#### HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

# **VANBUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO: 38A** 

**ADOPTED: MAY 9, 2013** 

**EFFECTIVE: JUNE 17, 2013** 

# MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION ORDINANCE

An ordinance to amend certain specified Hartford Township Ordinances so as to make violation thereof a municipal civil infraction, to provide sanctions for violations thereof, and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

#### THE TOWNSHIP OF HARTFORD

#### **VANBUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

# **ORDAINS:**

#### **SECTION I**

# <u>AMENDMENT TO HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 3</u>

Section 4 "Penalties" Hartford Township Ordinance No. 3, regulating the outdoor storage of dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles, machinery and equipment is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

#### "Sec. 4 Penalties

- a. Any person or entity who violates, disobeys, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, or any order issued under the Ordinance, including any conditions imposed thereon, or who causes, allows, or consents to any of same, shall be deemed to be responsible for a violation of this Ordinance.
- b. Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- c. Any violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance, and shall constitute a basis for such judgment, writ or order necessary to compel compliance with the Ordinance and/or to restrain and prohibit continuation of the violation, or other appropriate relief in any court

- of competent jurisdiction, in addition to any other relief or sanction herein set forth or allowed by law.
- d. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
- 1st Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 75.00	\$500.00
<ul><li>2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li><li>3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li></ul>	150.00 300.00	500.00 500.00
- 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*	500.00	500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

# SECTION 2

# AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 4

The second and third paragraphs in Section 9 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 4 (Ordinance Regulating Outdoor Assemblies) are hereby amended to read (to be inserted subsequent to the numerical list, which is retained):

"Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

Any violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance, and shall constitute a basis for such judgment, writ or order necessary to compel compliance with the Ordinance and/or to restrain and prohibit continuation of the violation, or other appropriate relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, in addition to any other relief or sanction herein set forth or allowed by law, including but not limited to any emergency services response costs imposed pursuant to ordinance.

A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
- 1st Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 75.00	\$500.00
<ul><li>2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li><li>3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li></ul>	150.00 300.00	500.00 500.00
- 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*	500.00	500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 3**

# **AMENDMENT TO HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 9**

Section 5 of Hartford Township Ordinance number 9 (ordinance regulating lot splits) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"5. **Enforcing Agency.** The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Zoning Administrator.

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
- 1st Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 75.00	\$500.00
- 2nd Offense within 3-year period*	150.00	500.00
- 3rd Offense within 3-year period*	300.00	500.00
<ul> <li>4th or More Offense within 3-year period*</li> </ul>	500.00	500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

#### **SECTION 4**

# AMENDMENT TO HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 15

Section 5 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 15, known as the "Public Entertainment Ordinance" is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

# "Sec. 5. Violation and Penalty

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
<ul> <li>1st Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>4th or More Offense within 3-year period*</li> </ul>	\$ 75.00 150.00 300.00 500.00	\$500.00 500.00 500.00 500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 nor more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 5**

# **AMENDMENT TO HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 16**

Section 4 Hartford Township Ordinance No. 16, known as the "Pornographic Control Ordinance" is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

#### "Sec. 4. Penalties.

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
<ul> <li>1st Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>4th or More Offense within 3-year period*</li> </ul>	\$ 75.00 150.00 300.00 500.00	\$500.00 500.00 500.00 500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 nor more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 6**

# AMENDMENT TO HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 23

Section 4 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 23, known as the "Regulation of Year Round Occupancy of Trailer Coaches, Mobile Homes and Relocatable Homes Ordinance" is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

# "Section 4 Violations and Penalty Fines

- **A.** Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- **B.** Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Minimum	Maximum
Fine	Fine

- 1st Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 75.00	\$500.00
- 2nd Offense within 3-year period*	150.00	500.00
- 3rd Offense within 3-year period*	300.00	500.00
- 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*	500.00	500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

#### **SECTION 7**

# AMENDMENT OF HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 25

Section 6 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 25, known as "Regulation of Garage, Yard and Rummage Sales" Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### "Sec. 6. Penalties and Enforcement

- **A.** Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- **B.** Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum	Maximum
	Fine	Fine
<ul> <li>1st Offense within 3-year period*</li> </ul>	\$ 50.00	\$500.00
- 2nd Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 75.00	\$500.00
- 3rd Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 200.00	\$500.00
- 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 300.00	\$500.00

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#### **SECTION 8**

# **AMENDMENT TO HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 26**

Section 7 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 26 known as the "Hartford Township Mobile Structure Ordinance" is hereby amended to read:

# "Section 7. Penalty.

- a. Any person or entity who violates, disobeys, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, or any order issued under the Ordinance, including any conditions imposed thereon, or who causes, allows, or consents to any of same, shall be deemed to be responsible for a violation of this Ordinance.
- b. Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- c. Any violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance, and shall constitute a basis for such judgment, writ or order necessary to compel compliance with the Ordinance and/or to restrain and prohibit continuation of the violation, or other appropriate relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, in addition to any other relief or sanction herein set forth or allowed by law.
- d. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
- 1st Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 75.00	\$500.00
<ul><li>- 2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li><li>- 3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li></ul>	150.00 300.00	500.00 500.00
- 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*	500.00	500.00

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#### **SECTION 9**

# **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 28**

Section 106.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code of 2003, adopted by Hartford Township as Ordinance No. 28 is hereby amended to read:

#### 106.3 "Violation and Penalties.

- a. Any person failing to comply with a notice of violation or order served in accordance with Section 107 shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.
- b. Any person or entity who violates, disobeys, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, or any order issued under the Ordinance, including any conditions imposed thereon, or who causes, allows, or consents to any of same, shall be deemed to be responsible for a violation of this Ordinance.
- c. Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- d. Any violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance, and shall constitute a basis for such judgment, writ or order necessary to compel compliance with the Ordinance and/or to restrain and prohibit continuation of the violation, or other appropriate relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, in addition to any other relief or sanction herein set forth or allowed by law.
- e. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
<ul><li>1st Offense within 3-year period*</li><li>2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li></ul>	\$ 75.00 150.00	\$500.00 500.00
- 3rd Offense within 3-year period* - 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*	300.00 500.00	500.00 500.00

<sup>\*</sup>Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

#### **SECTION 10**

# **AMENDMENT OF HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 31**

Section 13 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 31, known as the "Hartford Township Cemetery Ordinance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### "Sec. 13. Penalties and Enforcement

Any person, firm, association, partnership, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

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<ul> <li>1st Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>2nd Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li> <li>4th or More Offense within 3-year period*</li> </ul>	\$ 50.00 \$ 75.00 \$ 200.00 \$ 300.00	\$500.00 \$500.00 \$500.00 \$500.00

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Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to

proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 11**

# **AMENDMENT OF HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 34**

Section 4 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 34, known as "Adoption of Michigan Housing Law" Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### "Sec. 4. Penalties and Enforcement

- A. Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- **B.** Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

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Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 12**

# **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1**

Section XVI "Penalty" of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 1 "Township Building Code" is hereby amended to read as follows:

# "XVI: Penalty.

- A. Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- **B.** Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
- 1st Offense within 3-year period* - 2nd Offense within 3-year period*	\$ 50.00 \$ 75.00	\$500.00 \$500.00
<ul><li> 3rd Offense within 3-year period*</li><li> 4th or More Offense within 3-year period*</li></ul>	\$ 200.00 \$ 300.00	\$500.00 \$500.00

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Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 13**

# **AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 22**

Section 5 of Hartford Township Ordinance No. 22 known as the "Enforcing Agency Building, Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Codes Ordinance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### "Section 5 Violations and Penalties.

- A. Any person or entity responsible for a violation of this Ordinance, whether as an occupant, owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- **B.** Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

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Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which Hartford Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent Jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense."

#### **SECTION 14**

# AMENDMENT TO STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE AS ADMINISTERED AND ENFORCED BY HARTFORD TOWNSHIP

Hartford Township as the administering and enforcing agency for 1972 PA 230 hereby designates violation of the adopted Codes as municipal civil infractions as authorized by 1972 PA 230, as amended, being MCL 125.1523.

#### **SECTION 15**

# **DESIGNATION OF VIOLATIONS AND FINES**

Hartford Township, as the administering and enforcing Agency for the State Construction Code (1972 PA 230, as amended) and all of the specified national and

state codes making up the same, including the plumbing, mechanical and electrical codes hereby sets forth penalties for violation of the adopted Codes by amending the respective "penalty" provision in each of the adopted codes to read as follows:

# "Violation and Penalty.

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or governmental entity that violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine		М	Maximum Fine	
-1st Offense	\$	75.00	\$	500.00	
-2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense*	\$	150.00	\$	500.00	
-3rd Offense*	\$	325.00	\$	500.00	
-4th or More Offense*	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	

<sup>\*</sup>within 3-year period determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which Hartford Township has incurred in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 nor more than \$500 be ordered. In addition the Township shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, compliance order or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this ordinance. Each day that a violation of this ordinance exists shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance."

# SECTION 16 SEVERABILITY

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

# SECTION 17 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Any proceedings pending, including prosecutions for violations under any previous ordinance provision being repealed hereby, shall not be affected by this Ordinance and may be continued pursuant to said previous ordinance provisions.

# SECTION 18 EFFECTIVE DATE

The Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication following adoption.

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP Julie Sweet, Clerk 61310 Co. Rd. 657 Hartford, MI 49057 269-621-4658 www.hartfordtownship.org

#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Julie Sweet, Township Clerk of Hartford Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, certify that at a regular meeting of the Hartford Township Board held on the 9th day of May, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 61310 CR 687, Hartford, MI 49057, that upon motion by Sweet and support from Wilmoth, the Board enacted and passed Ordinance No. 38, hereinbefore recorded, to become effective on June 17, 2013, and that the members of the Board present at said meeting voted on the adoption of said Ordinance No. 38 as follows:

Ron Sefcik Yes
Julie Sweet Yes
Vanessa Wilmoth Yes
John McLellan Yes
Kurt Dowd Yes

I do further certify that the foregoing and aforesaid Ordinance summary was duly published in the Herald Palladium circulating in said Township of Hartford, Michigan on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

Effective date: June 17, 2013