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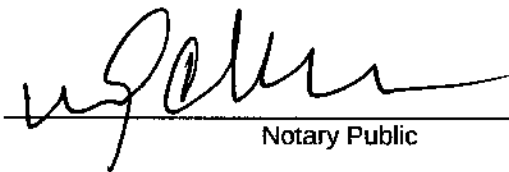
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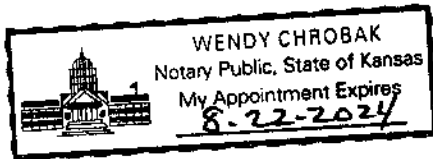
  
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**EDWARDS TOWNSHIP  
OGEMAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1**

**ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS ORDINANCE**

An Ordinance to require onsite sewage disposal systems ("OSDS") to be installed on properties where any structure intended to be used as a dwelling is located; to provide penalties for violation thereof; and to repeal any Ordinance or provision thereof in conflict herewith.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDS HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Title.**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Edwards Township Onsite Wastewater Systems Ordinance."

**Section 2. Purpose and Preamble.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare from the unlawful and improper disposal of human waste and wastewater by requiring the installation and connection of onsite wastewater systems on parcels containing any structure intended to be used as a dwelling.

This Ordinance contains minimum standards and supplements any laws, rules, and regulations enacted by the Michigan Department of Public Health, the District Health Department No. 2, or Ogemaw County. In addition, this Ordinance supplements Michigan law as it relates to public health and environmental quality, and supersedes all minimum standards previously enacted by Edwards Township that are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Definitions.**

As used in this Ordinance:

1. "Dwelling" shall mean any structure, including a temporary structure in which one or more persons reside for a period not to exceed 30 days or more. The term "dwelling" includes, but is not limited to, houses, cabins, cottages, and temporary residential structures such as campers, recreational vehicles, and travel trailers.
2. "OSWS" shall mean an onsite wastewater system such as a septic system or a connection to a public sewer system.
3. "Owner" shall mean any person who has legal or equitable title to any premises.
4. "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, partnership, party, corporation, company, society, association, or other legal entity.
5. "Premises" shall mean any tract of land, or portion thereof, or combination of tracts of land under single or common ownership, operation or control, which contains a dwelling.
6. "Sanitary Facilities" means pipes and fixtures including but not limited to sinks, lavatories, showers, urinals, and toilets for the disposal of human waste and wastewater.

**Section 4. OSWS Required Before Residence in any Dwelling.**

Prior to allowing any person to reside in any dwelling located on a parcel located within Edwards Township, the Owner of any such parcel is hereby required, at Owner's sole risk and expense, to install an OSWS on that parcel and connect the sanitary facilities of that dwelling to the OSWS.

**Section 5. No Residence in Temporary Dwellings Without OSWS**

**SECTION 5. NO RESIDENCE IN TEMPORARY DWELLINGS WITHOUT OSWS.**

No person may reside in a recreational vehicle, camper, travel trailer, or other temporary dwelling placed, kept, or maintained on a parcel located within Edwards Township for a period of longer than thirty (30) days unless the parcel contains an OSWS and a facility for drainage of the sanitary facilities of the recreational vehicle, camper, travel trailer, or other temporary dwelling directly into the OSWS.

**Section 6. Unlawful Discharge of Sanitary Facilities.**

No person shall discharge human waste, wastewater, or the contents of the sanitary facilities of any dwelling, recreational vehicle, camper, travel trailer, or other temporary dwelling except into a facility for draining such materials into an OSWS.

**Section 7. Enforcement.**

Any person or other entity who violates any provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan law and subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.00, plus costs, which may include all direct or indirect expenses to which the Township has been put in connection with the violation. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 or more than \$500.00 be ordered. In addition, all violations of this Ordinance are declared a nuisance *per se*. The Township specifically reserves the right and shall have the authority to proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order or other appropriate remedy to abate said nuisance and to compel compliance with this Ordinance.

This Ordinance is supplemental to and in addition to any laws or regulations of the Michigan Department of Public Health, the District Health Department No. 2, Ogemaw County, or the State of Michigan. A violation of this Ordinance may be enforced in addition to any violations of applicable laws or regulations enforced by the Michigan Department of Public Health, the District Health Department No. 2, Ogemaw County, or the State of Michigan.

**Section 8. Severability.**

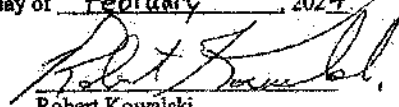
Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of such section of this Ordinance or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

**Section 9. Effective Date.**

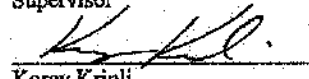
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Township Board, Township of Edwards, Ogemaw County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Township Board held on the 12 day of February, 2024.

Dated: 2-12-2024



Robert Kowalski  
Supervisor



Korey Kripli  
Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

The above Edwards Township Onsite Wastewater Systems Ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Edwards Township Board on the 12 day of February, 2024 and published in the Ogemaw County Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Edwards, on the 15 day of February, 2024.

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Korey Kripi, Clerk

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