

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 5  
GARFIELD TOWNSHIP DUMPING GROUND ORDINANCE

Adopted: March 27, 1967  
Effective: May 15, 1967

An ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the residents and property owners of the Township of Garfield, Clare County, Michigan, a municipal corporation, by the regulation of dumping grounds for waste, rubbish, junk, and debris, and the operation thereof within said Township; to provide penalties for the violation thereof and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF GARFIELD TOWNSHIP, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
ORDAINS:

Section 1.    NAME

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Garfield Township Dumping Ground Ordinance.

Section 2.    REGULATIONS

(a) No person, firm, or corporation shall dump any waste, rubbish, junk, or debris in any area of the Township of Garfield, Clare County, unless the same is municipally maintained and operated for such dumping ground purposes or a permit is obtained therefor from the Township Board, to be granted only in situations where such dumping would not be a nuisance or annoyance to adjoining property owners.

(b) No pharmaceutical-manufacturing waste, explosives, or human or animal excretion shall be dumped in any municipally operated dumping ground.

(c) Any brush, parts of trees, or other waste, rubbish, junk, or debris dumped in a municipally operated dump will be dumped in the particular area designated therefor, according to signs posted on the premises or by the direction of the caretaker of a said dump.

(d) No loose papers shall be placed in the dump. All said papers shall be tied into bundles or securely sealed in bags or boxes before depositing in said dump.

(e) No junk cars or dismantled bodies or parts of same shall be allowed in municipally operated dumping grounds.

(f) Any dumping in municipally operated dumps shall be accomplished by depositing the waste material over the bank of the dump, and no such waste material shall be allowed by the dumper to remain on the approachway to such dump.

(g) No municipally operated dump within Garfield Township shall be used by any person, firm, or corporation which is not a resident, property owner, or tenant within said Township; further only such waste, rubbish, junk, or debris as shall be accumulated within said Garfield Township shall be placed in the Township dump.

(h) No firearms shall be allowed or discharged within any municipally operated dumping ground.

(i) Township property shall not be damaged or destroyed and shall be treated with respect.

(j) No dumping of waste, rubbish, junk, or debris shall be allowed in any area within twenty-five (25) feet of the nearest point of the base of the towers, poles, supports or other structures of any public utility company, its agents, successors or assigns.

(k) No municipally operated dump shall be used for any purpose other than for dumping operations permitted under this Ordinance. No picking or scavenging shall be permitted by any person, firm or corporation other than those duly registered with and approved by the Garfield Township Board. No loitering shall be allowed within dumping area, and no person, firm, or corporation using such dumping facilities shall interfere with the rights, duties, and privileges of any other person, firm, or corporation using said dumping facilities in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

(l) The burning of any dumping ground area, or the waste material therein, shall be prohibited and forbidden, without the prior written approval of the Township Supervisor or Fire Chief, said Supervisor or Fire Chief having received approval from the Fire Warden of the Conservation Department.

(m) The Township of Garfield shall not be liable for any damage to property adjoining a municipally operated dump caused by fires within said dump not approved in writing by the Supervisor or Fire Chief of said Township.

(n) Any person, firm, or corporation dumping in any municipally operated dump shall do so at his, its, or their own risk and the Township of Garfield shall not be held liable for any injuries or damage occurring therein.

(o) All municipally operated or approved dumping grounds shall be operated in accordance with any and all existing state or county regulations or laws governing said dumping grounds.

### Section 3. ENFORCEMENT

(a) The Garfield Township Board shall have full authority to set the days and the hours that municipally operated dumping grounds shall be open for use.

(b) The Garfield Township Board shall have full authority to set the amount of

any charges which may be made for the use of said dump, as may be deemed necessary to cover the operating expense of any municipally operated dumping grounds.

(c) The Garfield Township Board shall have full authority to appoint and authorize the necessary persons to oversee the operation of said dumping grounds and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### Section 4. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Any persons, firm, or corporation which violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or by imprisonment in the County Jail, not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

#### Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance will take effect on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1967. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Donna M. Scott  
Garfield Township Clerk