

ALPINE TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 04-07

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE
MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF GREASE TRAPS.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALPINE, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions.

For purposes of this Ordinance,

- a. *Grease Trap* means a device designed to intercept, separate and retain fats, oils, and grease from liquid waste and permit the liquid waste to discharge into the sewer system.
- b. *Customer* means the owner of the premises and/or the person or entity having possession of the premises served by public sanitary sewer.

Section 2. Grease Traps.

- a. Grease Traps shall be installed at the sole expense of the Customer
 - (i) if the Township determines they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts; or
 - (ii) if the Township, State of Michigan, or County of Kent regulations or plumbing codes require such installation; or
 - (iii) if any regulatory agency having jurisdiction determines that existing installations are inadequate to protect the sewer system. All grease traps shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Township or by other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction and shall be located so as to be readily accessible for cleaning and inspection.
- b. Grease Traps shall be constructed of impervious materials capable of withstanding abrupt and extreme changes in temperature. They shall be of substantial construction, watertight, and equipped with easily removable covers which, when bolted in place, shall be gas-tight and watertight. Grease Traps shall be installed in compliance with current plumbing codes adopted by the Township or other regulatory agency. There shall be

ample room and reasonable access to interceptors to allow accurate sampling and preparation of samples for transport and analysis. After the effective date of this ordinance, all newly constructed Grease Traps shall be accessible for maintenance and cleaning outside of enclosed buildings in a place that is easily accessible for that purpose.

c. After a newly constructed Grease Trap has been inspected by the plumbing inspector, the Customer responsible for maintaining the Grease Trap shall contact the Township or its designee to arrange for an initial inspection and registration to facilitate the administration of the requirements of this ordinance.

d. The Customer shall maintain Grease Traps at his expense, in continuously efficient operation at all times. Grease shall be removed from a Grease Trap in a manner in accordance with the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and this Ordinance. The Township and its agents shall have the right to require evidence of records of maintenance and disposal related to the operation of Grease Traps and oil and sand interceptors or to inspect said records without prior notification.

e. No later than the ninety (90) days following the effective date of this Ordinance, the Customer served by a Grease Trap shall arrange for and carry out the inspection, cleaning and maintenance of the device by a licensed qualified contractor and shall submit to the Township or its designee, within ten (10) days of the inspection, cleaning, and maintenance, a report of such inspection, cleaning and maintenance on a form approved by or acceptable to the Township, and signed by the contractor and thereafter repeat this inspection, cleaning, maintenance and reporting every sixty (60) days. The Customer shall accomplish said reporting by requiring the contractor to forward a copy of his receipt and statement of services rendered directly to the Township or its designee. The receipt and statement must state

- (i) the condition of the operation ("adequate" or "inadequate"),
- (ii) whether the inlet and outlet of the Grease Trap was open or closed,
- (iii) whether the Grease Trap and appurtenances require jetting and whether this service was refused, and
- (iv) what services were rendered.

f. The Township or its designee, in its sole discretion, may determine that conditions on the premises of a user require cleaning and/or maintenance

more often or less often than every sixty (60) days. Said determination shall be in writing and signed by the Township or its designee.

g. Regular Grease Trap pumping and cleaning requires pumping out all liquids and solids and not leaving any pumpable material remaining in the trap.

h. No decanted liquid from the pumped Grease Trap shall be returned to the Grease Trap.

i. An Administrative Charge, in an amount established by resolution of the Township Board, shall be levied against a Customer for each month or portion of a month following the date by which the required report is not submitted. Failure to provide the report or failure to pay any Administrative Charge shall be grounds for disconnection of the premises by turning off the public water supply or other means, in addition to all other remedies provided by law and ordinance.

k. In the event that the licensed contractor fails to provide the required report, and notice of said failure is provided to the owner of the premises, the Township or its designee shall accept written evidence of the services provided from the owner, in the form of a copy of the inspection and report of services provided by the licensed contractor. Said written evidence must be provided within ten (10) business days of the first class mailing of the notice.

Section 3. Penalty – Municipal Civil Infraction

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) plus any costs, damages, expenses, and other sanctions as authorized under Chapter 87 of Act No. 236 of the Public Acts of 1961, as amended, and other applicable laws. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall make the violator liable for the imposition of a fine for each day.

Section 4. Severability

If any section, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Conflict

Any portion of any ordinance inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of a copy thereof in the Grand Rapids Press, a newspaper of general circulation within Alpine Township.

At a regular meeting held on Monday, November 15, 2004, Steffens offered a motion, with support from Schweitzer, to approve the foregoing Ordinance as presented. The Ordinance was approved as follow in a roll call vote:

AYE: Brechting, Chase, Schweitzer, Steffens, and Wahlfield.
NAY: None.
ABSENT: Kober.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-07 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.



Jean Wahlfield, Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Alpine Township Board held on Monday, November 15, 2004 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Act of Michigan of 1976, as amended.



Jean Wahlfeild, Clerk

Approval: November 15, 2004
Publication: January 27, 2005
Effective Date: February 27, 2005