

**FREEMAN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 4**

**LITTERING ORDINANCE**

**An ordinance to define, control and prohibit littering of public and private properties and water, and to prescribe penalties for violation of this ordinance.**

**THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FREEMAN, CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I.**

**It is unlawful for any person to knowingly, without consent of the public authority having supervision of public property, the owner of private property, to dump, deposit, place, throw or leave, or cause or permit the dumping, placing depositing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property or waters other than property designated and set aside for such purposes.**

**The phrase public or private property or waters includes, but not limited to, the road or highway right of way, any body of water, water course, or shores or beaches, thereon, and including ice above such waters, any park, playground, building, refuge or conservation or recreation area, any residential area, farm properties or timber lands.**

**SECTION II.**

**The term litter as used herein means any rubbish, refuse, waste material, garbage, paper, offal, glass, cans, bottles, trash, debris or other foreign substances of every kind and description.**

**SECTION III.**

**Any person violating any provision of this act shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction. The court, in lieu of any other sentence imposed, may grant the substitution of litter gathering labor, including, but not limited to, the litter connected with the particular violation, under the supervision of the court or direct reasonable payment to the township for the collection of litter, said payment to be in addition to a fine, but the fine and payment not to exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars.**

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**SECTION IV.**

Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part, thereof, other than the part declared to be invalid.

**SECTION V.**

This ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after newspaper publication.

Newspaper publication date: December 21, 2012

Effective Date: January 21, 2013

Adopted by the Freeman Township Board: 1-10-2013

**John Blain, Freeman Township Supervisor, Clare County, Michigan**

Verne A. Luter - Blain, Deputy Supervisor, Date 1-10-2013

**Patricia Humphrey, Freeman Township Clerk, Clare County, Michigan**

Patricia D. Humphrey, Date 1-10-2013