

TOWNSHIP OF BLUE LAKE
County of Muskegon, Michigan

ORDINANCE NO. 78
DEBRIS, GARBAGE, JUNK, AND RUBBISH ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE AND CONTROL DEBRIS, GARBAGE, JUNK, AND RUBBISH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLUE LAKE, MUSKEGON COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BLUE LAKE, MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Debris, Garbage, Junk, and Rubbish. Chapter 78 shall be added to the Code of Ordinances to state in its entirety as follows.

§ 78-1. Purpose.

The fundamental purpose of this chapter is to promote the public safety, health, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Township.

§ 78-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated.

- A. **DEBRIS.** The term “debris” includes the remains of something broken down, bits and pieces of stone, glass, wood, concrete building materials after demolition, litter, or rock fragments.
- B. **GARBAGE.** The term “garbage” shall mean all putrescible waste including animal, fruit and vegetable wastes and discarded food of any type or any filthy or offensive substances, such as but not limited to waste material and refuse from kitchens, households, or businesses.
- C. **JUNK.** The term “junk” means any discarded or worn out materials or manufactured products, whether reusable or saleable or not. The term includes but is not limited to such items of discard which are normally associated with residential usage; discarded household appliances, furniture, and equipment; dismantled vehicles or their parts; discarded or dismantled machinery or tools; building wastes, unused, used or unusable building material, including lumber and building materials salvaged from demolished or constructed buildings or structures; and other items that constitute a health or safety hazard.

- D. **RESPONSIBLE PARTY.** The term “responsible party” means, collectively the person or persons having a present interest legal title with respect to the real property on which a violation of this chapter occurs, or the person or persons who deposit debris, garbage, junk, rubbish, or trash on real property in violation of this chapter. All persons who constitute a responsible party are jointly and severally responsible for any violation of this chapter.
- E. **RUBBISH.** The term “rubbish” shall mean all refuse, tin cans, bottles, paper cartons, ashes, discarded clothing, rags, discarded utensils, discarded containers, sweepings, glass, crockery, nails, tin, wire, light bulbs, signs, advertising matter, shavings, lumber, lawn or garden cuttings, and all other materials normally discarded from any household.


§ 78-3. Storage of Garbage and Rubbish.

- A. The storage or accumulation of debris, garbage, junk, or rubbish without a landfill permit is prohibited in the Township, unless stored in a building or in containers constructed of impervious material and supplied with tight fitting lids for a period not to exceed 15 days. Lids shall be securely in place when such material is in the container. Bags, boxes, open containers, or any other accumulation of such material are prohibited outside of buildings and the above-referenced containers with lids in place.
- B. It shall be the duty of the occupant of any premise or the owner of any unoccupied premise to store dismantled, partially dismantled, or inoperative appliances inside a fully enclosed building. Any appliance that has a door or cavity large enough to admit a child shall have the door or access to the cavity removed regardless of the appliance being stored inside a fully enclosed building.
- C. Recyclables that have been cleaned of all foreign material shall be stored inside and may be in open or closed containers.

§ 78-4. Violations and Penalties.

Any person who violates any provisions of this chapter shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to enforcement procedures as set forth in Chapter 38, Municipal Civil Infractions.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Blue Lake, Muskegon County, Michigan, on August 14, 2023, and it is ordered to take effect 30 days after publication in the White Lake Beacon, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended.



 Melonie L. Arbogast, Township Supervisor



 Jeffery T. Abram, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Jeffery T. Abram, Clerk for the Township of Blue Lake, Muskegon County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Debris, Garbage, Junk, and Rubbish Ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Township Board held on August 14, 2023. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: Debbie Therrian, Lyle Monette, Melonie Arbogast, Jeff Abram, and Todd Conzemius. The following members of the Township Board were absent: None. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board Todd, Debbie, Jeff, Melonie, and Lyle voting in favor and no members of the Board voting in opposition. The Ordinance or a summary was published in the White Lake Beacon on August 27, 2023 and will become effective September 26, 2023



Jeffery T. Abram, Township Clerk