

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN
LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BLIGHT ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 23

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by eliminating blight; to define and prohibit blight; to provide for enforcement; to provide penalties for violation hereof; and to repeal prior ordinances.

THE VILLAGE OF DRYDEN ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I

Section 1.01. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Village of Dryden Blight Ordinance.

ARTICLE II
Blight Defined

Section 2.01. It is hereby determined that the following uses, structures and activities constitute blight which, if allowed to exist, will result in unsafe, unsanitary, and undesirable neighborhoods. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, leased, rented, or occupied by such person:

- (1) The storage of any junk automobile, except in a completely enclosed building. The term "junk automobile" shall include any motor vehicle which is not currently licensed for use upon the highways or any motor vehicle which has been inoperative for any reason for a period in excess of sixty (60) days.
- (2) The storage or 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 fourteen (14) days. The term "garbage" shall include food waste matter and discarded food containers as well as any other similar refuse which may attract rodents or other vermin.
- (3) The outdoor storage or accumulation of junk, rubbish, or trash of any kind. The term "junk" shall include machinery parts, motor vehicle parts, tin cans, unused appliances, wood or metal remnants, or any other cast-off material which is not completely screened from view from streets or residences.

- (4) The existence of any vacant dwelling, garage, commercial building or remnant thereof, unless the same is kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up, and otherwise protected to prevent entrance by vandals or injury to persons.

ARTICLE III

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section 3.01. This Ordinance shall be enforced by officers designated by the Village Council.

Amended 10-6-97
~~Section 3.02. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or by imprisonment not to exceed (30) days.~~

ARTICLE IV

SEVERABILITY

Amended 7-20-00 Ord. # 23.2
Section 4.01. This Ordinance and the various articles, sections, and clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any article, section, or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE V

REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES

Section 5.01. The Village of Dryden Automobile Parking and Storage Ordinance and the Village of Dryden Junk Yard Ordinance, as amended, are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE VI

ENACTMENT AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 6.01. This Ordinance adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Dryden at a meeting duly held on the 10th day of October, 1977.

Section 6.02. This Ordinance shall take effect November 1, 1977.

Michael Dockham
Michael Dockham, President

James Sterner
James Sterner, Clerk

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN

BLIGHT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Ordinance No. 23.1

An ordinance to amend the Blight Ordinance for the Village of Dryden to require the periodic cutting of grass and weeds on non-agricultural parcels; to provide a method for ordinance compliance in the absence of voluntary compliance on the part of a violator; and to provide for the assessment of compliance costs to the tax roll.

THE VILLAGE OF DRYDEN ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 23, being the Dryden Village Blight Ordinance, is hereby amended to add the following sections:

Section 2.01. It is hereby determined that the following described situations constitute blight which, if allowed to continue, will result in unsafe, unsanitary, and undesirable neighborhoods. No person shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following types of blight upon any premises owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person:

(5) The existence of uncut grass or weeds in excess of six inches in height on any parcel of land zoned for residential, commercial or industrial purposes.

Section 3.03. The Village Council may order Village employees or independent contractors to undertake the necessary work to eliminate any blight violations which have not been eliminated by voluntary action on the part of the responsible property owner. The responsible property owner shall be given at least ten days to comply after receiving notice of the violation. In the event that Village employees or outside contractors are used to obtain ordinance compliance, the full cost of such compliance shall be assessed against the property on the Village tax roll.

The undersigned President and Clerk of the Village of Dryden hereby certify that this ordinance amendment was adopted at a meeting of the Village council held on the 4th day of June, 1984 and was published in the Tri-City Times on the 13th day of June, 1984.

Effective 7-3-84

Eugene Miller, President

Michele Ahrens, Clerk

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN
BLIGHT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 23.2


An ordinance to amend the Dryden Village Blight Ordinance No. 23 which was adopted the 10th day of October, 1977, to change the penalty for a violation of the Blight Ordinance to a Municipal Civil Infraction.

THE VILLAGE OF DRYDEN ORDAINS:

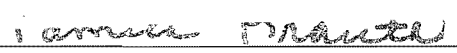
The following section of the Dryden Village Blight Ordinance is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 3.02 PENALTY. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50.00, plus costs and other orders and sanctions which may be imposed by the court, for each infraction. Repeat offenses under this ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided for in the Civil Infraction Ordinance, Ordinance number 96.001.

The undersigned President and Clerk of the Village of Dryden hereby certify that this Ordinance Amendment was duly adopted by the Village Council at a meeting held on the 10th day of July, 2000 and was published in Tri City Times on the 19th day of July, 2000. This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective twenty (20) days after said date of adoption.



Pat Betcher, President



Pamela Krauth, Clerk