

OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of November 2025, at its meeting, the Township Board amended the Oshtemo Charter Township General Ordinance, by the adoption of Ordinance No. 686 which provides, in summary, as follows:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT OF COMPILED SECTION 294.007, MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS AND NON-MOTORIZED PATHS/FACILITIES, is amended as follows:

- B. Public Snow Removal - No person having the care, either as the owner or occupant, of a house, building or lot, parcel or building site shall permit any accumulation of snow to remain upon the sidewalk or non-motorized path/facilities in front of such house, building or lot for longer than 24 hours. When ice is formed on any sidewalk, the owner or occupant of the abutting premises shall immediately cause the same to be removed or treated to prevent a hazard.
- C. If a person neglects to remove an unreasonable accumulation of snow and/or ice upon a sidewalk or non-motorized path/facilities, as required, the Ordinance Enforcement Officer may cause the snow and/or ice to be removed as provided in Section XI. The cost of removing the unreasonable accumulation of snow and/or ice shall be charged and assessed to the property owner as provided in Section XI Penalties & Enforcement.
- D. Obstructions – (Section Change from C to D)
- E. Owner Caused Defects – (Section Change from D to E)
- F. Barricades – (Section Change from E to F)

SECTION II. AMENDMENT OF COMPILED SECTION 294.011, PENALTIES & ENFORCEMENT, is amended to add the following:

If a property owner refuses to comply with this ordinance, after the Ordinance Enforcement Officer provides notice to the property owner by personal service, or by posting notice, at the beginning of the annual snow fall, authorize entry onto the premises to remove the unreasonable accumulation of snow and/or ice. All expenses incurred in such snow and/or ice removal shall be paid by the owner(s) of such land. Additionally, an administration fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the Township Board from time to time by resolution, shall be paid by the owner(s) of such land. The Township shall have a lien upon such land for such expense and fee,

which may be enforced in the same manner as the enforcement of tax liens through entry upon the next tax roll of the Township and assessment as a general Township tax. Such expenses shall be subject to all interest and penalties provided for taxes due and collectible within the Township under the general tax laws of the State of Michigan. In addition to the foregoing, the Township may sue the owner(s) in an appropriate court of law for the collection of said debt.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the proposed Ordinance 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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication after adoption in accordance with State law.

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