

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUBMITTAL**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a proposed Ordinance No. 677 has been submitted to the Township Board of the Oshtemo Charter Township, which, if adopted, would provide, in summary, as follows:

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the items to be considered at said Board Meeting include an Ordinance to amend the Oshtemo Charter Township General Ordinances, Section 221.000.

**SECTION ONE - PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of our residents by requiring individuals in control of dogs to properly remove and dispose of dog feces in public and private spaces not owned or controlled by them. The accumulation of dog feces poses environmental, sanitary, aesthetic concerns, and negative impacts on the use and enjoyment of public and private property within the Township. This ordinance establishes clear responsibilities and penalties to ensure a cleaner, healthier, and more respectful community environment.

**SECTION TWO - DUTY TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE:**

Anyone who owns, possesses, or controls a dog must promptly clean up and properly dispose of any feces the dog leaves on public or private property that they or the dog's owner do not own or control. This requirement does not apply if the property owner or person in control has clearly given permission to waive it.

**SECTION THREE - EXEMPTION FOR SERVICE AND GUIDE DOGS:**

This section shall not apply to service dogs or guide dogs when such animals are under the control or possession of a blind or physically limited individual, as defined by applicable law.

**SECTION FOUR - ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES:**

For all violations, the Township shall issue an 8th District Court municipal civil infraction citation to the person from which the violation originated with the following fee structure (more fully set forth in the ordinance).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the proposed Ordinance No. 677 has been posted at Oshtemo Township Hall located at 7275 West Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009, and on the Township's web page, [www.oshtemo.org](http://www.oshtemo.org).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said Ordinance will be considered for adoption by the Township Board at its regular meeting to be held at Township Hall on May 27, 2025, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

Oshtemo Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids should contact the Township by phone, or in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

All interested parties are invited to be present at the aforesaid meeting to participate in discussion of this Ordinance.

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