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Goodland Township

Lapeer County, Michigan

Fire Protection Ordinance No. 602

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1 Township of Goodland
2 Fire Protection Ordinance # 602

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4 An Ordinance to provide for the control of fires and carbon monoxide hazards and any
5 other hazards which may pose a threat of personal injury or damage of property; to assess
6 a fee equal to the cost of a fire run to persons who allow fires to burn out of control; to
7 prohibit the turning in of false alarm or failure-to-maintain alarm for a fire, carbon
8 monoxide alarms or other emergency services run; to assess a fee equal to the cost of an
9 emergency services run to persons turning in a false alarm or failure to maintain alarm; to
10 authorize the collection of fire, carbon monoxide, and emergency services run fees from
11 persons or the owners of property or protected or aided by the run; to assess the amount
12 of delinquent fees to the property tax roll and to provide penalties for violations of said
13 ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

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15 THE TOWNSHIP OF GOODLAND ORDAINS:

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17 **ARTICLE I: Fire Permits and Liability for Setting Fires**

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19 Section 1.01:

20 No fire shall be set outside of an enclosed burner unless the person setting the fire has
21 obtained an open burning permit form the township. *This provision shall not apply to a*
22 *continuously attended campfire no larger than four feet in diameter.* (This italicized
23 section was added as an amendment effective March 10, 2004.)

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25 Section 1.02:

26 Persons seeking an open burning permit shall contact the officer(s) designated by the
27 township board to issue permits.

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29 Section 1.03:

30 The applicant shall present his/her name, address, phone number, the site where the fire is
31 to be set, and a statement that the applicant assumes responsibility for keeping the fire
32 under control. The designated township officer shall fill out the application and present a
33 copy of such application upon request of the applicant.

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35 Section 1.04:

36 Permits shall be valid for a maximum of 48 hours from the time fire is said to be set, to
37 be designated by the township officer.

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39 Section 1.05:

40 Any person who sets a fire that burns out of control or any person who sets a fire without
41 a permit shall be liable for the cost of any fire run made to the fire.

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1 **ARTICLE II: False Alarms and Liability**

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3 Section 2.01:

4 No person shall cause a fire or carbon monoxide alarm or other emergency services alarm
5 to be turned in unless he has good cause to believe a fire or carbon monoxide or other
6 emergency actually exists or unless he has notified the fire department that a fire or
7 carbon monoxide or other emergency alarm will be turned on pursuant to testing,
8 repairing, or otherwise working on a fire, carbon monoxide, or other emergency services
9 alarm system.

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11 Section 2.02:

12 Any person who has a fire or carbon monoxide or other emergency alarm system on his
13 premises shall maintain such alarm system so that no false alarms are inadvertently
14 transmitted to the fire department from such alarm system.

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16 Section 2.03

17 Any person who, in violation of Section 2.01, turns in a false alarm, or who in violation
18 of Section 2.02, fails to maintain their alarm system so as to prevent false alarms, shall be
19 liable to the Township or its agent for a fee equal to the cost of any fire or emergency
20 services run made pursuant to the false alarm, except this section shall not apply to
21 carbon monoxide alarms which shall be governed by Section 2.04, below.

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23 Section 2.04

24 Any person who, in violation of Section 2.01, turns in a false alarm, or who in violation
25 of Section 2.02, fails to maintain their alarm system so as to prevent false alarms, shall be
26 liable to the Township or its agent for a fee equal to the cost of any fire or emergency
27 services run made pursuant to the false alarm, except no such fee shall be assessed for the
28 first such false or failure-to-maintain carbon monoxide alarm. A fee shall be assessed for
29 all subsequent false or failure-to-maintain carbon monoxide alarms.

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1**ARTICLE III: Liability for Emergency Services**

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3Section 3.01:

4The owners of real or personal property which the township or its agent attempts to
5protect on a fire or carbon monoxide or other emergency services run and any person to
6whom these services are provided by the township or its agency shall be liable for a fee
7equal to the cost of that run, for illegal burns, unattended burns, false alarms, or
8emergency services caused by non-residents. As used in this ordinance, the phrase
9“emergency services” shall include the provisions of services by the township or its agent
10to protect or assist persons or property against fire, carbon monoxide, electrical, gas
11hazards, or any other hazard that represents a danger to person or property.

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1 **ARTICLE IV: Assessment of Liability**

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3 Section 4.01

4 Any fire, carbon monoxide, or other emergency services run fee that remains unpaid for
5 90 days after being mailed to the responsible party shall be assessed by the Township on
6 the property tax bill for the property that the fire, carbon monoxide, or other emergency
7 run attempted to protect.

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1ARTICLE V: Penalty

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3Section 5.01:

4Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance is
5responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less
6than \$50.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Repeat offenses under
7this ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided for in the Civil Infraction
8Ordinance, Ordinance number 1801.

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1**ARTICLE VI: Repeal of Prior Ordinance**

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3Section 6.01:

4The Goodland Township Fire Protection Ordinance No. 601, adopted by the Goodland
5Township Board on August 22, 1977 is hereby repealed. All ordinances or parts of
6ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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1 **ARTICLE VII: Enactment and Effective Date**

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3 Section 7.01:

4 This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after the date of publication, specified
5 below.

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7 The undersigned supervisor and clerk of the Township of Goodland hereby certify that
8 this ordinance was duly adopted by the Goodland Township Board at a meeting held on
9 the 11th day of March 2003 and as published in the Tri-City Times on the 26th day of
10 March 2003.

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12 *Signed: Ronald Cischke, Supervisor and Anna Maria Calianno, Clerk.*

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15 ******This ordinance is effective as of April 26, 2003!!!! ******

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1 **Amendment 602.1 to Fire Protection 602**

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3 An ordinance to amend the Fire Protection Ordinance No. 602 within the
4 Township of Goodland, County of Lapeer, State of Michigan.

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6 THE TOWNSHIP OF GOODLAND ORDAINS:

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8 The Goodland Township Fire Protection Ordinance No. 602 is hereby amended to
9 add Article 1, Section 1.01:

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11 Section 1.01

12 This provision shall not apply to a continuously attended campfire no larger than
13 four feet in diameter.

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15 The undersigned Clerk of the Township of Goodland, County of Lapeer, State of
16 Michigan hereby certifies that this ordinance amendment was adopted by the
17 Goodland Township Board at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of February
18 2004 and was published in the Tri-City Times on the 3rd day of March 2004. This
19 ordinance amendment is effective seven (7) days after the date of publication
20 specified above.

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22 *Signed by Anna Maria Calianno, Clerk*

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24 ******This is effective as of March 10, 2004.******