

BUSHNELL TOWNSHIP  
**ANTI-BLIGHT ORDINANCE**

Ordinance # 2025 0909

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Bushnell Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall, on September 9, 2025, Township Board Member L. Daly made a motion to adopt this ordinance, which was seconded by Township Board Member P. Draper.

An ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents, property owners, and others within the **TOWNSHIP OF BUSHNELL**, Montcalm County, Michigan, by regulating, preventing, reducing, or eliminating blighting factors and causes of blight, within the township, and to prescribe penalties for violating this ordinance.

- 1) The ordinance will be known as the “Bushnell Township Anti-Blight Ordinance.”
- 2) The purpose of this ordinance is intended to protect the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents, property owners, and any other persons within Bushnell Township by preventing, reducing, and eliminating blight or potential blight, and the factors therein to protect the environment from the causes of blight which exist or may exist in the future and provide penalties for violating this ordinance.
- 3) It shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to accumulate, store, allow or permit the accumulation of household trash and junk on premises within Bushnell Township.
- 4) Any words and terms are to be defined in accordance with its common standard definition.
  - a. Building materials and any other materials used in construction that are worthless and/or unusable waste are considered to be blight.
  - b. Junk vehicles (six (6) or more), any vehicle that is inoperable, or vehicle pieces and parts, are considered blight. Junk, trash, rubbish, refuse of any kind includes, without limitation: junk vehicles, metals, rubber, rags, clothing, plastic, glass, appliances, and any other unusable waste materials.
- 5) The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable and, if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or sub-section is declared void or ineffective for any reason, it shall not affect any other part of this ordinance.
- 6) **PENALTIES:** Any person or legal entity that violates, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with the terms of this ordinance and the owner of any land where any violation of this ordinance exists will be responsible for the infraction which shall be fined not less than **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)**, nor more than **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** for each violation, in the court’s discretion, and any other costs.
- 7) Bushnell Township authorizes the Montcalm County Sheriff Department to investigate and issue citations for violations of the ordinance against blight in the Township.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall take effect **30 days after publication** in the local newspaper and the Township’s website. Violations of this ordinance are to be reported to the **Montcalm County Sheriff Department** or **Central Dispatch** at **(989) 831-5253**.

I certify that this ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the **BUSHNELL TOWNSHIP BOARD** held on September 9, 2025.

**AYES:** P.Draper, L.Daly, K.Bliss, L.Belyou, M.Fitzgerald

**NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

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Louise Belyou, Clerk