

ORDINANCE NO. 800

An Ordinance to regulate the drainage of water occasioned by the installation of geothermal heat pumps.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GOODLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMPS

It is recognized that certain residential structures in the Township are being equipped with geothermal heat pumps. It is further recognized that geothermal heat pumps use substantial amounts of water, which, if not properly drained, can cause excess wetness or flooding on nearby properties, resulting in undesirable conditions.

Section 2. DRAINAGE

Owners of structures within the Township equipped with geothermal heat pumps must do one of the following to drain properly water occasioned by the operation of the heat pumps:

1. Install a drain system that will contain the water on the owner's property to prevent the drainage of water onto other parcels of land.
2. Install a drain system that will direct any excess water into a lake, spring fed pond, or a public drain under the jurisdiction of the Lapeer County Drain Commissioner.
3. Install a closed loop system that re-circulates geothermal heat pump water rather than discharge the water.

Section 3. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

No drainage from geothermal heat pumps shall be directly or indirectly drained onto any road right-of-way or road ditch.

Section 4. LIABILITY

Owners of geothermal heat pump systems shall be liable for any damage caused by drainage of water from their systems.

Section 5. PENALTY

Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and/or by imprisonment not to exceed ten (10) days.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Goodland hereby certifies that this Ordinance was duly adopted by the Goodland Township Board at a meeting held on the 28th day of November 1995 and was published in the Tri-City Times on the 27th day of December 1995. This Ordinance will take effect thirty (30) days after said date of publication.

Ronald Cischke, Supervisor
Anna Maria Calianno, Clerk

******This ordinance became effective January 26, 1996******