

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

BLIGHT ELIMINATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 3

*An Ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight, blighting factors or causes of blight within Republic Township, Marquette County, Michigan; to repeal existing Ordinances 2013-17 Junk, 2013-19 Blight and 2013-20 Dangerous Buildings; to provide for the enforcement hereof; and to provide penalties for the violation hereof. Pursuant to the enacting authority therefore provided by Public Act 344 of 1945, as amended, the *Blighted Area Rehabilitation Act (MCL 125.71, et seq.)*.*

THE TOWNSHIP OF REPUBLIC, COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Republic Township “Blight Elimination Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. Purpose

Consistent with the letter and spirit of Public Act 344 of 1945, as amended, it is the purpose of this ordinance to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight or potential blight in Republic 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 Republic Township.

SECTION 3. Causes of Blight or Blighting Factors

It is hereby determined that the following uses, structures and activities are causes of blight or blighting factors which, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighted and undesirable neighborhoods. On and after the effective date of this ordinance, no person, firm or corporation of any kind shall maintain or permit to be maintained any of these causes of blight or blighting factors upon any property in Republic Township owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person, firm or corporation.

In any area zoned for residential purposes, the storage upon any property of junk automobiles, except in a completely enclosed building. For the purpose of this ordinance, the term “junk automobiles” shall include any motor vehicle which is not licensed for use upon the highways of the State of Michigan, and shall also include, whether so licensed or not, any motor vehicle which is inoperative.

In any area zoned for residential purposes, the storage upon any property of building materials unless there is in force a valid Zoning and/or Building permit issued by Republic Township and/or Marquette County for construction upon said property and said materials are intended for use in connection with such construction. Building materials shall include but shall not be limited to lumber, bricks, concrete or cinder blocks, plumbing materials, electrical wiring or

equipment, heating ducts or equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws, or any other materials used in constructing any structure.

In any area, the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind without a landfill permit, except domestic refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not to exceed 15 days. The term “junk” shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of woods, metal or any other material or other cast-off material of any kind whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.

In any area, the existence of any structure or part of any structure which, because of fire, wind or other natural disaster, or physical deterioration is no longer habitable, if a dwelling, nor useful for any other purpose of which it may have been intended.

In any area, the existence of any vacant dwelling, garage or other out-building unless such buildings are kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals, or other unauthorized persons.

In any area, the existence of any partially completed structure unless such structure is in the course of construction in accordance with a valid Zoning and/or Building permit issued by Republic Township and/or Marquette County and unless such construction is completed within a reasonable time.

SECTION 4. Enforcement and Penalties

This ordinance shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the Township Board.

The owner, if possible, and the occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in Section 3 hereof is found to exist shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from such property within 10 days after service of the notice upon him. Such notice may be served personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are in progress.

Failure to comply with such notice within the time allowed by the owner and/or occupant shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

Any person defined in Section 3, to whom a notice was sent pursuant to the provisions of this Section, who shall fail or refuse to abate, destroy or remove the nuisance as provided in Section 3, on conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided by the MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION ORDINANCE.

SECTION 5. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repeal

Republic Township Ordinances 2013-17, 2013-19 and 2013-20, are hereby repealed in their entirety and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Effective Date and Adoption

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following publication after adoption by the Township Board.

This Ordinance was offered for adoption by Township Board Member _____ and was seconded by Township Board Member _____, the vote being as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT/ABSTAIN:

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Republic Township Board at a regular meeting held at the Republic Township Hall on _____, 20____, at _____ p.m., pursuant to the required statutory notice and procedures.

Published _____

Marilyn Brancheau, Republic Township Clerk