CHAPTER 24

VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

SECTION 24.01 PUBLIC NUISANCE

Buildings erected, altered, raised, or converted (including tents, mobile homes, and trailer coaches), or uses carried on in violation of any provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be a nuisance per se, and shall be subject to abatement.

SECTION 24.02 VIOLATION DEFINED

Any person, firm, corporation, or agent, or employee, contractor, or subcontractor of same, who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, or who impedes or interferes with the enforcement official, shall be deemed in violation of this Ordinance. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 24.03 PENALTIES

A. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction as defined by Michigan Law and subject to civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

	Minimum	**Maximum**
First violation within a three year period*	$50	$500
Second violation within a three year period*	$125	$500
Third violation within a three year period*	$250	$500
Fourth or more violation within a three year period*	$400	$500

*determined on the basis of the date of the violation(s)

B. Additionally, the violator shall pay costs, which may include all direct and indirect expenses to which Decatur Township has been put in connection with the violation. In no case, however, shall the costs of less than $9.00 or more than $500 be ordered. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions, remedies and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan Law. Each day a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist constitutes a separate violation.

C. The Decatur Township Board may further institute injunction, mandamus, abatement, or any other appropriate action to prevent, enjoin, abate or remove any violations of this Ordinance.

SECTION 24.04 RECORDS OF VIOLATIONS AND REMEDIES

The Township shall keep accurate records of all decisions and actions relative to identified violations and corresponding actions and remedies.