

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON ORDINANCE NO. 13
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON ANTI- BLIGHT ORDINANCE

ADOPTED: May 21, 1968
EFFECTIVE: + June 1, 1968

An Ordinance for the purpose of preventing, reducing or eliminating blight or potential blight within the Charter Township of Hampton by the prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes of blight or blighting factors which exist or which may exist in the future in said Township; and to provide for the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of persons or property therein.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON, BAY COUNTY,
MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Charter Township of Hampton Anti-Blight Ordinance.

SECTION 2. CAUSE OF BLIGHT OR BLIGHTING FACTORS

It is hereby determined that the following uses, structures and activities are causes of blight or blighting factors which, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighted and undesirable areas within the Charter Township of Hampton. On and after the effective date of this Ordinance no person, firm or corporation of any kind shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following causes of blight or blighting factors upon any property owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person, firm or corporation within the Charter Township of Hampton:

A. The storage upon any property of junk automobiles, except in a completely enclosed building, and except as permitted by Ordinance of the Charter Township of Hampton. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the term "junk automobile" shall include any

motor vehicle which is not licensed for use upon the highways of the State of Michigan for a period in excess of sixty (60) days, and shall also include, whether so licensed or not, any motor vehicle which is not operative for any reason for a period in excess of sixty (60) days, except trucks or other machinery and equipment which may be used periodically pursuant to an active business.

B. The storage upon any property of building materials unless there is in force a valid building permit issued by the Charter Township of Hampton, and unless said materials are intended for use in connection with such construction. Building materials shall include, but shall not be limited to lumber, bricks, concrete or cinder blocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or equipment, heating ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws or any other materials used in construction of any structure.

C. The storage or accumulation of rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris, junk or other foreign substances of every kind and description, except domestic refuse which is stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days. The term "junk" shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of wood, metal or other material or other cast-off material of any kind, whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.

D. The existence of any structure or part of a structure which because of fire, wind or other natural disaster or physical deterioration is no longer habitable as a dwelling, or not useful for any other purpose for which it may have been intended.

E. The existence of any vacant dwelling, garage or other outbuildings unless the same are kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up, and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals or other unauthorized persons.

F. The existence of any partially completed structure, unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid and subsisting building permit, and unless such construction is completed within a reasonable period of time.

SECTION 3. NOTICE TO OWNER, AGENT OR OCCUPANT

The Charter Township of Hampton shall notify, by certified mail with return receipt requested, the owner, agent or occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in Section 2 herein are found to exist. The said owner, agent or occupant shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from said property within ten (10) days after service of the Notice upon him.

SECTION 4. PENALTY

Any owner, agent or occupant, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of not more than One Hundred and 00/00 (\$100.00) Dollars, or imprisonment in the County Jail not exceeding Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.