

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

#### **201 ADMINISTRATION**

The Township Board may appoint one or more persons, who shall have the powers of a deputized officer, to enforce this General Code. The Township Zoning Administrator shall have such powers. The Township Supervisor is authorized to direct Township legal counsel to initiate criminal or civil actions to enforce this General Code. Provided further, the Township Board may also arrange for the enforcement of this General Code by the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, and/or other authorized law enforcement agency.

#### **202 CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

Any person or legal entity, including any person or legal entity in charge of any structure or land, as applicable, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of any provision of this General Code or amendment thereof, shall be fined upon conviction not more than \$500 or imprisoned for a period of time not exceeding 90 days, or both. In addition to other sanctions provided herein or elsewhere in this General Code, a person or legal entity determined to be in violation of this General Code shall be required to pay and reimburse the Township for its actual costs of prosecution, including court costs, witness fees, and the Township's actual attorney fees.

#### **203 CIVIL RELIEF**

Violations of this General Code shall be deemed a nuisance per se. The Township may seek civil relief to enjoin or abate any violations to this General Code. In addition to other sanctions provided herein or elsewhere in this General Code, persons determined to be in violation of this General Code shall be required to pay and reimburse the Township for its actual costs of prosecution, including court costs, witness fees, and the Township's actual attorney fees.

#### **204 PRIOR CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS**

It shall not be a defense, to any prosecution brought under this General Code, that the act or condition complained of was not a violation of law prior to the

adoption of this General Code. Such prior acts or conditions shall not be deemed "vested" or "grandfathered."