## ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #24

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ADOPTED BY GOLDEN TOWNSHIP, TO PROVIDE A NEW PENALTY PROVISION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GOLDEN, COUNTY OF OCEANA, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 7, Section 7.3.

Chapter 7, Section 7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance adopted by Golden Township is hereby amended to state in its entirety as follows:

Section 7.3. Enforcement: Any building or structure which is erected, constructed, moved, placed, reconstructed, raised, extended, enlarged, altered, maintained or used, or any use of a lot or land which is begun, maintained or changed in violation of any term or provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se. Any person, firm, corporation, or agent in charge of such building or land, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement thereof, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction subject to enforcement procedures as set forth in the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance adopted by the Township, and a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Each day during which any violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense. Increased civil fines may be imposed for repeated violations of the Code; a repeat violation means a second or subsequent municipal civil infraction violation committed by a person within any twelve (12) month period and for which a person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased civil fine for repeat violation shall be as follows:

- (A) The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be \$250.00, plus costs and other sanctions;
- (B) The fine for any offense which is a second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense shall be \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions.

The Township Zoning Administrator, members of the Oceana County Sheriff's Department assigned to the Township, members of the Oceana County Sheriff's Department whose services are contracted by the Township and any other individuals who may from time to time be appointed by resolution of the Township Board, are hereby designated as the authorized Township Officials to issue municipal civil infraction citations (directing alleged violators to appear in Court) or municipal civil infraction notices (directing alleged violators to appear at the Golden Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau) as provided by this Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance adopted by the Township.

## Section 2. Effective Date.

The foregoing amendment to the Golden Township Zoning Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan, on 14 November 1995, after a public hearing as required pursuant to Michigan Act 184 of 1943, as amended. This Ordinance is ordered to take effect on December 23, 1995, said date being thirty (30) days or more after publication in Oceana's Herald Journal a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

Township Supervisor

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