



Cascade Connections

Summer 2010

A Newsletter from Cascade Charter Township

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Monday through Friday

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July 4th Celebration: Grand Marshals

Mrs. Alice Zoodsma and Mr. Jack Buys

The 2010 4th of July Celebration will have two Grand Marshals. Mrs. Alice Zoodsma and Mr. Jack Buys will preside over the festivities of our 4th of July Celebration.

The Buys' and the Zoodsma family businesses operated side by side in the Village, where the Village Bike Shop (Hardware store) and Verburg's Automotive (Dykhouse & Buys) currently operate. Jack Buys and Ben Zoodsma were also on the Fire Department together.



Mrs. Alice Zoodsma

Mrs. Alice Zoodsma, a resident of the Township for over 60 years, was born and raised in South Dakota. She moved here and married her late husband, Ben, in 1948. The Zoodsma's have seven (7) children, one who served in Vietnam and gave the ultimate sacrifice to his Country. Their other children reside in Ada Township, Cascade Township, Atlanta, GA, New Jersey and St. Johns, MI. Sadly, Ben passed away in 1997.

Ben and Alice opened a hardware store at the corner of Thornapple River Drive and Cascade Road on August 15, 1950. The store operated until December 21, 1995. Their motto for the store was "we only have one chance to get it right". That is why when you visited the store; they would have what you needed. Alice stays active by walking daily and enjoying time with her family.



Mr. Jack Buys

Mr. Jack Buys and his wife, Elsie lived in the Township for 35 plus years. Jack and Elsie married in 1950. Jack served in the Marine Corp Reserves and went to Korea in 1950. Jack and Elsie have three (3) children, twin boys who reside in Alto and a daughter who lives in Las Vegas.

Jack owned and operated a garage on Cascade Road at the bridge called Dykhouse and Buys. He also operated a fleet of tow trucks and worked for the Cascade Township Fire Department for many years where he eventually earned the title of Assistant Chief. Jack was known for keeping the fire department progressive with the upkeep and purchase of new equipment.

After retiring with 30 years of service from the Fire Department and selling his automotive business, he now enjoys his retirement by spending time with his wife and family.

CASCADE CELEBRATION

It's time for the annual Cascade Township July 4th Celebration! This year the parade, street fair and fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 3rd. Begin the day by watching the parade with antique cars, fire trucks and floats. Following the parade you can enjoy the street fair, where there will be free rides, games and activities for kids of all ages. Fireworks will be held at dusk at 7590 E. Fulton at Ada Drive. Come join in the fun with your community!

Please remember that with these activities, street closures will occur. These closures will involve 28th Street from Cascade Rd. to Thornhills Ave., all of Old 28th Street and Cascade Road from Burton St. to Thornapple River Drive. The hours of the closures will be from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.

Also, remember that if you are participating in the bike parade and are 14 years and under, you must wear a bike helmet, as per Cascade Township ordinance.

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Parade Float Contest

It's time for the families, neighborhoods and businesses of Cascade to get creative as we head toward another 4th of July Parade Float Contest. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a unique and fun float to entertain our Cascade Township residents and many visitors who watch the parade.

The float contest has two categories—Family and Neighborhood floats are in one category while Churches, Businesses and other Organizations are in the other. The parade contest has inspired many new neighborhoods to join together to build a float—it has encouraged Churches to use their floats as an outreach tool, and it has inspired just plain FUN for the friends and neighbors who attend the parade.



Prizes!! You are probably wondering—what do I win if I come in first place? The winners in each category win a trophy to keep plus you get to put the “Winner” banner on your float during the parade.

Once again, Pat Vredevoogd of AJS Realty is sponsoring the Float Contest. No sign ups are necessary—just show up at the parade staging area (parking lot of the Forest Hills Administration Building on the corner of Cascade Road and Burton Street) by 8:30 a.m. on the morning of July 4th and get in line.

This is your Township—This is your parade—Let's make it great with loads of new floats!



The Cascade Business Association in conjunction with the Humane Society of Kent County is planning for a 5K run with dogs on Thursday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m.! The event will begin at the Cascade Library, run through the Centennial Park/Charlevoix Drive subdivision and then back to the library. Planned to coincide with the 28th Street Metro Cruise that begins on Friday, August 27, all proceeds will benefit the HSKC. Stay tuned for more details by choosing ‘Like’ on the Cascade Business Association Facebook fan page!



Volunteers Needed

Cascade Township has begun planning for the annual 4th of July parade and street fair activities. This year the event is being held on Saturday, July 3rd.

There is a lot that happens the day of the event to keep it running smoothly. We cannot do it without the help of township staff, the Kent County Sheriff Department and community volunteers.

Cascade Township would like to extend an invitation to individuals of the community, church groups and community organizations to volunteer their time that day. There are numerous areas where help is needed at various times of the day. They are as follows:

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| Parking Detail | 7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. |
| Directs vehicles in various parking areas prior to book sale | |
| Parade Marshals | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. |
| Will work along the parade route to keep parade moving and alleviate large gaps | |
| Parade Route Clean up | 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. |
| Clean up trash along parade route | |
| Street Fair “Roamers” | 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. |
| Work in “zones” to keep areas clean | |
| Event Break Down | 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. |
| Helps to break down tables and chairs at event end | |
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If you are interested in volunteering your time for a few hours or even the day, please contact Stephen Korhorn at 949-1320 or via email at skorhorn@cascadetwp.com. Please indicate which area(s) you are interested in volunteering for and respond by Friday, June 18.

Thank you for your consideration and time.



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2010 Grant Acknowledgement

Cascade Historical Society would like to acknowledge the receipt of a Cascade Community Foundation Grant for 2010. This funding enabled the CHS to purchase a software program called "Cultureware for Museums". This software is an important part needed for the "Archive & Inventory Program" project currently undertaken by the CHS. For the collection to be of use to researchers and residents of Cascade Township, it needs to be organized with search capabilities. The Cultureware software will help to create a record of artifact existence, acquisition, history of and location of each item in the permanent and temporary collection of the Cascade Historical Society. This project will require several hundred hours of volunteer commitment. Residents are encouraged to join the Cascade Historical Society to help preserve our local history. Membership forms are available at the Township Hall and Cascade Library.

ANNUAL CASCADE TOWNSHIP LUNCH FOR SENIORS

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

We hope you will be able to attend our annual luncheon, hosted by Cascade Township, in cooperation with Jean Kubiszewski of the Forest Hills Senior Center.

This event is intended to provide an opportunity for our senior citizens to mingle, relax and reminisce. Lunch is provided by Cascade Township at **no charge**, but space is limited so we need your reservations as soon as possible (we can only accept the first 100 registrations).

To register, either call 493-8950 or stop in at the Forest Hills Senior Center. Call Ron Goodyke, Cascade Township Clerk, at 949-1508 if you have questions.

Here are all the details you need:

- Who:** Cascade Township Seniors
What: Annual luncheon (serving croissant sandwiches, meatballs, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, coffee/punch and dessert)
When: August 10, 2010 at **1:00 p.m.**
Where: Wisner Center at the Cascade Library, located at 2870 Jacksmith just one block south off 28th Street

We look forward to a fun time with entertainment again provided by Tom and Sherry Hagen. Please make your reservations soon.

CASCADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

You can help preserve the Heritage of Cascade.

A membership in the Cascade Historical Society is a great idea. When you purchase a membership, or purchase a gift membership for someone, you are also giving an important gift to the Community. With your membership, you help support the Cascade Historical Society as well as a variety of projects aimed at preserving a rich and lasting heritage.

Cascade Historical Society is dedicated to ensure that present and future generations will know the significance and learn from the past to recognize the need to preserve the historical heritage which makes Cascade such a wonderful place to live.

CASCADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at 2839 Thornapple River Drive. Also, our Cascade History Room located in the Cascade Township Library is manned by a CHS member between 1 and 3 every Thursday.

Help ensure that the past is kept alive and that future residents of Cascade can experience the unique history of our community. Show your support by joining a committee for a sponsored event; bring family and friends to enjoy CHS programs and select your personal level of membership for 2010 listed below.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Home: _____

Business: _____

Email: _____

Please make check payable to:

CASCADE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Corporate \$100 Business \$50 Friends \$25
Family \$15 Individual \$10 Senior \$5
Student \$5 Lifetime (10x membership category)

Mail your application to:
CHS c/o Mary J. Carpenter
5588 Buttrick Ave. SE
Alto, MI 49302

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From the Assessor's Office...

Summer 2010 Tax Information

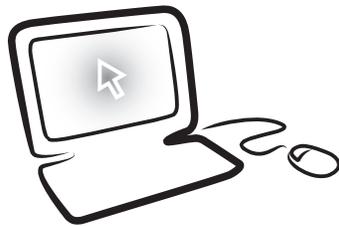
Summer 2010 tax bills and informational notices will be mailed July 1st. Summer taxes are due on or before September 14th, 2010. If you do not receive a tax statement during July, please check the township's website or call the Treasurer's office at 949-6944. Please use the return envelope provided with your tax statement. Payments are receipted on the same business day they are received. We recommend that you allow 7 days to ensure timely delivery.

The Summer Tax Deferment allows qualifying taxpayers to pay summer taxes after they receive a property tax credit refund from the State of Michigan. To qualify for this deferment, your household income must not exceed \$40,000, and you must be either 62 years or older; a paraplegic, quadriplegic, totally disabled; blind; a service person, veteran or widow or widower of a veteran. Deferment application forms are available in the Treasurer's Office through September 14th. **The deferment period covers only one year, so you must reapply each year.**

Attention Travelers! If you will be away this summer, please call our office with your email, fax, or temporary address. We will forward the tax statement to you if it is returned to our office by the U.S.P.S. The treasurer's office is not responsible for postal deliveries and taxes are due whether a statement is received by the taxpayer, or not.

Check your property tax status 24/7 with a link from the Township's website: www.cascadetwp.com.

- Departments
- Treasurer's Office
- Tax & Assessing and Building Information
- **BS & A** "please click here" link
- Current Tax Search
- Click in box marked Parcel Number (you may also search by name or street). Click "Search" when criteria entered for your inquiry.
- Click on Parcel Number (This will give you history of the parcel. Click on (+) sign for detail of history.



Have a safe summer.

Kenneth B. Peirce

Cascade Charter Township Treasurer

Principal Residence Exemption

Check your tax bill

Summer tax bills will be mailed the first week of July. Check immediately to be sure you have received the principal residence exemption. If you have a 100% exemption, the tax amount on the "School Operating" line will be "-0-".

If you purchased a new home or one that was previously a non-homestead property, you must have owned and occupied it as your primary residence on or before **May 1, 2010** to receive the exemption on your 2010 tax bills. If you have purchased a piece of vacant land that is contiguous to your principle residence, the vacant parcel is also eligible for the principal residence exemption.

If you qualify for the exemption and it is not reflected on your summer tax bill, **call the Assessing Department at 949-6176 before July 10, 2010** so the correction can be made before the tax bill is due.

Above-Ground Pool Safety Regulations in Cascade Twp.

Safety regulations for aboveground / inflatable pools in Michigan are specifically spelled out in the state's residential code. If you have any questions, please feel free to give Cascade Inspection Services a call at 949-3765.

Barriers

According to the Michigan Residential Code, fencing is required to surround your pool and be a minimum of 4 feet high, with the space between the bottom of the fence and the ground 2 inches or less. Openings in barrier shall not allow the passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere. Maximum mesh size in chain link fence shall be 1.25 inch.

Gates

All entrances to the pool area must open outward, away from your pool. Each gateway has to have a self-closing and self-latching device attached to it.

Access

Ladders leading to your pool have to be removable, or must be locked in a position so they cannot be used by children to reach the water.

Electrical

Power outlets used to supply pool equipment must be at least 3 feet from the inside walls of your pool. The outlet can only be a single plug type, have a locking design, and must have ground-fault protection.

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Sheriff Department Update

Attention Motorists:

The East Precinct is stepping up traffic enforcement for the summer months. Residents can expect to see the Speed Board set up in residential and business districts throughout Cascade Township. The Sheriff Department will be following up with directed speed enforcement patrols following the Speed Board placement. So keep your speeds down (yes, this is a **HINT!!**).

Child Safety Event:

The Michigan Masons, in conjunction with the Kent County Sheriff Department, will be hosting a child safety event. Parents will be provided the following information for each child: Dental Impressions, DNA, Scenting Tool, CD with Child's Information, Digital Fingerprints, and Audio/Video DVD of Child. This will take place on July 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the green space on Fulton (directly across from AMWAY).

MAY IS BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH

Summer and Bikes Can Be Deadly

Did you know that bikes are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except automobiles? Sadly, child bicycling deaths increase 45% above the month average in the summer. With 27.7 million children riding bikes, we know there are too many of those kids riding without a helmet.

That's why we need your support to help us raise awareness so that we can reach more parents and ensure that all children who are riding bikes this summer will be wearing a helmet! Please pass along this information.

Bike helmets: Necessity, Not an Accessory

Learning how to ride a bike is a rite of passage in childhood, and it's an activity that families can certainly do together. However, there are some important things for you to consider before jumping on that bike.

Make it a rule, every time you or your child rides a bike, wear a bicycle helmet. It's the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from a bicycle crash. In order to maximize protection, ensure the helmet fits properly. A helmet should sit on top of the head in a level position, and should not rock forward, backward or side to side. The helmet straps must always be buckled but not too tightly.

Top Bike Safety Tips

- Make it a rule: every time you and your child ride a bike, wear a bicycle helmet that meets the safety standards developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.
- If your child is reluctant to wear a helmet, try letting him or her choose his own.

Try the Eyes, Ears and Mouth Test:

- **EYES** check: Position the helmet on your head. Look up and you should see the bottom rim of the helmet. The rim should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.
- **EARS** check: Make sure the straps of the helmet form a "V" under your ears when buckled. The strap should be snug but comfortable.
- **MOUTH** check: Open your mouth as wide as you can. Do you feel the helmet hug your head?

Proper equipment fit and maintenance are also important for safety.

- Ensure proper bike fit by bringing the child along when shopping for a bike. Buy a bicycle that is the right size for the child, not one he will grow into. When sitting on the seat, the child's feet should be able to touch the ground.
- Make sure the reflectors are secure, brakes work properly, gears shift smoothly and tires are tightly secured and properly inflated.

Presently, Michigan does not have a statewide bicycle helmet law. Kent County Sheriff Department would like to encourage all people to wear helmets. Deputy Taylor and Deputy Vogelzang do reward children they see who are wearing their helmets with free ice cream coupons to Culvers Restaurant located at 6300 28th St. SE (between Lincolnshire and Thornhills).

Michigan, like other most states, requires cyclists to follow the rules of the road. When you are biking, please travel in the same direction as traffic, as far to the right as possible. Bicycles are considered vehicles. Make sure you are following traffic control devices (i.e. stop signs, traffic lights, yield signs, one way signs, pedestrian crossing signs, etc.). Bike riders also have the same rights to the road as motorists (e.g., using the left turn lane to make a left turn as cars do). Please make sure you are driving defensively on both your bike and in your vehicles so that we minimize our accidents as much as possible.

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From the Supervisor...

There are now three new park areas open for everyone to enjoy in Cascade. One is just a small “pocket park” while the other two are larger totaling 276 acres of beautiful land.

The smallest is named after the Manus Family and is located on the pathway at the corner of 30th Street and Buttrick Avenue near the house where the Manus family lived for many years. The park came about because of the generosity of not only the Manus Family but also the family of the late Butch Ter Horst who purchased the property. The families worked with Tom Rooks who created a beautiful oasis with two benches off the path to sit and relax.

Burton Street Park was made possible by the millage passed in 2008. It is accessible from two points, one being at the end of Burton off Cascade Rd and the other at the end Windcrest just off Thornapple River Drive. Both have limited vehicle parking for this 78 acre site. Much of the interior fencing has already been removed to allow enjoyment on foot of this wonderful park. In the future, more hiking trails will be added throughout the park.

Cascade Peace Park is 198 acres of all natural land with a wide range of topography and habitat. It also has two parking areas, the largest just off 8900 Grand River Avenue and the other at 8620 Bolt Drive. The park has an existing network of old trails which will be minimally improved and slowly added on to. Cascade Peace Park came about through the work of the Open Space Committee and the Township Board and Staff, The August Homeyer Open Space Fund, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and the millage of 2008.

While these are the newest, don't forget to get out and enjoy the other wonderful Cascade Township Parks, McGraw Park (8321 Grand River Avenue), Cascade Recreational Park (3810 Thornapple River Drive), Leslie E. Tassell Park (2900 Thornapple River Drive) and the Museum Garden Park (2839 Thornapple River Drive).

Rules and regulations for the parks are posted on site and also on the Cascade Township website at www.cascadetwp.com.

The Cost of Municipal Water and Sewer Service in Cascade

The Township receives calls now and then from residents concerning the fees they have to pay for municipal water and sewer services provided to them by the City of Grand Rapids. The rates have increased at a higher rate than inflation for a number of years, causing concern for residents using the service, and for those considering a connection to municipal water and/or sewer. So, what makes up the fees in a typical water/sewer bill and why are they so high (as one caller said this year, their water bill has exceeded their electric bill)? There are two elements to the bill-water and sewer. Most residents connected have water only (still using a septic system), some have both, and a very few have sewer only. This article will look at the charges for both water and sewer services.

The City of Grand Rapids provides water and sewer services to many areas: in addition to City residents, water and sewer is provided to residents in Kentwood, Cascade Township, Ada Township, Grand Rapids Township, East Grand Rapids, Walker, Talmadge Township, Wright Township, Gaines Township and portions of Ottawa County. The labor, processing, maintenance and operating costs for the system are calculated for each area based on the size of the delivery area, distance from the main plants, the miles of water & sewer mains and the amount of water used and waste water treated.

The City of Grand Rapids performs a series of tasks (calculations) to determine what the base rate and volume fees should be for the coming year. A total of 34 separate tasks are completed to determine the rates for the coming year for each community. These tasks are usually performed during the third quarter of each calendar year, with a preliminary report issued in October. The Utility Advisory Board (made up of representatives from the City and each of the customer communities) reviews the final report before it is taken to the Grand Rapids City Commission. Each customer community also receives a copy of the report and is offered the opportunity to comment on the study. The City Commission then adopts the study in December; the rates go into effect on January 1 each year. The tasks are very specific and detailed and insure that the water system meets its obligations (it is operated out of a separate fund from other city programs). This also insures that each community using the system pays for the cost of operation specific to their community's needs.

For example, one of the tasks is to determine the cost of system improvements from the last fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) and work those costs into the rate structure. On the water side, Cascade did not have much added-our new costs were minimal at \$9,267. On the sewer side, there was more activity with a bill of \$443,912 to absorb. These costs come from improvements at the water and sewer plants and work on our mains. We will see a sizable increase again next year due to the improvements to the Saddleback Sewer. Other costs considered include employee wage and benefit costs, improvements at the water and sewer plants and payments on various bonds (loans) for infrastructure replacement and expansion.

The total change in costs after adding up the changes from all the tasks on the water side for Cascade resulted in a required revenue increase of \$369,969. This represented an 11.77% increase in rates over 2009. The typical quarterly bill increased by \$13.91.

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The total change in costs on the sewer side for Cascade resulted in a required revenue increase of \$314,551. This represented a 16.83% increase in rates over 2009. The typical quarterly bill increased by \$19.80.

We pay about 155% more for our water and sewer usage than the residents of the City of Grand Rapids. However, Kentwood residents pay 12% less than residents on Grand Rapids. Why? The rate structure takes into account costs involved for distance from the main plants, number of pump stations (and their maintenance/replacement costs) along with the total distance of mains in each community.

One other item considered in the rates is the number of homes connected. More connections to the existing system helps flatten the annual increases (due to more people helping pay without having to add major costs to the system. This is why communities often consider mandatory connections to water and sewer systems when a well or septic system fail, or (because it gets more connections in shorter time) connections are required upon the sale of a home or after a specific date. Cascade only requires connection upon the failure of a well or septic system and then only when municipal water and sewer is available at the street in front of the house.

Details of the annual rate review are available on the City of Grand Rapids web site. A paper copy is also available in the Cascade Township Office if you would like to read through it.

One last thing to consider is the amount of time and money spent to make sure our water is safe to drink. The City tests the water every day to be sure it meets specifications. This is an expensive proposition, but it keeps us safe. The last thing we need is for 250,000 people to get sick at the same time from drinking bad water. Conversely, many people using wells check their water only when moving into a home. And, the standards are much more relaxed. I recall when I bought my home in Cascade, the person testing the well wanted to know if any women of child-rearing age would be living in the house. "Its legal, but a pregnant women should probably have the water filtered", said the inspector. Not a comforting feeling for us, even if we are past the years for having children!

The rate review to determine the 2011 rates will start in July and most likely be ready for public review late in October. We will put a notice of the changes on our website as soon as they are available www.cascadetwp.com.

Fire Department News...

The Township Board adopted an ordinance prohibiting false fire alarm activations in the Township. This ordinance pertains to both business and residential properties. Below is a small part of the ordinance for your information. Feel free to read the ordinance in its entirety on our website at www.cascadetwp.com or pick up a copy at the Fire Station.

An Ordinance Prohibiting False Fire Alarm Activations

The Charter Township Of Cascade Ordains:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the False Fire Alarm Ordinance: of the Charter Township of Cascade.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to facilitate the reduction of false fire alarms and the misuse of the manpower and resources of the fire department caused by the dispatch of units to the scene of a false alarm.

Section 3. Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- A) Alarm system means any device or piece of equipment or an assembly of equipment and devices designed or arranged to signal visibly, audibly, electronically, mechanically or by any combination of these methods the presence of a fire requiring urgent attention and to which the Township's fire department is expected to respond.
- B) Alarm user means any person, whether owner, occupant or tenant, residential or commercial properties upon whose premises an alarm system is maintained or operated within the Township, except for alarm systems on motor vehicles.
- C) False alarm means any activation of an alarm system not resulting from a fire of the type, which the alarm system is designed and intended to detect, except activation caused by criminal activity, acts of God or verifiable interruptions of electrical or telephonic service to an alarm user and any water surges from the City of Grand Rapids Water Department.
- D) An Act of God means an unusual, extraordinary, sudden or unexpected display of the forces of nature against which the science and the skill of mankind are of no avail.
- E) Person means any individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association or any group of persons.

Section 4. False Alarm: Penalty. No alarm user shall maintain, use, or allow the use of an alarm system or alarm systems, which signals false alarms. An alarm system user shall be in violation of this Code whenever any alarm system signals more than two (2) false alarms in any three hundred sixty five (365) day period. Except as otherwise set forth herein, any person who violates this Ordinance, shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

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- A) The fine for the first false alarm in excess of the number herein permitted shall be no less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- B) The fine for the second false alarm in excess of the number herein permitted shall be not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- C) The fine for the third false alarm in excess of the number herein permitted shall be not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- D) The fine for [the fourth and] each subsequent false alarm in excess of the number herein permitted shall be not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Additionally, the violator shall pay costs, which may include all expenses, direct and indirect to which the Township has been put in connection with these civil fines.

Section 5. Disposition of funds. All false alarm fees received under this ordinance shall be utilized only for funding the Township's fire department.

Section 6. Intentional false alarms. Any person who knowingly or willfully initiates a false alarm shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which, upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs, or by imprisonment in the Kent County Jail for a period not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Section 7. Severability. This Ordinance and the various parts, paragraphs, sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, and clauses thereof, are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.



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