

## **ARTICLE XXII ENFORCEMENT**

### **SECTION 22.01 -- FALSE STATEMENTS**

Any zoning compliance statement based on any false statement in the application or supporting documents is absolutely void from its inception and shall be revoked. No zoning compliance statement shall remain valid if the use or structure it authorizes becomes nonconforming. The Zoning Administrator shall not refuse to issue a Certificate of Zoning Compliance when conditions imposed by this and other Township ordinances are complied with by the applicant despite agreements, which may occur upon the granting of the certificate.

### **SECTION 22.02 -- VIOLATION, MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION**

- A. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), plus cost and other sanction, for each violation (as authorized by Section 24 of Act 184 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended, the Grayling Township Civil Infraction Ordinance, No. 97-3, and other applicable laws).
  
- B. Repeat offences under this Ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided in this section. As used in this section, "repeat offences" means a second (or any subsequent) violation of the same requirement or provision of this Ordinance as determined by the Supervisor, Zoning Administrator or Ordinance Enforcement Officer, for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for repeat offense under this Ordinance shall be as follows:
  - 1. The fine for any offense, which is a first repeat offense, shall not be less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), plus cost.
  - 2. The fine for any offense, which is a second repeat offense, or any subsequent repeat offense, shall not be less than five hundred dollars (\$500) each, plus costs.
    - a. Each day on which any violation of this Ordinance occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense, subject to separate sanctions. The paying of a fine or sanction under this Ordinance shall not exempt the offender from meeting the requirements of this Ordinance.
    - b. The Supervisor, Zoning Administrator, or Ordinance Enforcement Officer is hereby designated as the authorized township official to issue municipal civil infraction citations and municipal civil infraction notices for violations of this Ordinance, as provided by the Grayling Township Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance.
    - c. A violation of this Ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se. In addition to any remedies available at law, the Township may bring an action for an injunction or other process against any person to restrain, prevent or abate any violation of this Ordinance.

### **SECTION 22.03 -- PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING VIOLATIONS**

Apparent zoning violations may be reported to the Zoning Administrator or Planning Commission by any citizen.