

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENESEE  
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 521

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ABANDONED BUILDINGS AND  
STRUCTURES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF GENESEE AND BY  
REQUIRING THAT ABANDONED AND VACANT BUILDINGS BE  
REGISTERED WITH THE TOWNSHIP AND THAT THEY BE  
SECURED  
AND MAINTAINED BY THE OWNERS AND MORTGAGE HOLDERS  
SO  
AS NOT TO CREATE A NUISANCE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
TOWNSHIP MAY SECURE SUCH BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES  
AND  
CHARGE THE COST OF SUCH EFFORTS TO THE PROPERTY AND  
TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GENESEE ORDAINS:

Pursuant to the authority granted municipalities by MCL 125.401, et. seq.

Section I

Purpose

It is the purpose and intent of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Genesee, through the adoption of this Ordinance to established an abandoned property registration program as a mechanism to protect neighborhoods from becoming blighted through the lack of adequate maintenance and security of abandoned properties.

Section II

Definitions

(1) "Abandoned building or structure" means a residential, commercial or industrial structure that has been vacant for thirty (30) days and meets any of the following criteria:

- (a) Provides a location for loitering, vagrancy, unauthorized entry or other criminal activity;
- (b) Has one or more boarded windows;
- (c) Has taxes in arrears for a period of time exceeding 365 days;
- (d) Has utilities disconnected or not in use;
- (e) Is not maintained in compliance with the International Property Maintenance Code.

(2) "Accessible property" means a property that is accessible through a

