

**TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 246 of 1945**

**41.184 Township ordinance; effective date; publication; adoption by reference.**

Sec. 4.

(1) A township ordinance shall contain a provision stating when the ordinance takes effect.

(2) Except as provided in section 22 of the charter township act, 1947 PA 359, MCL 42.22, and section 401 of the Michigan zoning enabling act, 2006 PA 110, MCL 125.3401, a township ordinance shall take effect as follows:

(a) If an ordinance imposes a sanction for the violation of the ordinance, the ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the first publication of the ordinance.

(b) If an ordinance does not impose a sanction for the violation of the ordinance, the ordinance shall take effect the day following the date of the publication of the ordinance or any date following publication specified in the ordinance.

(3) Publication of the ordinance shall be made within 30 days after the passage of the ordinance by inserting either a true copy or a summary of the ordinance once in a newspaper circulating within the township. A summary of an ordinance may be drafted by the same person who drafted the ordinance or by the township board or township planning commission and shall be written in clear and nontechnical language. Each section of an ordinance or a summary of an ordinance shall be preceded by a catch line. If a summary of an ordinance is published, the township shall designate in the publication the location in the township where a true copy of the ordinance can be inspected or obtained.

(4) If an ordinance adopts by reference a provision of any state statute for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days or the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, a statement of the purpose of the statute shall be published with the adopting ordinance or with the summary of the adopting ordinance under subsection (3). Copies of the statute adopted by the township by reference shall be kept in the office of the township clerk, available for inspection by and distribution to the public. The township shall include in the publication the designation of a location in the township where a copy of the statute can be inspected or obtained. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a township shall not enforce any provision adopted by reference for which the maximum period of imprisonment is greater than 93 days. A township may adopt section 625(1)(c) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.625, by reference in an adopting ordinance and shall provide that a violation of that ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by 1 or more of the following:

(a) Community service for not more than 360 hours.

(b) Imprisonment for not more than 180 days.

(c) A fine of not less than \$200.00 or more than \$700.00.

**History:** Add. 1989, Act 78, Imd. Eff. June 20, 1989 ;-- Am. 1994, Act 14, Eff. May 1, 1994 ;-- Am. 1999, Act 253, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1999 ;-- Am. 1999, Act 257, Eff. Dec. 29, 1999 ;-- Am. 2012, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 15, 2012

**Compiler's Notes:** Former section 4 of this act was not compiled.