

**ORDINANCE #2022-01**  
**CROW WING TOWNSHIP NUISANCE ORDINANCE**  
**COUNTY OF CROW WING**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Town Board of Crow Wing Township does ordain as follows:

**Purpose and Intent:** The purpose of this ordinance is to give parameters to public nuisances in regard to peace, safety, parking, storage, and inoperable motor vehicles.

**NUISANCES**

**1.1 PUBLIC NUISANCE.**

Whoever by his or her act or failure to perform a legal duty intentionally does any of the following is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance, which is a misdemeanor:

- (A) Maintains or permits a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures, or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort, or repose of any considerable number of members of the public;
- (B) Interferes with, obstructs, or renders dangerous for passage any public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or
- (C) Is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law or the Crow Wing Township Land Use Ordinance, or any other part of this ordinance to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.

**1.2 PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING PEACE AND SAFETY.**

The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety:

- (A) All trees, hedges, billboards, or other obstructions which prevent people from having a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection;
- (B) All wires and limbs of trees which are so close to the surface of a sidewalk or street as to constitute a danger to pedestrians or vehicles;
- (C) All obnoxious noises in violation of Minn. Rules Ch. 7030, as they may be amended from time to time which are hereby incorporated by reference into this code;
- (D) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or adjacent private property;
- (E) All other conditions or things that are likely to cause injury to the person or property of anyone.

**1.3 NUISANCE PARKING AND STORAGE.**

(A) *Declaration of nuisance.* The outside parking and storage on residential property of large numbers of vehicles and vehicles, materials, supplies, or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes in violation of the requirements set forth below is declared to be a public nuisance because it (a) obstructs views on streets and private property, (b) creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas, (c) prevents the full use of residential streets for residential parking, (d) introduces commercial advertising signs into areas where commercial advertising signs are otherwise prohibited, (e) decreases adjoining landowners' and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood, and (f) otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

(B) *Unlawful parking and storage.*

- (1) A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery, or similar materials, including all materials used in connection with a business, outside on the residential property, unless shielded from public view by an opaque cover or fence.
- (2) A person must not cause, undertake, permit or allow the outside parking and storage of large numbers of vehicles on residential property, except as otherwise permitted or required by the township because of nonresidential characteristics of the property.

(3) Vehicles, watercraft, and other articles stored outside on residential property must be owned by a person who resides on that property. Students who are away at school for periods but still claim the property as their legal residence will be considered residents on the property.

(4) Storage Containers. The use of semitrailers, shipping containers, and other similar structures or containers for storage requires a permit. This shall not apply to construction storage trailers used on-site during a construction project for a period of 120 days. If all required permits are obtained for the project, the project remains in compliance, and the trailer is removed from the lot upon completion of the project. No habitation is allowed under any circumstances.

#### **1.4 INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES.**

(A) It shall be unlawful to keep, park, store, or abandon any motor vehicle which is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling, or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation with the state, pursuant to M.S. §168B.011, Subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a building and/or kept out of view from any street, road or alley, or adjacent property and which does not foster complaint from a resident of the township. A privacy fence is permissible.

(C) Any motor vehicles described in this section constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the residents of the community in that such vehicles can harbor noxious diseases, furnish a shelter and breeding place for vermin, and present physical danger to the safety and well-being of children and citizens; and vehicles containing fluids which, if released into the environment, can and do cause significant health risks to the community.

**Effective Date:** This ordinance amendment shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication according to state law.

**Repeal:** This ordinance shall repeal all ordinances inconsistent herewith.