

MILLINGTON TOWNSHIP BLIGHT ORDINANCE NO. 25-03

PURPOSE: Consistent with the letter and spirit of Public Act 344 of 1945, as amended, and all other applicable Michigan laws including MCL 125.72 and MCL 600.2940, it is the purpose of this Ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate Blight or potential Blight in Millington Township by the prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes of Blight or Blighting factors which exist or which may in the future exist in Millington Township.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MILLINGTON ORDAINS:

- II. In this ordinance certain words used herein are defined as follows:
  - A. The term "BLIGHT" as used herein means:
    - 1. all rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris or other foreign substances of every kind and description.
    - 2. any condition or use of property which, by reason of neglect, deterioration, or unlawful activity, contributes to unsanitary, unsafe, unsightly, or otherwise unhealthy conditions.
    - 3. any structure found to be unsafe, open to trespass, or in violation of the Michigan Construction Code as adopted by the Township or enforced through the County Building Department.
  - B. The phrase "PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OR WATERS" includes but is not limited to the right of way of any road or highway, and any body of water or water course, or the shores or beaches thereof and including the ice above such waters; any park, playground, building or recreation area; and any residential farm properties or timberland.
- III. It shall be unlawful for the owner, agent, or occupant of land in the Township of Millington to cause or permit any of the following:
  - A. Cause or permit such land to contain blight, which would either tend to start a fire, or increase the intensity of a fire already started when it shall reach said land; cause unhealthy or obnoxious conditions by sight or odor, attract or harbor vermin, or otherwise present a threat to the public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of the Township of Millington.

- B. Permit such land to be covered with or contain refuse or debris resulting from the construction, demolition or neglect of a building, or after the loose boards, shingles, or other materials have fallen off a building and where such refuse or debris is inimical to the preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Township of Millington or which refuse or debris may constitute a fire hazard.
  - C. Permit on such land an abandoned, unused or unprotected well, cellar, swimming pool, or other unnatural declivity in which stagnant water or debris is retained, or which is deemed a safety and health hazard.
  - D. Permit to be stored or placed on such land, old lumber, metal, machines, or parts of machines including vehicles or parts of vehicles, originally intended for transporting passengers or cargo, in need of repair or unlicensed or which cannot be readily operated under their own power, or which require substantial repair. Not more than one unlicensed or inoperable motor vehicle may be stored outdoors on any residentially zoned property, and it must be fully shielded from public view.
- IV. Not more than one unlicensed vehicle in fully operating condition, or stock car or modified car that has been redesigned or reconstructed for a purpose other than that for which it was manufactured, may be parked or stored outside a building, provided no building or garage is located upon the premises in which the same could be parked or stored. In no event shall any such vehicle be parked in the front or side street yard area of any such residential premises.
- V. No repairing, re-designing, modifying or dismantling work or operations shall be allowed upon any vehicle, machinery, trailer or parts thereof upon any public property or on any property primarily used or zoned for any type of residential purpose for a period more than seven (7) days, except as shall be accomplished within fully enclosed buildings.
- VI. The Zoning Administrator or designated Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township of Millington shall be responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance. Prior to any enforcement under the provisions of this ordinance, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer shall give fifteen (15) days' written notification of violation to the owner, as shown on the Township tax records. The Ordinance Enforcement Officer may grant additional time for compliance of major projects with submission of an acceptable written plan.

## REPEAL

Ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Millington inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

## PENALTY

Violations of Millington Township Blight Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ are a civil infraction and enforceable under the township violation fee schedule. In addition to fines, the Township may seek injunctive relief or abatement in accordance with MCL 600.2940 and MCL 600.8701 et seq.

## INVALIDITY

If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or part of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days from and after publication.

Public Hearing:	October 13, 2025
Recommendation from the Planning Commission:	October 13, 2025
Review by the Tuscola County Planning Commission:	November 5, 2025

Motion Made and passed this 17th day of November, 2025 by the Millington Township Board.

Date of Publication

11/26/2025

Date and Time Ordinance shall take effect:

12 Am on 12/3/2025

Lorah Cameron

Millington Township Clerk

11/18/25

Date