WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
JUNK ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE# 38

Adopted: November 22, 2005; Amended June 30, 2026

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF WHITEWATER, GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the term "junk" shall mean any motor vehicle, machinery, appliance, product or merchandise, scrap metal, other scrap materials which are damaged, deteriorated, or that are in a condition which prevents their use for the purpose for which they were intended, and household trash.

Section 2. Prohibited Acts.

No person shall place, discard, or abandon junk in a place where it is visible from a highway, street, or other public way, or where it is visible to an abutting landowner from that portion of the land used on a regular basis. No person shall place, discard, or abandon junk on public property or the private property of another, regardless if visible from a highway, street, or other public way, or from adjoining land.

Section 3. Enforcement Officers.

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff, the Sheriff's deputies, the Zoning Administrator or an enforcement officer appointed by the Township Board are authorized enforcement officers of this ordinance.

Section 4. Penalties.

1. Any person, limited liability company, corporation, trust, or association who creates or maintains a nuisance per se or who violates or fails to comply with

this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five-Hundred and 00/100 ($500.00) Dollars. Every day that such a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense under the provisions of this ordinance. Nothing in this section shall exempt the offender from compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

2. In addition to enforcing this Ordinance as a municipal civil infraction, the Township may initiate proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to abate, eliminate or enjoin the nuisance per se or any other violation of this ordinance.

Section 5.

Each of the provisions of this ordinance is severable, and if any provision is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication

Effective: December 26, 2005
Amended Effective Date: August 7, 2026

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Grand Traverse

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that at a Special Meeting held on June 30, 2026, the Whitewater Township Board adopted the following ordinances. The following summaries are provided in accordance with Michigan law. Copies of the complete ordinances may be inspected or obtained at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, P.O. Box 159, Williamsburg, Michigan 49690, during regular business hours. The full ordinances are also available on the Township website.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2026
Amendment to Whitewater Township Junk Ordinance No. 38
This ordinance amends the enforcement and penalty provisions of Whitewater Township Junk Ordinance No. 38 by authorizing additional enforcement officers and standardizing municipal civil infraction penalties. The ordinance provides that violations are municipal civil infractions subject to fines of not more than $500.00 for each violation and authorizes the Township to pursue other remedies permitted by law.

The ordinance contains the following sections and catch lines:
- Section 1. Amendment of Section 3. Enforcement Officers.
- Section 2. Amendment of Section 4. Penalties.
- Section 3. Effective Date.

ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2026
Amendment to Whitewater Township Parking Ordinance No. 63
This ordinance amends the enforcement and penalty provisions of Whitewater Township Parking Ordinance No. 63 by authorizing additional enforcement officers and establishing a municipal civil infraction penalty of not more than $500.00 for violations. The ordinance also preserves enforcement under the existing ordinance language until the amendment becomes effective.

The ordinance contains the following sections and catch lines:
- Section 1. Amendment of Section 4. Enforcement and Penalties.
- Section 2. Effective Date.
- Section 3. Savings Clause.

EFFECTIVE DATE
Both ordinances shall become effective August 7, 2026, which is thirty (30) days following publication of this Notice.

Published by Order of the Whitewater Township Board.

Wendy Hoeksema, Clerk
Whitewater Township
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Williamsburg, MI 49690
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clerk@whitewatertownshipmi.gov

July 8, 2026 – 1T 637453

Megan Fuller being duly sworn deposes and says the annexed printed copy of notice was taken from the Traverse City RECORD EAGLE, a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County, and that said notice was published in said newspaper on the following dates:

7/8/2026

that he or she is the agent of the printers of said newspaper, and knows well the facts stated herein

Megan Fuller

Subscribed and sworn to before
this 8th of July, 2026 .

Alyssa A. Heider
Notary Public, State of MI
County of Wexford
02/09/2032
Acting in County of Grand Traverse

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
Ordinance No. __1__ of 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP'S JUNK ORDINANCE #38

THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 3.

Section 3 of the Whitewater Township Junk Ordinance #38 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 3. Enforcement Officers.

The Grand Traverse County Sheriff, the Sheriff's deputies, the Zoning Administrator or an enforcement officer appointed by the Township Board are authorized enforcement officers of this ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 4. Penalties.

Section 4 of the Whitewater Township junk Ordinance #38 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 4. Penalties.

1. Any person, limited liability company, corporation, trust, or association who creates or maintains a nuisance per se or who violates or fails to comply with this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than Five-Hundred and 00/100 ($500.00) Dollars. Every day that such a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense under the provisions of this ordinance. Nothing in this section shall exempt the offender from compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. In addition to enforcing this Ordinance as a municipal civil infraction, the Township may initiate proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to abate, eliminate or enjoin the nuisance per se or any other violation of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

Ordinance No. 1 of 2026 was enacted on 06/30/2026 by the Whitewater Township Board as follows:

Motion by: Arends

Seconded by: Mielnik

Yeas: Mielnik, Arends, Hoeksema,

Koester, Slopsema

Nays: None

Absent: None

Wendy Hoeksema
Wendy Hoeksema, Clerk

I certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1 of 2026 that was adopted at a regular meeting of the Whitewater Township Board on 2026 and published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on July 8, 2026.

Dated: August 7,2026

Wendy Hoeksema
Wendy Hoeksema, Clerk