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**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP**  
**KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**(Ordinance No. 22-002)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Grattan Township held at the Township offices at 12050 Old Belding Road on the 12th day of September, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member Paul Knoerl made a motion to adopt the following Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member Dennis Heffron:

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO ACT 359 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1947, BEING MCL 41.181, *ET SEQ*, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC PEACE, WELFARE, AND HEALTH AND FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY IN GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BY THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL LICENSES; AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.**

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

**Section 1. Title.**

This Ordinance shall be known as “the Grattan Township Short-Term Rental Ordinance,” and referred to herein as the “Ordinance”.

**Section 2. Findings.**

The Grattan Township Board declares the following findings:

(a) The Township wishes to preserve and maintain the predominately single-family noncommercial residential and farming character of the community and quality of life for all residents, particularly around the Township’s lakes.

(b) Township staff and elected and appointed Township officials have received complaints involving noise, litter, disorderly conduct, overcrowding, traffic, congestion, parking, and safety associated with certain short-term rentals.

(c) The transitory nature of occupants of short-term rentals sometimes makes enforcement and administration of existing ordinances against the occupants difficult.

(d) Short-term rentals provide a limited community benefit by contributing to a variety of lodging facilities for guests to utilize, supporting the local economy by increasing the number of visitors to the area, and assisting owners of short-term rental dwellings by providing revenue which may be used for maintenance upgrades and deferred costs of the property.

(e) The provisions of this Ordinance are necessary to prevent the continued burden placed upon county and Township services and negative impacts on Township residents and property owners sometimes posed by some short-term rentals.

**Section 3. Intent and Purpose.**

- A. This Ordinance is intended to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of Grattan Township, as well as those visiting the area, by requiring the licensing and regulating of short-term rentals within the Township.
- B. It is also the intent of this Ordinance to allow for the purchase and ownership, rental, and maintenance of properties under certain circumstances where renting the dwelling for short periods of time will allow the landowner(s) to keep the property for their own future use and enjoyment, while protecting the integrity of those single family residential neighborhoods and areas which were developed with the intent of single-family residential occupancy by the owners thereof.
- C. The Township wishes to preserve and retain the single-family residential community and farming character of the Township.
- D. It is the intent of this Ordinance to make any short-term rental activity, as permitted by this Ordinance, resemble the existing and traditional residential uses made by resident owners and lessees.
- E. Short-term rentals can provide a community benefit by expanding the number and type of lodging facilities available and assisting owners of short-term rentals by providing revenue which may be used for maintenance upgrades and deferred costs.

#### **Section 4: Applicability**

- A. All requirements, regulations and standards contained in this Ordinance are intended to apply in addition to any other applicable requirements, regulations and standards imposed elsewhere in other ordinances of the Township, including the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance and the Township's regulatory ordinances. Further, this Ordinance does not affect additional requirements imposed by associations rules, regulations or bylaws, or rental agreements.
- B. This Ordinance requires all persons and landowners who desire to operate a short-term rental located anywhere within Grattan Township to first obtain a license from the Township under the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

#### **Section 5: Definitions**

Unless otherwise specified herein, the following words and terms as used in this Ordinance shall mean as follows:

- A. **Dwelling Unit:** A group of rooms located within a building and forming a single habitable unit having facilities which are used or intended to be used for sleeping, cooking, eating and bathing purposes. Also often called a "house" or "cottage."
- B. **Local Contact Person:** A local property manager of an STR, landowner of an STR or agent of the owner of an STR who is available to respond to renter, neighborhood and Township questions or concerns and take remedial action or any agent of the landowner authorized by the landowner to take remedial action and respond to any violation of this Ordinance.
- C. **Managing Agency or Agent:** A person, firm or agency representing the landowner of the property (or portion thereof) used for an STR or a person, firm or agency owning the property (or portion thereof) used for a STR.
- D. **Operator:** The person who controls, operates and is the proprietor of a property (or portion thereof) used for an STR, whether in the capacity of the landowner, lessee, mortgagee in possession, licensee or any other capacity. Where the operator performs his or her functions through a managing agent of any type or character (other than an employee) or where the operator performs his or her functions

through a rental agent, the managing agent or the rental agent has the same duties as the principal.

- E. **Landowner:** Any and all persons or entities that holds legal or equitable title to the property (or portion thereof) used as a STR.
- F. **Parking Space:** An on-site designated parking area legally available to the dwelling unit for the long-term or overnight parking of a motorized vehicle or trailer. Parking spaces shall not be located in a road right-of-way or easement.
- G. **Person:** An individual, a group of individuals, association, firm, partnership, cooperation, or other private entity, public or private.
- H. **Short-Term Rental (“STR”):** A dwelling unit, cabin, cottage or house that is available for rent or use or is used or rented for habitation, accommodation or lodging of guests, paying a fee or other compensation, for a period of less than 30 consecutive days and nights at a time.

**Section 6: Short-Term Rental Standards and Requirements**

Every STR must meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Only one (1) dwelling unit per parcel or lot shall be leased, subleased, used, rented or sub-rented as an STR at any given time. All lodging and sleeping shall be done solely within the dwelling unit and not outdoors or in a recreational vehicle, camper or tent.
- B. A separate Township license is required for each STR property.
- C. The total number of STR licenses in the Township shall not exceed 50 at one time.
- D. There are no restrictions on the number of STR properties owned and operated by a person so long as a Township license is issued for each STR property.
- E. **Local Contact Person:**
  - 1. Each owner of an STR must designate with the Township a local contact person who has current access to and within the STR dwelling and property

- at all times and has full authority to immediately assume management and control of the STR property and take remedial measures.
2. The local contact person must be available twenty-four (24) hours a day during each STR rental period and be within forty-five (45) minutes travel time of the STR property by vehicle.
  3. The landowner shall supply the current telephone number of the local contact person to the Township and the Township shall provide that telephone number to all neighbors within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the STR property boundaries.
  4. A landowner meeting the requirements of subsections (1) and (2), above, may designate themselves as the local contact person.
- F. Special outdoor events, lawn parties, weddings and similar activities are prohibited on any STR property.
- G. The Animal Control Department of Kent County shall have authority over pets. Pets shall always be secured within the STR property or on a leash. Dogs shall not be allowed to whine, yelp, bark or howl for a period of ten minutes or longer.
- H. Fireworks of any kind are not allowed to be used on or from an STR property.
- I. No person shall start or maintain a fire except within provided devices or locations. Fires shall not be left unattended and must be fully extinguished. Only clean, dry wood may be burned.
- J. Provisions for trash and garbage disposal must be provided for each STR property. Trash and garbage must be contained in properly sealed receptacles. There shall be no overflow that will be attractive to vermin. Trash and garbage shall be removed from the property (and lawfully disposed of off-site) at least once weekly.
- K. The landowner shall always maintain a septic system or sewer connection that is in good working condition and in compliance with Grattan Township ordinances and Kent County Health Department standards.
- L. Noise during quiet hours must be limited to that which does not disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities. Quiet hours shall

be from 10:00PM to 8:00 AM. The Grattan Township Nuisance Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2013-002), as amended, shall also apply.

- M. The landowner shall require that all of the requirements of this Ordinance be met at all times by renters and occupants as part of all rental agreements.
- N. Every STR property shall be operated and maintained in a reasonable and safe fashion at all times.
- O. Every STR property shall comply with not only this Ordinance, the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance and all building codes, but also every other applicable Township, Kent County, State of Michigan and federal government law, ordinance, regulation and requirement.
- P. Commencing, operating, or maintaining an STR on a parcel or lot where no license has been issued under this Ordinance (or in violation of an STR license that has been issued under this Ordinance) constitutes a violation of this Ordinance and is a nuisance *per se*.
- Q. At least \$1,000,000 of liability insurance shall cover the STR property at all times.

**Section 7: Owner Responsibilities**

- A. The landowner must ensure that all requirements of this Ordinance are met for every STR property at all times.
- B. The landowner must use his/her/its best efforts to ensure that the occupants and guests of the STR property do not create unreasonable noise or disturbances, engage in disorderly conduct, or violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any other local or state law and shall notify the renter and the occupants of the rules regarding the STR and take appropriate prompt action to abate the violative conduct when notified that the occupant(s) are violating an ordinance or law regarding their occupancy or use.

**Section 8. Application for a short-term rental license.**

- (a) Responsibility. Before a property is rented or operated as an STR (or advertised as an STR), the landowner shall apply for (and obtain) an STR license from the Township through

the submission of an STR license application (and all other required materials) to the Township.

(b) Application Information Required. A person seeking an STR license under this Ordinance shall submit a complete application, certified as being true, to the Grattan Township Zoning Administrator (or such other person as may be designated by the Township Board). The application shall include documentation and information reasonably required by the Township to demonstrate current and continuing compliance with the standards and regulations contained in this Ordinance and also all of the following information:

- (1) The current name, address, telephone numbers (home, work, or cell phone), and email address of the landowner of the proposed STR property.
- (2) An affidavit signed by the landowner of the proposed STR property granting full authority to the local contact person to act on behalf of the landowner pursuant to Subsection 6E hereof.
- (3) Information about the local contact person, including the current name, address, telephone numbers (home, work, or cell phone), and email address of the local contact person
- (4) The address of the proposed STR property.
- (5) The permanent parcel identification number for the proposed STR property.
- (6) Proof of premises ownership.
- (7) Any deed restrictions or use limitations in the subdivision, covenants and restrictions or the condominium master deed and/or bylaws applicable to the STR property.

(8) A floorplan drawing of the proposed STR dwelling unit that includes the number and layout of all bedrooms intended to be occupied or used as part of the STR.

(9) The proposed frequency of related use for and maximum occupancy of the STR property.

(10) A drawing of the premises on which the STR will be located that includes all buildings on the premises, the off-street parking area, the access drive, the adjoining road and the location where all motor vehicles, boats, campers and trailers will be parked or kept.

(11) Documentation that copies, summaries, or website address of the Township, as they may be amended or changed from time to time, will be provided to all of the renters of the STR prior to occupancy.

(c) Application fee. The license application shall also be accompanied by an application fee as established by the Township Board and set forth in the Township's fee schedule.

(d) Complete application. An STR license application shall not be considered accepted by the Township until the Township deems it to be fully complete. The Zoning Administrator (or such other person as is designated by the Township Board) shall determine whether an STR license application is complete after the application is submitted to the Township. If the Zoning Administrator (or such other person as is designated by the Township Board) determines that all required information was not supplied to the Township and/or if the applicant fails to pay the required fee(s) to the Township, then the Zoning Administrator (or such other person as is designated by the Township Board) shall send written notification to the applicant of the deficiencies. If the applicant fails to provide all of the information required by this Ordinance or



fails to pay the required fee(s) within a reasonable time after being notified of the deficiencies, then the application shall be deemed incomplete and shall be denied by the Zoning Administrator (or such other person as is designated by the Township Board) on that basis.

- (e) A separate license is required for each STR property.

**Section 9. Duration of the STR License; Renewal.**

(a) Unless revoked or suspended by the Township earlier, an STR license issued under this Ordinance shall remain in effect for the premises involved for a period of three (3) years from the date it is issued.

(b) The landowner may request the renewal of an STR license upon submitting an application for such renewal to the Zoning Administrator (or other person designated by the Township Board) and the payment of the renewal fee, as determined from time-to-time by the Township Board in the Township fee schedule. All information submitted with the prior application(s) shall be deemed submitted with the application for renewal but shall be updated and corrected where applicable. The landowner need only submit new information to the Township with the application for a license renewal when that application information has changed (or is no longer valid) or there is new and additional Township requirements since the last complete application was filed with the Township.

(c) A renewal license for an STR shall be issued only when all of the standards, requirements and regulations then contained in this Ordinance are met.

(d) If the STR property has a change of ownership, the then-current STR license shall be deemed null and void.

**Section 10. Duty to Remedy Violations.**

The landowner shall immediately remedy or abate any violation of this Ordinance or any other Township ordinance by the renter or occupants of an STR and/or the guests of such occupants or otherwise. For any violation of the above ordinances, the Township may (in addition to other remedies) notify the landowner or the local agent for the STR of such violation by telephone or email. The landowner or the local agent shall be deemed to have received notice of the violation upon receiving a telephone call from the Township or when a return receipt email message is received by the Township, whichever is sooner. Upon receiving notice of the violation, the landowner or the local agent shall ensure that the violation is remedied within 48 hours of receipt of such notice. Failure to remedy the violation within 48 hours after receiving notice of the violation as mentioned above, without good cause shown, shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and may subject the STR license issued under this Ordinance to suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 13 of this Ordinance and may also subject the landowner to court enforcement proceedings and the penalties under Section 16 of this Ordinance.

**Section 11. Exceptions and Exemptions.**

A dwelling unit or premises does not need an STR license as otherwise required in this Ordinance when the occupancy of the dwelling unit or premises occurs under any of the following circumstances:

(a) Family occupancy. Any member of a family (and that family member's guests) may occupy a dwelling as long as any other member of that family is the owner of the dwelling or dwelling unit and there is no monetary or other compensation paid or given. Family occupancy also exempts lawful guest houses or similarly separate dwelling units located on the same premises as the owner's domicile, when occupied by family guests, exchange students, visiting clergy, medical caregivers, and / or childcare givers, without compensation to the landowner.

(b) House-sitting. During the temporary absence of the landowner and the landowner's family, the landowner may permit non-owner occupancy of the premises, without compensation to the landowner and without an STR license for house sitting purposes.

(c) Dwelling sales (Landowners). Occupancy by a prior landowner after the sale of a dwelling under a rental agreement.

(d) Estate representative. Occupancy by a personal representative, trustee, or guardian of the estate and his family, with or without compensation.

### **Section 12. Prohibited Activities.**

None of the following activities, uses or behavior shall occur on or at an STR property while it is being rented or leased by a third party:

(a) Engaging in disorderly conduct.

(b) Engaging in loud, boisterous or unreasonably noisy behavior. Also, no person shall cause a noise or disturbance, which is defined as sound created by human activity with or without the use of any device, machine, vehicle or item, which by reason of its volume, intensity, location, or time of day impairs the health, welfare, or peace of another person of normal human sensibilities. This includes, but is not limited to, the following prohibited acts:

(i) The playing of any radio, television, cell phone, iPod, speaker, phonograph, or other sound reproduction device, or musical instrument in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to unreasonably annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity.

(ii) The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, unreasonably disturbs the comfort, sleep and / or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(iii) The use of any motor vehicle, including motorcycles, ATV's, side-by-sides, snowmobiles, minibikes or similar vehicle in such a manner as to create an unreasonably disturbing noise, including but not limited to, the screeching of tires

and the discharge into the open air of exhaust from the engine without a sufficient muffler.

(iv) Shouting or other raucous, loud, or boisterous behavior for an unreasonable length of time.

- (c) Violating any Township ordinance.
- (d) Disturbing the peace.
- (e) Trespassing.
- (f) The use of fireworks or similar items.
- (g) Intoxication.
- (h) Lewd or obscene behavior.
- (i) Any outdoor burning without the required Township permit, where applicable.
- (j) Littering.

**Section 13. Suspensions and Revocations.**

(a) The Township Board may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke an STR license issued under this Ordinance pursuant to a violation of an STR license or this Ordinance, the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, the Building Code or any other applicable Grattan Township, Kent County, State of Michigan or federal government law, ordinance, regulation or requirement. No such suspension or revocation shall occur unless the Township Board first holds a public hearing and allows the landowner to be heard at that public hearing. A written notice of the public hearing shall be mailed to the landowner and also to all of the owners of all lots or parcels within 300 feet of the lot or parcel where the STR is located, as those owners are shown on the most recent property tax records for the Township. The Township Board may temporarily suspend or permanently revoke an STR license issued under this Ordinance if the Township Board finds that any of the following are applicable:

- (i) There has been a material and substantial violation of this Ordinance, the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, the Building Code or any other Township, Kent County, State of Michigan or federal government law, ordinance, regulation or requirement.
- (ii) There is a violation which endangers the public health or safety.
- (iii) The STR has become a nuisance.
- (iv) The landowner has received more than four written notices during the prior two-year time period of violations of this Ordinance on the STR property involved.

(b) The Township Board may attach reasonable conditions to the reinstatement of an STR license after a temporary suspension.

(c) A temporary suspension or permanent revocation of an STR license under this Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of five days after the Township Board has held a public hearing and made its determination regarding a temporary suspension or permanent revocation. Should the STR be operated thereafter in violation of the temporary suspension or permanent revocation, that shall also constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

(d) If an STR license has been revoked by the Township Board, no new STR license shall be applied for or approved for the same property during the two (2) years after the revocation becomes effective.

**Section 14. Nontransferability; New license required upon transfer of ownership.**

An STR license issued under this Ordinance shall become void upon the transfer of ownership of the dwelling or premises involved, or upon the transfer of a controlling interest in the partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust, or other legal entity that owns the dwelling or premises involved. A new STR license shall be obtained from the Zoning Administrator (or such other person as the Township Board may designate) pursuant to the

requirements and regulations set forth in this Ordinance before short-term rentals may be resumed in the dwelling involved.

**Section 15. Interpretation and Appeals.**

(a) The Grattan Township Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to render binding interpretations and determinations regarding this Ordinance, including any and all provisions of this Ordinance.

(b) If the owner of an STR dwelling unit or property disagrees with any action, interpretation or determination by the Zoning Administrator under this Ordinance, the landowner may file a written appeal with the Township within 21 days of the date on which the Zoning Administrator takes such action or makes a determination or interpretation. In addition, the owner of any lot or parcel within 300 feet of the lot or parcel involving the short-term rental may also appeal to the Township any action by the Zoning Administrator or interpretation or determination by the Zoning Administrator by filing a written appeal with the Township within 21 days of such action, interpretation or determination by the Zoning Administrator. The Grattan Township Board of Safety Appeals shall hear all appeals hereunder that are filed within the Township in a timely fashion. The Grattan Township Board of Safety Appeals shall hold a public hearing regarding any such appeal. Written notice of the hearing on the appeal shall also be mailed to both the landowner of the property where the short-term rental dwelling or premises is located, as well as the owners of all properties within 300 feet of the short-term rental property, via regular mail with all such names and addresses based on the most recent property tax rolls for Grattan Township. The Grattan Township Board of Safety Appeals may either reverse or uphold or uphold with conditions the action, determination or interpretation of the Zoning Administrator involved.

(c) The Township Board may set reasonable fees for any such appeal, including requiring escrow fees from the appealing party to cover any costs incurred by the Township by the Zoning Administrator, Township Attorney or Township Engineer regarding the appeal.

**Section 16. Violations and penalties.**

(a) Any use of land which is commenced or conducted, or any building or structure which is kept or used in violation of any provision of this Ordinance, is hereby declared to be a

nuisance *per se*. Any person who disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance or any license or other approval granted hereunder, or any lawful order, interpretation or determination of or by the Township Zoning Administrator, Ordinance Enforcement Officer or any authorized deputy sheriff issued pursuant to this Ordinance shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

(b) A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall be as follows:

1. Not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense.
2. Not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000 for the second or other subsequent offense.

For purposes of this section, “subsequent offense” means a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance committed by the same person within 12 months of a previous violation of the same or other provision of this Ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible.

Such fines shall be levied in the discretion of the court and shall be in addition to all other costs, damages, expenses and attorney fees incurred by the Township in enforcing the ordinance. Each day that a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

(c) The following Township officials are authorized to issue citations / tickets for the violation of provisions of this Ordinance which are hereby designated as municipal civil infractions (except those designated as misdemeanors), if they have reasonable cause to believe that an infraction has occurred, based upon personal observation or the report of a person who allegedly witnessed the infraction:

1. The Township Zoning Administrator.
2. The Township Enforcement Officer.
3. Any deputy of the Kent County Sheriff’s Department.
4. The Township Supervisor.
5. The Township Building Inspector.

If a citation is based solely upon the complaint of a person who allegedly witnessed the violation, and is not based upon the personal observation of the authorized enforcing official, then the

citation / ticket may nevertheless be issued if the enforcing official has reasonable cause to believe that the violation has occurred and if the Township attorney approves in writing the issuance of the citation / ticket, if such approval by the Township attorney is required by law.

The authorized Township official or other authorized official shall personally serve the citation / ticket upon the alleged violator; provided, however, that if the municipal civil infraction involves the use or occupancy of land or a building or other structure, a copy of the citation / ticket need not be personally served upon the alleged violator but may be served upon an owner or occupant of the land, building or structure by posting a copy of the citation / ticket on the land involved or attaching a copy of the citation / ticket to the building or structure. In addition, in such a case, a copy of the citation / ticket shall be sent by first class U. S. mail to the owner of the land, building or structure at the landowner's last known address.

Citations / tickets shall require an appearance at the district court within a reasonable time after the citation / ticket has been issued.

The procedures for the admission or denial of responsibility, request for informal or formal hearings, and all other matters related to processing of citations for civil infractions shall be as provided by state law.

(d) If the Township is involved in a lawsuit, municipal civil infraction proceeding or other court action in either the Kent County Circuit Court or the District Court and should the Township prevail in whole or in part, then the Township shall be awarded its reasonable attorney fees and costs, including attorney fees and costs incurred by the Township leading up to the lawsuit, municipal civil infraction proceeding or other court proceeding, during the trial court or hearing proceedings in the Kent County Circuit Court or the District Court and through any appeals.

(e) Should any violation of this Ordinance cause damages to the owner(s) of any property adjoining the short-term rental premises (or to that property) or within 1,000-feet of the lot or parcel on which the short-term rental is occurring, then any person found guilty or responsible for a violation of this Ordinance (and for causing such damages) shall also be liable for reimbursing the owner(s) of the adjoining or nearby properties for any and all such damages and costs.



(f) The civil fines, costs, assessments, damages and/or expenses imposed against a person found responsible for violating this Ordinance shall be paid to the Township immediately upon entry of the court order. If any such fines, costs, interest, assessments, damages and/or expenses remain unpaid or unsatisfied after the time permitted for such payment or satisfaction, the Township may impose and record a lien upon the real property involved, to the extent permitted by law, and may enforce the lien to the extent and in the same manner as is provided by law for the enforcement of unpaid *ad valorem* real property taxes, including the inclusion of the monetary amount of such lien upon the *ad valorem* property tax roll, and the collection thereof in the same manner as *ad valorem* real property taxes are collected. The Township may also institute a one lot special assessment to collect all such monies.

(g) In addition to issuance of a municipal civil infraction citation / ticket, the Township may also commence and enforce an action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking injunctive, declaratory or other equitable relief to enforce or interpret any provision of this Ordinance, to require abatement of a violation and / or to seek such other relief as may be provided by law.

(h) Any building, dwelling, structure, land division or land use or activity which is in violation of this Ordinance is declared to be a nuisance *per se*.

(i) The remedies available to the Township under this Ordinance are cumulative and not exclusive or exclusionary.

**Section 17. Severability.**

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance. The Township Board hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part, section, subsection, phrase, sentence and clause irrespective of the fact that any one or more parts, sections, subsections, phrases, sentences or clauses be declared invalid.

**Section 18. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after this Ordinance (or a summary thereof) appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

The vote in favor of this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: Frank Force, Michelle Alberts, Sabrina Freeman, Dennis Heffron, Paul Knoerl

NAYS: Na

ABSTAIN/ABSENT: Na

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED ADOPTED.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Board for Grattan Township at the time, date, and place specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Michelle Alberts  
Grattan Township Clerk