MONTOUR TOWNSHIP COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2001 - 14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTOUR, COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, A QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE AND VIOLATIONS TICKETING PROCESS

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Montour, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, that the following property maintenance rules, regulations, and procedures shall apply:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

Lack of maintenance of properties, littering, improper storage of trash and rubbish, storage of inoperable/non-registered vehicles, vendor operations without permits, and accumulation of snow and ice are costly problems that contribute to the deterioration of property values and general disorder in a community. Their problems degrade the physical appearance of the Township, which reduces business and tax revenue inhibiting economic development. The quality of life and community pride of the citizens of the Township are negatively impacted by the occurrences and existence of these activities. Recognizing these are community problems, the purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the Township by helping to create a clean environment for the citizens and property owners of the Township.

SECTION 2. Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall be defined as follows, unless context clearly indicates otherwise:

APPLIANCE – a device or instrument designed for household use.

AUTHORIZED LITTER RECEPTACLE – a litter collection receptacle which is placed on the public right-of-way or on public property by the Township for use by the public to deposit small quantities of hand-held trash, not household or commercial waste.

TOWNSHIP - Township of Montour, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

DEBRIS – any material upon the premises that is a residue of structural demolition, or any other material that is not neatly stored, stacked, or piled in such a manner so as not to create a nuisance or become a harboring place or food supply for insects and rodents.

DUMPING – includes, but is not limited to, depositing of litter, depositing of durable goods (refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc.) small appliances, furniture, carpets, tires, vehicles, vehicle parts, and automotive products, and other such municipal waste, hazardous waste, residual waste, and construction or demolition debris on public or private property, except as authorized by law.

GARBAGE – the animal or vegetable waster resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and consumption of food.

HAZARDOUS WASTE – any waste material or a combination of solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material that cause of its quality, concentration, physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may:

- 1. Cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious, irreversible or incapacitating illness.
- 2. Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of or otherwise managed.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) – waste which would be chemically or physically classified as hazardous waste, but is excluded from regulation as hazardous waste because it is produced in quantities smaller than those regulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and because it is generated by persons not otherwise covered as hazardous waste generators by those regulations and which poses a threat to the public. Such HHW materials meet one of the following four classifications: toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive. HHW consists of numerous products that are common to the average household such as: pesticides and herbicides, cleaners, automotive products, paints, and acids.

INDOOR FURNITURE – any and all pieces of furniture which are made for only inside use, including, but not limited to, upholstered chairs, sofas, and bedding.

JUNK VEHICLE – any vehicle which presents a hazard or danger to the public by virtue of its state or condition of disrepair. The following conditions, if present, are examples of a state or conditions of disrepair:

- 1. Rusted and/or jagged metal on or protruding from the body of the vehicle.
- 2. Broken glass or windows on or in the vehicle.
- 3. Leaking of any fluids from the vehicle or deflated or flat tire(s).
- 4. Unsecured and/or unlocked doors, hood, or trunk.
- 5. Harboring of rodents, insects, or other pests.
- 6. Broken headlamps, tail lamps, or floorboards with sharp edges or large holes resulting from rust.
- 7. Any body parts, trunk, firewall, or floorboards which sharp edges or large holes resulting from rust.

- 8. Missing doors, windows, hood, trunks, or other body parts that could permit animal harboring.
- 9. One or more open tires or tubes which could permit animal harborage.
- 10. Any vehicle suspended by blocks, jacks, or other such materials in a location which may pose a danger to the public, property owners, visitors, or residents of the property on which said vehicle is found.
- 11. Disassembled body or chassis parts stored in, on, or about the vehicle.
- 12. Vehicles that do not display a current valid registration or inspection.
- 13. Such other defects which the Township Code Enforcement Officer, Police Officer, or other public safety agency determines to be a danger to the general public or property.
- 14. Vehicle that is inoperable.

LITTER – includes, but is not limited to, all waste material, garbage, trash, i.e. waste paper, tobacco products, wrappers, food or beverage containers, newspapers, etc., municipal waste, human waste, domestic animal waste, furniture or motor vehicle seats, vehicle parts, automotive products, shopping carts, construction or demolition material, recyclable material, and dirt, mud and yard waste that has been abandoned or improperly discarded, deposited, or disposed.

MOBILE VENDOR – a vendor or seller of food and/or goods from a vehicle or other conveyance upon the public streets or alleys of the Township that does not typically remain stationary for more than approximately three (3) hours or the duration of a special event, not to exceed five (5) days.

MOTOR VEHICLE – any type of mechanical device, capable or at one time capable of being propelled by a motor in which persons or property may be transported upon public streets or highways, and including trailers or semitrailers pulled thereby.

MUNICIPAL WASTE – any garbage, refuse, industrial, lunchroom, or office waste, and other material including solid, liquid, semisolid, or container gaseous material resulting from operation of residential, municipal, commercial, or institutional establishments or from community activities, and which is not classified as residual waster or hazardous waste as defined herein. The term does not include source separated recyclable material or organic waste.

NOTICE OF VIOLATION – a written document issued to a person in violation of a Township ordinance which specifies the violation and contains a directive to take corrective action within a specified time frame or face further legal action.

NUISANCE – any conditions, structure, or improvement which constitutes a danger or potential danger to the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of the Township, or causes a blighting effect in Township neighborhoods. See also "public nuisance."

PERSON - every natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, or institution.

PLANTER STRIP – the non-concrete space in the sidewalk area filled with dirt, grass, flowers, and/or shrubs.

PRIVATE PROPERTY – any land and the improvements thereon owned by any person and includes, front, side, and rear yards; vacant lots, buildings, and other structural improvements; walkways and alleyways; and parking areas, designed or used either wholly or in part for private residential, industrial, or commercial purposes, whether inhabited, temporary, continuously uninhabited, or vacant, including any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, vestibule, or mailbox belonging to or appurtenant to such dwelling, house, building, or other structure.

PUBLIC OFFICER – any police officer, code enforcement officer, authorized inspector, or public official designated by the Township to enforce the Township ordinances.

PUBLIC NUISANCE – any act that threatens the health, morals, safety, comfort, convince or welfare of a community.

PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY – the total width of any land used, reserve, or dedicated as a street, alley, driveway, sidewalk, or utility easement, including curb and gutter areas.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL – material which would otherwise become municipal waste, which can be collected, separated, or processed, and returned to the economic main-stream in the form of raw materials or products. These materials may include, but not to be limited to, aluminum cans, ferrous and bi-metal cans, scrap metal, glass containers, plastic bottles and containers, mixed papers, white goods, major appliances, televisions, tires, large auto-parts, electric wiring and equipment.

RESIDUAL WASTE – any discarded material or other waste including solid, semisolid, or contained gaseous materials resulting from construction, industrial, mining, and agricultural operations, excluding municipal water and sewer operations.

RESPONSIBLE AGENT – any person designated to accept service on behalf of a legal owner or operator of a rental dwelling unit.

RUBBISH – combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage; the term shall include the residue from the burning or wood, coal, coke, and other combustible materials, paper, rags, carton, boxes, wood, excelsior, rubber, leather, tree branches, yard trimmings, tin cans, metals, mineral matter, glass, crockery, and dust and other similar materials.

SHADE TREE – unless otherwise specified, includes all trees, shrubs, and woody vegetation in the public's right-of-way.

SIDEWALK AREA – the public right-of-way between the property line and the curb line or the established edge of the roadway.

SOLID WASTE – any waste including, but not limited to, municipal, residual, or hazardous wastes, including, solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous materials.

STORAGE – the containment of any waste on a temporary basis in such a manner as not to constitute disposal as such waste, and it shall be presumed that the containment of any municipal waste in excess of three (3) months constitutes disposal.

TREE WELL - the non-concrete area surrounding a shade tree planted in a sidewalk area.

VEGETATION – any planting that is cultivated and managed for edible or ornamental purposes such as vegetable gardens, trees, shrubs, hedges, flowers, bioswales, rain gutters, etc.

QUALITY OF LIFE TICKET – a form issued by a police office or public officer to a person who violates a provision of this Ordinance. The quality of life ticket is an offer by the Township extended to a person to settle a violation by paying the fine in lien of a citation being issued against the violator.

WEEDS – shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetables, which meet any of the following criteria:

- 1. Exceed ten (10) inches in height.
- 2. Gives off unpleasant noxious odors or pollen such as ragweed, dandelion, and miscellaneous other vegetation commonly referred to as weeds or brush.
- 3. May conceal filthy deposits or serve as breeding places for mosquitoes, other insects, or vermin.
- 4. May cause a public nuisance. Weeds shall not include cultivated and managed vegetation planted for edible or ornamental purposes such as vegetable gardens, trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.

YARD - an open space on the same lot with a structure.

SECTION 3: Quality of Life Violations.

- Accumulation of Rubbish or Garbage. All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of waste, trash, rubbish, or garbage.
- 2. Animal Maintenance and Waste/Feces Clean-Up. People owning, harboring, or keeping an animal within the Township shall not permit any waste matter/feces from the animal to

collect and remain on the property so as to cause or create an unhealthy, unsanitary, dangerous, or offensive living condition. All waste from animals must be cleaned up on a daily basis. No person shall cause or allow any animal to defecate upon any property within the Township without immediately removing said feces and depositing it in approved containers of said person.

- 3. Disposal of Rubbish or Garbage/Dumping. Improper disposal of rubbish or garbage, or dumping or disposing of rubbish or garbage on vacant, unoccupied, or other property is prohibited. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to dump or dispose of any household, residential, commercial, or industrial rubbish or garbage in any public trash receptacle.
- 4. High Weeds, Grass, or Plant Growth. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of ten (10) inches (254 mm). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation. Cultivated flowers, gardens, trees, and shrubs shall not be included as a violation of this Ordinance.
- 5. Littering or Scattering Rubbish. No person shall throw, dump, place, sweep, or dispose of any waste, trash, garbage, or rubbish upon any public sidewalk, alley, street, bridge, public, passageway, public parking area, or on any public, property.
- 6. Junk Vehicles. It shall be unlawful to store, park, or place any junk vehicle on any premises, provided, however, that neither the diligent repair of a junk vehicle within a period not to exceed sixty (60) days nor the storage of no more than two (2) junk vehicles which have had all fluids removed therefrom and which are covered with an opaque tarp that is securely tied down by a person engaged in the automotive repair business shall constitute a violation of this provision. No vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.
- 7. Mobile Vendor. It shall be unlawful to operate as a mobile vendor without the proper permits and/or inspections. It shall also be unlawful to operate as a mobile vendor while any portion of the vehicle or conveyance being used is inoperable.
- 8. Operating or Vending Without the Proper Pennit/License. It shall be unlawful for any person, business, partnership, or entity including, but not limited to, any business, vending cart, store, or establishment to operate without the proper permits.
- 9. Outside Placement of Indoor Appliances/Furniture. It is prohibited to store or place any/all appliances or furniture including, but not limited to ranges, refrigerators, air conditioners, ovens, washers, dryers, microwaves, dishwashers, mattresses, recliners, sofas, interior chairs, or interior tables on the exterior of any property, except for the temporary purpose to perform maintenance on said property.
- 10. Ownership Presumption of Waste, Trash, and/or Recyclables for Illegal Dumping and illegal hauling. It shall be the responsibility of every owner and/or occupant to dispose of

their waste, trash, or recyclables in a proper manner. Any business or person who is unable to show proof that they have legally disposed of any waste, trash, or recyclables will be in violation of this Ordinance. Should any person or business use an unlicensed hauler to dispose of their waste, trash, or recyclables, said person or business shall be in violation of this Ordinance. Upon request of a public officer, any owner or occupant must show proof of their appropriate trash and/or recyclable hauler. If any parts found within a municipal waste container, recycling container, garbage bag, or loose trash/waste displaying the name and/or address of a person and/or persons, that trash or waste shall be presumed to be in the property of such person and/or persons. It shall be unlawful for any person, business, partnership, or entity to remove or haul waste, trash, or recyclables without the proper approval or license. Any waste, trash, or recyclables found not to be disposed of in accordance with this Ordinance will be a violation of this Ordinance.

- 11. Placement or Littering by Private Advertising Matter. No person shall throw, place, sweep, dispose of litter or private advertising matter upon any public sidewalk, alley, street, bridge, public passageway, public parking area, or any public property. No person, group, organization, or entity will hang, place, or advertise on any public property in any manner. No person, group, organization, or entity will hang, place, or advertise on any property that they do not have any ownership rights to without the written approval of said owner.
- 12. Snow and Ice Removal from Sidewalks. Every owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, property agent, or any other person who is responsible for any property within the Township, is required to remove any snow or ice from their sidewalk within twenty-four (24) hours of the cessation of said snow and ice falling. Furthermore; they must create a path, free from any snow or ice, of three (3) feet on said sidewalk. Should any property be a place of business within the Township, all snow and ice must be removed within four (4) hours of the cessation of said snow and ice falling. Any property that is deemed a business must have the entire sidewalk free from any snow and ice. If and/or when the snow and/or ice cessation happens during the hours of darkness, the time limit of removal of all snow and ice begins at daybreak.
- 13. Storage Containers for Waste or Trash. The owner of every premise shall supply approved containers for waste/trash, as well as be responsible for the removals of rubbish. All containers that store waste or trash shall be durable, water tight, and made of metal or plastic. Containers must have tight fitting covers, and must be kept clean and odor free at all times. All containers must be stored in an unnoticeable location on the property. Waste/trash containers may only be placed in front of any property on the day before scheduled trash pick-up. Once the licensed hauler removes the waste/trash from any property, all containers must be returned to its location on the property on the day following pick-up.
- 14. Storing and Discarding of Appliances. Refrigerators and similar equipment including, but not limited to, washers, dryers, dishwashers, and ranges not in operation shall not be discarded, stored, or abandoned on any premises without first removing the doors.

- 15. Storing of Hazardous Materials. It shall be unlawful for any person, business, or entity to store combustible, flammable, explosive, or other hazardous materials including, but not limited to paints, volatile oils and cleaning fluids, or combustible rubbish including but not limited to, wastepaper, boxes, or rags unless the storage of said materials is stored in compliance with the applicable Building Codes.
- 16. Storing of Recyclables. It shall be the responsibility of the owner of all residential, commercial, and industrial properties to ensure storage, collection, and disposal of all recyclables from their property in such a manner not to create a public nuisance. Storage of recyclables is only allowed in approved containers, which must be kept clean and sanitary at all times.
- 17. Storing or Serving of Potentially Hazardous Food. No individual or entity operating a business shall store or serve potentially hazardous food. Including, but not limited to, out of date food, food being stored above or below the appropriate temperature, or serving food that had previously been open are considered a violation of this Ordinance.
- 18. Swimming Pools. Swimming pools shall be maintained in good repair at all times. They shall also be kept clean, safe, covered, and sanitary as well.
- 19. Violating Terms of Any Vending License. It shall be unlawful to violate any term, part, portion, or in total, any vending license. Any person, business, partnership, or entity violating their vending license shall be in violation of this Ordinance.
- 20. Temporary Dumpster Permit Required. Each temporary dumpster, whether placed on private property or in a public right of way, shall display a valid permit issued by the Township. The permit shall be valid for sixty (60) days, but may be renewed by the Township.
- 21. Nuisance/Public Nuisance. Every owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, property agent, public or private contracted or any other person who is responsible for any property or maintenance of property within the Township, is required to remove any condition, structure, or improvement which constitutes a danger or potential danger to the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of the Township, or causes a blight effect or disturbance in the Township neighborhoods. All property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from all unsafe or unsanitary conditions.
- 22. Motor Vehicles. It shall be unlawful to store, park, or place any vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, upon any sidewalk, within the Township or to park any motor vehicle in a manner which interferes with the flow of pedestrian, bicyclist, or automobile traffic or which may impede emergency efforts.
- 23. Waste tires and tire-derived materials. Any person or owners proposing to store waste tires or tire-derived materials shall obtain DEP approval of a plan prior to such storage that addresses the DEP "Interim Police for the Storage of Waste Tires and Tire-derived Materials" or any subsequent regulations which are promulgated to address this issue.

The DEP approved plan shall be submitted to the Township Code Enforcement Officer. Any facility in which waste tires or tire-derived products are stored contrary to the previsions of this subsection shall be classified as a waste disposal facility and shall be subject to the applicable requirements of the Solids Waste management Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 4. Authority for Issuance of Quality of life ticket.

Upon finding a Quality of Life violation, any public officer of the township, may issue a Quality of life ticket to the owner and/or occupant of the property at issue or to the individual(s) known to have violated this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Enforcement.

- 1. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by police officers, code officers, and/or any other public officer authorized to enforce ordinances.
- 2. Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance may be cause for a citation, a quality of life ticket, and/or a notice of violation to be issued to the violate.

SECTION 6. Service.

A quality of life ticket shall be served upon a violator by handing it to the violator, by handing it at the residence of the person to be served to an adult member of the household or other person in charge of the residence, by leaving or affixing the notice or quality of life ticket to the property where the violation exists, by handing it at any office or usual place of business of the violator, to his/her agent or to the person for the time being in charge thereof, or by mailing the notice to the violator's address of record.

SECTION 7. Separate Offense.

Each day a violation continues or is permitted to continue may constitute a separate offense for which a separate fine may be imposed.

SECTION 8. Abatement of Violation.

- Any person or business violating this Ordinance is hereby directed to satisfy the Township and its citizens, upon issuance of a Quality of Life ticket, by correcting the violation in question. The cost shall be determined by the Township Code Enforcement Officer in order that the Township shall be compensated for both direct and indirect costs and expenses incurred.
- 2. The Township reserves the right to perform any necessary work to abate any violation once seventy-two (72) hours passes from the date of issuance of the Quality of Life ticket. If the Township has abated the violation, the cost thereof may be charged to the owner of the property, tenant, or offending party. A bill/invoice will be generated to the

person or business for payments separate from the Quality of Life ticket, which will also be paid separately. The rate charged by the Township for performing the work shall be set forth on the Township fee schedule. Township reserves the right to charge an additional twenty (20%) percent on all material purchases to cover all miscellaneous expenses, such as wear and tear on equipment and a thirty (30%) percent processing fee in addition to the cost of the contractor.

SECTION 9: Fines and Penalties.

- 1. For the first violation of this Ordinance within a 12-month period, a quality of life ticket shall be issued in the amount of \$25.00 or \$50.00, as set forth on the chart below.
- 2. For the second violation of this Ordinance within a 12-month period, a quality of life ticket shall be issued in the amount of \$50.00 or \$100.00, as set forth on the chart below.
- 3. For the third violation of the Ordinance within a 12-month period, a quality of life ticket shall be issued in the amount of \$100.00 or \$250.00, as set forth on the chart below.
- 4. For the fourth violation and each subsequent violation of the Ordinance, within a 12-month period, the amount of a quality of life ticket shall increase in the amount of \$150.00 or \$250.00 accumulative for each subsequent offense. Any person who receives a quality of life ticket for any violation of this Ordinance may, within ten (10) days, admit the violation, waive a hearing, and pay the fine in full satisfaction.
- 5. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall pay a fine as set forth herein for each offence, plus all direct and indirect costs incurred by the Township for the cleanup, and abatement of the violation

Violation	Description	First	Second	Third
		Offense	Offense	Offense
QOL-001	Accumulation of rubbish or garbage	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-002	Animal maintenance & waste/feces	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
	clean-up			0.00.00
QOL-003	Disposal of rubbish or garbage	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100,00
QOL-004	High weeds, grass, or plant growth	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-005	Littering or scattering rubbish	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-006	Junk vehicles	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-007	Operating a food cart illegally	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-008	Operating or vending without a proper	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
	permit			
QOL-009	Outside placement of indoor	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
	appliances/furniture			
QOL-010	Ownership presumption of waste, trash,	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
	and/or recyclables for illegal dumping			
	and illegal hauling			

QOL-011	Placement of littering by private advertising matter	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-012	Snow and ice removal from sidewalks	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-013	Storing containers for waste or trash	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-014	Storing or discarding of appliances	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-015	Storing of hazardous material	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-016	Storing of recyclables	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-017	Storing or serving potentially hazardous food	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-018	Swimming Pools	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-019	Violating the terms of any vending issues	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-020	Temporary dumpster permit required	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-021	Nuisance/Public Nuisance	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-022	Motor Vehicles	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
QOL-023	Waste Tires	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00

SECTION 10. Quality of Life Ticket Penalties.

- 1. If the person in receipt of a \$25.00 quality of life ticket does not pay the fine or request a hearing within ten (10) days, the person will be subject to a \$10.00 per day penalty for days 11 through 30.
- 2. If the person in receipt of a \$50.00 quality of life ticket does not pay the fine or request a hearing within ten (10) days, the person will be subject to a \$25.00 per day penalty for days 11 through 30.
- 3. If the person in receipt of a \$100.00, \$250.00 or higher quality of life ticket does not pay the fine or request a hearing within ten (10) days, the person will be subject to a \$50.00 per day penalty for days 11 through 30. Failure of the person to make payment or request a hearing within thirty (30) days of a quality of life ticket shall make the person subject to a citation for failure to pay.
- 4. If violations are continuous or egregious, the Code Enforcement Officer has the right to issue a citation without first issuing a ticket, provided notice has been given.

SECTION 11. Citation Fines.

Upon issuance of four (4) tickets for the same violation, the right is reserved for the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a citation for the fifth and subsequent offenses.

Any person, firm, or corporation who is served a citation under this Section, shall upon conviction, be ordered to pay a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, and not more than one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars on each offense, or imprisoned for no more than ninety (90) days or both.

SECTION 12. Restitution.

The Magisterial District Judge may order the violator to make restitution to said real or personal property owner.

SECTION 13. Collections.

At the discretion of the Township, all tickets for which payment is not received within forty-five (45) days of issuance and monies paid to the Township for abatement of a violation not paid within forty-five (45) days of billing, may be turned over by the Township to a collection agency for receipt.

SECTION 14. Liens.

At the discretion of the Township, liens may be placed upon a property against which tickets were issued for which payment is not received within forty-five (45) days of issuance of a ticket and monies paid by the Township for abatement of a violation not paid within forty-five (45) days of billing.

SECTION 15. Nonexclusive Remedies.

The penalty lien and collection provisions of the Ordinance shall be independent, non-mutually exclusive separate remedies, all of which shall be available to the Township as may be deemed appropriate for carrying out the purposes of the Ordinance. The remedies and procedures provided in this Ordinance for violation hereof are not intended to supplant or replace to any degree the remedies and procedures available to the Township in the case of a violation of any other Township ordinances or regulation, whether or not such ordinance or regulation is referenced in the Ordinance, and whether or not an ongoing violation of such ordinance or regulation is cited as the underlying ground for a finding of a violation of the Ordinance.

SECTION 16. Severability.

If any provision, paragraph, word, section, or subsection of this Ordinance is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections, or subsections shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 17. Other Ordinances.

All relevant ordinances, regulations, and policies of Montour Township, Pennsylvania, not amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18, Validity.

If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause of this Ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 19. Repeal.

Any Ordinance or part of an ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

ORDERED AND ENACTED THIS 12 day of Angust, 2021.

Attest:

Secretary

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TOWNSHIP OF MONTOUR

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