

**SIDNEY TOWNSHIP
TRASH ORDINANCE #06-2003 B**

This is an Ordinance to prevent, reduce, or eliminate blight, blighting factors, or caused of blight, within the township and to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare by prohibiting the accumulation of trash and junk or either of them on premises other than in property designed sanitary landfills or licensed junk yards, and to provide penalties for the violations of said ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP OF SIDNEY, MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS that Ordinance #06-2003 B shall read as follows:

Sec. 1. DEFINITIONS

- A. The terms "trash" and "junk" are used synonymously, and each as herein shall include the following: Used articles or used pieces of : iron, scrap metal, automobile bodies or parts of machinery or junked or discarded machinery, used lumber which may be used as a harborage for rats, ashes, garbage, industrial by-products or waste, empty cans, food containers, bottles, crockery, utensils of any kind, boxes, barrels, and all other articles customarily considered trash or junk and which are not housed in a building.
- B. The term "person" as used herein shall include any person, firm, or corporation.

Sec. 2. ACCUMULATION OF TRASH LONGER THAN 8 DAYS UNLAWFUL

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate, place, store, or allow or permit the accumulation, placement or storage of trash or junk on premises in Sidney Township, except in a lawful sanitary landfill, a lawful junkyard, or not to exceed 8 days storage in a watertight storage receptacles designed for the temporary accumulation of trash. Such receptacle must have tight-fitting, water-tight covers.

Sec. 3. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

- A. Any person, firm, corporation, trust, partnership or other legal entity that violates or fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, and the owner of any land where anything in violation of this Ordinance shall be placed or shall exist, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, for which the fine shall be not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each violation, in the discretion of the Court, and in addition to all other costs, damages and expenses provided by the law.
- B. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a distinct and separate offense, and shall make the violator liable for the imposition of a fine for each day.
- C. The Township of Sidney or the Montcalm County Sheriffs Dept. is authorized to investigate and issue citations for the violations of this Ordinance.
- D. The foregoing penalties shall not prohibit the Township from seeking injunctive relief against a violator or such other appropriate relief as may be provided by law.