was adopted by the Moore Township Board at a meeting duly held on the 6th day of August 2025 effective immediately.