

Selected Excerpts of Kalamazoo Township Ordinances

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___ **Ordinance 305/Weed Control:** in accordance with Michigan Public Act 359 of 1941, as amended, and township Ordinance No. 305, as amended, all weeds in excess of 12 inches in height within 40 feet of residentially zoned or residentially developed property under separate ownership, or within 40 feet of an improved street or within platted subdivisions wherein buildings have been erected upon 60 percent or more of the lots therein, must be cut by May 1st and must remain cut throughout the balance of said year by the owner or tenant in charge of the premises. In default thereof;

___ **Ordinance 307/Vehicle Storage and Repair:** no person, firm or corporation shall park or store or permit to be parked or stored upon any premises within Kalamazoo Township any vehicle, including conveyance, boat, trailer of any kind or new or **used parts** unless one or more of the following exists: (1) such parking or storage is located within a fully-enclosed building; (2) Is licensed or registered by the State of Michigan, is an **Operable** vehicle, has all of its main components attached and is operated for its designated purpose. Also no repairing redesigning modifying or dismantling work is allowed on the public right-of-way or other property not zoned for such purposes.

___ **Ordinance 770-Section 13 B.** (Recreational travel trailers, ...) If located outside of an enclosed building upon the premises, are not located within the required front, side or rear building setback areas applicable to the premises, nor within the public right-of-way; are maintained in a reasonable state of repair for regular use and so used during the season; and do not in any manner constitute a public or private nuisance.

___ **Ordinance 324/Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance:** No person, firm or corporation shall cause or maintain any unreasonably loud noise or disturbance, injurious to the health, peace or quiet of the residents and property owners of the township. The following noises and disturbances are hereby declared to be a violation: (1) The playing of any radio, phonograph, television or other electronic or mechanical sound producing device in such a manner or with such volume as to unreasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons; (2) The keeping of any animal, bird or fowl which emanates frequent or extended noise, such as a barking dog.

The following are Maximum decibel levels allowed: 7 a.m. to 10 p. m. = 55 decibels
10 p.m. to 7 a.m. = 50 decibels

Violations can occur by either a violation of the decibel level **Or** noise which is disturbing to the quiet, comfort or repose of any person.

___ **Ordinance 350/Litter:** Litter is defined as garbage, scrap, waste materials, including rags, cartons, cans, bottles, used lumber, wooden skids/pallets or parts therefrom, inoperable and discarded appliances and equipment, cut or broken tree branches and broken or discarded plaster, concrete or brick building materials.)

It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, place, throw or leave any litter or **any** other materials on public or **private** property or waters in Kalamazoo Township. Logs, branches or other scrap wood may be neatly stacked outdoors as long as it does not exceed 640 cubic feet.

Zoning Ordinance 15:

___ **Garage/yard Sales:** (1) Must have permit from K-Twp; (2) Sale cannot run for more than 3 days; (3) Not more than two (2) sales per year; (4) Signs advertising the sale **Shall Not** be posted on utility poles. Only one sign is allowed at the site of the sale and one may be posted in a commercially zoned area (see subparagraphs 4 (A) (5) (h) and 4 (B) (1) (e) of Section 12 of the zoning ordinance for complete details.

___ **Elections Signs:** shall not be installed more than 30 days prior to the election and must be removed not later than one (1) week following the election. Not more than one (1) sign per candidate or proposition.

___ **Animals:** The keeping of more than 3 dogs and/or cats. Poultry, pigs, hogs, horses or livestock is prohibited in residential zoned areas or within 132 feet of such property.

___ **Front Yard Parking:** Off-street parking shall be prohibited in the front setback areas of "A" and "B" residence Districts as well as in setback areas of homes used for single or two-family homes located in other zoned classification. The foregoing prohibition shall not apply to off-street parking upon private driveways. (A "Setback" is defined as: Not less than 25 feet from the street.)

___ **Ordinance 443/Fire Code:** Open burning requires a burning permit from the district fire station. Burning may be allowed if the following conditions are met: (1) must have a permit; (2) you must be in attendance at all time; (3) you must have a water supply readily available; (4) the fire must be 50 feet from a structure.

Open burning of rubbish containing paper products is prohibited.

You may be required to extinguish your fire if the smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property, or the burning constitutes a hazardous condition.

___ **Ordinance 197/Rubbish Collection:** it shall be unlawful to place material/recycling at the curbside earlier than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to your scheduled trash/recycling pick up. If the trash is not picked up as scheduled, you are required to remove the trash/recycling from the curbside.

___ **Ordinance 152/Snow Removal:** Owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks adjacent to their lot in good repair, clear of any obstructions and free of trash or broken glass. Also, sidewalks within 500 feet of a public or private school or Metro bus stop must be cleared of snow within 36 hours of an accumulation of ice or 2 inches of snow