

**ANTWERP TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-005**

**ADOPTED: January 8, 2019  
EFFECTIVE: January 26, 2019**

**EFFECTIVE: EIGHT (8) DAYS FOLLOWING  
PUBLICATION AFTER ADOPTION**

An Ordinance to amend the Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance so as to make violation(s) thereof punishable as a municipal civil infraction; to specify civil sanctions for violation of the Zoning Ordinance; and to repeal all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ANTWERP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1  
AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14.11  
THE ANTWERP TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE**

Section 14.11 of the Antwerp Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

**“SECTION 14.11 *Violations and Penalties***

- A. Violation. Any person who violates, disobeys, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, any administrative decision made under the Ordinance, or any permit or approval issued under the Ordinance, including any conditions imposed thereon, or who causes, allows, or consents to any of same, shall be deemed to be responsible for a violation of this Ordinance. Any person responsible for a violation of this Ordinance whether as an owner (by deed or land contract), lessee, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, shall be liable as a principal. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

- B. Municipal Civil Infraction. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan statute and shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine
-1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00
-2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
-3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00
-4 <sup>th</sup> or More Offense\$	500.00	\$ 500.00

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which Antwerp Township has incurred in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$10.00 be ordered.

- C. Remedial Action. Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a basis for injunctive relief or other appropriate remedy in any court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with this Ordinance and enforce the provisions thereof.”

## **SECTION 2** **SEVERABILITY**

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, illegal or of no force and effect by a court of competent jurisdiction, then and in that event such portion thereof shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

## **SECTION 3** **EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

This Ordinance shall take effect eight (8) days following publication, following adoption. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Chantel Reyna, Clerk  
Antwerp Township