

**SEWAGE DISPOSAL
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL, MICHIGAN
Ord. No. 3 eff. Nov. 13, 1976**

An Ordinance to provide for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of persons within the Township of Howell to eliminate nuisance conditions detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of such persons by providing for regulation of the disposal of sewage within the Township, and by regulating the use of connection to the Sewage Disposal System of Howell Township.

BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL BY ACT #246 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1945, AS AMENDED, THE TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. **“Public sanitary sewer”** shall mean any enclosed, reasonably watertight conduit for transporting sewage, which is operated under the control of any public body for the transporting of sewage.
- B. The word **“premises”** as used in this Ordinance shall mean any dwelling, building, or other place where human beings reside, are employed, or congregate and where such dwelling or building is in existence shall include the lot or parcel of land upon which it stands.
- C. **“Sewage”** shall mean the liquid and solid wastes from all premises and shall include human excreta and wastes from sinks, lavatories, bathtubs, showers and laundry and any other water-carried wastes of organic nature, either singly or in combination thereof.

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Section 2 SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or maintain any premise which is not equipped with adequate facilities for the disposal of sewage in a sanitary manner as provided for in the following section. Under no conditions may sewage from existing or hereafter constructed premises be deposited, or be allowed to flow or collect upon the surface of any ground, in open ditches, water courses, inland lakes, or into any closed drain other than a sanitary sewer.
- B. No outside toilets shall be maintained in the Township of Howell, except those approved structures used temporarily during periods of construction. No premise shall be erected or maintained unless it shall have approved sanitary facilities.

- C. Where there is a public sanitary sewer available to any premises, all sewage emanating from said premises shall be disposed of through such public sanitary sewer and the use of any private sewage disposal system of any kind shall be discontinued within a reasonable time, by not more than six (6) months after such public sanitary sewer becomes available. The public sanitary sewer shall be considered available to a premises if any connecting arm or lateral of such system is in the public roadway abutting such premises or is in any easement on or abutting such premises, or has been otherwise specifically constructed for the purpose of serving such particular premises.
- D. Where public sanitary sewers are not available, sewage from premises shall be disposed of through an approved system which shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the sanitary code of the Livingston County Department of Health.

Section 3 PENALTIES.

- A. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or shall be imposed in the County Jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, and the same shall be in addition to all remedies provided by law or Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.
- B. Changes under this Ordinance for connecting premises to the public sewer, or to a sewer line tributary thereto, shall be a lien thereon, and any such charge delinquent for six (6) months or more shall be certified by the Township Treasurer to the Township Supervisor on or before September 1 of each year and said Supervisor shall enter the same upon the next tax roll against the premises to which the public sewer is connected and the said lien shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon such roll in the enforcement of the lien therefore. In addition to other lawful enforcement methods, the payment of said charges may be enforced by the discontinuing of the sewage disposal convenience to such premises, and the disconnecting of premises from the public sewer.

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Section 4 CHARGES.

(Reserved)

Section 5 REPEALER.

An Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

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Section 6 SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, subdivision, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so invalidated.

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Section 7 EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect thirty (30) days after publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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Section 8 ADOPTION.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Howell at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 27th day of September, 1976, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

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