

Hartford Township, Van Buren County, Michigan
Resolution Number One

A Resolution to provide for the licensing and regulating of places for the dismantling, wrecking, and disposal of automobiles, and of junk and-or refuse material.

Be it resolved, by the Township of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan acting through its township board, as follows:

1. That no person, firm, or corporation shall engage in or carry on the business of dealing in junk, or be dismantling of motor vehicles and other machinery, wrecking, reducing or disposing of the junk and refuse material therefrom in the Township of Hartford or engage in the purchase or sale or exchange of junk or the parts and refuse from dismantled motor vehicles and other machinery, or receive or deliver the same without first obtaining a LICENSE therefore from the said Township of Hartford, as hereinafter provided.
2. The definition of junk yards and-or the place for the dismantling, wrecking, and disposing of automobiles is any person, corporation, or member, or members of a co-partnership, or firm whose business is that of purchasing, selling, exchanging, storing, or receiving cast iron, old iron, old steel, tool steel, aluminum, copper, brass, lead pipe, old tools, old lighting and plumbing fixtures, automobiles, or other metal, or other old metal pieces or material, old rags, wastepaper, books, magazines, secondhand household furniture, or wooden materials or otherwise, which, by common usage, has been denominated as junk. The dismantling of motor vehicles and other machinery means wrecking, reducing or breaking and severing certain parts and therefrom and removal thereof, and the purchase, sale, and disposal of such motor vehicle and machinery.
3. The applicant for license hereunder, when the same shall be granted, shall conduct his business of selling, storing, loading, and unloading, and dismantling within the enclosed area or in the building on the premises to be described in the application, and which premises shall be as follows:
 - a. Any portion of said premises bordering a public highway shall be fenced by a proper, solid, and adequately posted fence of painted material of even height not less than 8 feet perpendicular from the ground, and not more than ½ inch apart. The balance of the area on which the business is conducted shall be enclosed by properly and substantial posts and boards of even height not less than 6 feet perpendicularly, and spaced not more than 4 inches apart. Said fence shall at all times be maintained in a condition of first class repair and well-painted, and the enclosed area shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary, and orderly manner so that the health and safety of the traveling public, the owners and/or the occupants of real estate in the vicinity shall not be impaired, and further, no materials stored therein shall be stacked or piled to a greater height than the fence which enclosed the same.
 - b. Said fence shall be located at least 100 feet away from the edge of any adjoining highway, and the area between said fence and the road shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner.
 - c. Any building thereon extending closer to the road than the fence shall have said fence abutted solidly thereto, and no building shall be closer than 90 feet to the edge of any adjoining highway.
 - d. All burning shall be done at a point in said enclosed area least likely to cause annoyance to adjoining owners and the persons using adjacent public highways.
4. Any firm, person, or corporation desiring to engage in said business shall make written application to the Clerk of said Township, setting forth:
 - a. The nature of business applicant wished to engage in.
 - b. The name and address of all persons, or of the corporation who will own the proposed business when licensed.
 - c. The description of the real estate proposed to be used as the location of such business, and whether the undersigned is the owner, by deed or contract, and if a lessee, the length of the term of said lease.
 - d. A tender of the amount of the license fee of \$25.00 per year.
5. Said license fee is for one year and is not assignable, and must be renewed each year by the same typewritten application

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6. Penalties:
 - a. Any person violating any provision of this resolution, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00 and costs, or by imprisonment in the county jail in Van Buren County for not more than 90 days, or both, such fine and costs and imprisonment is the discretion of the Court.
 - b. The Township Board, whenever a violation of this Resolution, or of other laws or regulations of the State or Township pertinent to his business occurs, may, after a full and fair hearing on such violation so claimed, revoke the license of such licensee if it shall appear to the Board that the violation or violations provide a firm foundation for the opinion of said Board that said license is not trying to conduct his business according to this Resolution and other laws of the State of Michigan pertinent thereto.
7. This Resolution shall be effective 30 days after being passed by the Township Board of the Township of Hartford, Van Buren County, Michigan, and shall be published once in the Herald-Palladium within 10 days of said passage, and shall be posted in three conspicuous places in said Township within 5 days after being passed, and an Affidavit of such publication and posting shall be filed in the office of the Township Clerk.

Passed March 28, 1961

LEGAL NOTICE

Motion by Dr. H. J. Meachum, supported by Eilerman that all license issued under Resolution No., 1 shall be from January 1st to December 31st of that year, and any new establishment beginning operation within a new year. The \$25.00 license fee shall be prorated on monthly basis. Motion carried

Passed 1971