

TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 10: GENERAL CODE CONSTRUCTION & GENERAL PENALTY

10.01 How Code Designated and Cited

This Code shall constitute and be designated as the Village of Shepherd Code, for which designation code of ordinances, codified ordinances, this Code, or Code may be substituted. (Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.02 Definitions

- (A) Terms used in this Code, unless otherwise specifically defined, have the meanings prescribed by the statutes of the state for the same terms.
- (B) For the purpose of this Code, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

ACT. Public Act 236 of 1961, being MCL 600.101 et seq., as amended.

AUTHORIZED VILLAGE OFFICIAL. A police officer, zoning administrator or other designated official or employee of the Village authorized by this Code to issue municipal civil infraction citations or municipal civil infraction violation notices.

BUREAU. The Village of Shepherd and Isabella County Court System, as established by this Code.

CIVIL INFRACTION. An act or omission that is prohibited by this Code or any ordinance of the Village but which is not a crime under this Code or any other ordinance of the Village, and for which civil sanctions including, without limitation, fines, damages, expenses, and costs may be ordered, as authorized by Public Act 236 of 1961, being MCL 600.8701 through 600.8735, as amended. A Municipal Civil Infraction is not a lesser included offense of any criminal offense in this Code.

CODE. The Village of Shepherd Code as designated in Section 10.01.

COMPUTATION OF TIME. The time within which an act is to be done, as provided in this Code or in any order issued pursuant to this Code, when expressed in days, shall be computed by excluding the first day and including the last, except that if the last day is Sunday or a legal holiday, it shall be excluded; and when the time is expressed in hours, the whole of Sunday or a legal holiday, from 12:00 midnight to 12:00 midnight, shall be excluded.

COUNCIL. The Village Council of the Village of Shepherd, Michigan.

COUNTY. The County of Isabella, Michigan.

JUVENILE. Any person under 17 years of age.

MINOR. A person under 21 years of age.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION. An act or omission that is prohibited by this Code of the Village, but which is not a crime under this Code or any code, and for which civil sanctions including, without limitation, fines, damages, expenses, and costs may be ordered, as authorized by Public Act 236 of 1961, Ch. 87, being MCL 600.101 et seq., as amended. A Municipal Civil Infraction is not a lesser included offense of a violation of this Code that is a criminal offense.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION ACTION. A civil action in which the defendant is alleged to be responsible for a Municipal Civil Infraction.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION CITATION. A written complaint or notice prepared by an Authorized Village Official directing a person to appear in court regarding the occurrence or existence of a Municipal Civil Infraction violation by the person cited.

MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION VIOLATION NOTICE. A written notice prepared by an Authorized Village Official directing a person to appear at the Isabella County Courts and to pay the fine and costs, if any, prescribed for the violation by the schedule of fines adopted by the Village, as authorized under 8396 and 8707(6) of the Act.

OFFICER, DEPARTMENT, BOARD, AND THE LIKE. Whenever any officer, department, board, or other public agency is referred to by title only, the reference shall be construed as if followed by the words “of the Village of Shepherd, Michigan.” Whenever, by the provisions of this Code, any officer of the Village is assigned any duty or empowered to perform any act or duty, reference to the officer shall mean and include the officer or his or her deputy or authorized subordinate.

ORDINANCES. The ordinances of the Village and all amendments thereto.

PERSON. Any natural individual, firm, trust, partnership, association, or corporation. Whenever the word “person” is used in any section of this Code prescribing a penalty or fine, as applied to partnerships or associations, the word includes the partners or members thereof and, as applied to corporations, the word includes officers, agents, or employees thereof who are responsible for any violations of the section. The singular includes the plural. The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter genders.

STATE, THE STATE, OR THIS STATE. The State of Michigan.

VILLAGE. The Village of Shepherd, Michigan.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.03 Section Catchlines and Other Headings

The catchlines of the several sections of this Code printed in boldface type are intended as mere catchwords to indicate the contents of the sections and shall not be deemed or taken to be the titles of the sections, nor as any part of the sections, nor, unless expressly so

provided, shall they be so deemed when any of the sections, including the catchlines, are amended or re-enacted. No provision of this Code shall be held invalid by reason of deficiency in any catchline or in any heading or title to any chapter, subchapter, or division. (Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.04 Certain Ordinances not Affected by Code

Nothing in this Code or the ordinance adopting this Code shall affect any ordinance not in conflict with or inconsistent with this Code:

- (A) Promising or guaranteeing the payment of money for the Village, authorizing the issuance of any bonds of the Village, any evidence of the Village's indebtedness, any contract or obligations assumed by the Village;
 - (B) Containing any administrative provisions of the Village Council;
 - (C) Granting any right or franchise;
 - (D) Dedicating, naming, establishing, locating, relocating, opening, paving, widening, vacating, and the like, any street or public way in the Village;
 - (E) Making any appropriation;
 - (F) Levying or imposing taxes;
 - (G) Establishing or prescribing grades in the Village;
 - (H) Providing for local improvements and assessing taxes therefor;
 - (I) Dedicating or accepting any plat or subdivision in the Village;
 - (J) Extending or contracting the boundaries of the Village;
 - (K) Prescribing the number, classification, or compensation of any village officers or employees;
 - (L) Prescribing specific parking restrictions, no parking zones, specific speed zones, parking meter zones, and specific stop or yield intersections or other traffic ordinances pertaining to specific streets;
 - (M) Pertaining to rezoning;
 - (N) Any other ordinance, or part thereof, which is not of a general and permanent nature; and all ordinances are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length in this Code. The ordinances are on file in the village offices;
 - (O) Establishing utility rates; and
 - (P) Establishing service charges.
- (Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.05 Continuation of Ordinances

The provisions of this Code, so far as they are the same in substance as those of heretofore existing ordinances, shall be construed as a continuation of these ordinances and not as new enactments.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.06 Prior Rights, Offenses, and the Like

Any act done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued or acquired, or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred prior to the time of adoption of this Code, shall not be affected by the adoption but may be enjoyed, asserted, enforced, prosecuted or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if the adoption had not been effected.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.07 Ordinances Repealed, not Re-enacted

(A) No ordinance or part of any ordinance heretofore repealed shall be considered re-ordained or re-enacted by virtue of this Code, unless specifically re-enacted.

(B) The repeal of any curative or validating ordinances shall not impair or affect any cure or validation already effected thereby.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.08 Amendments to Code

(A) Amendments to any of the provisions of this Code shall be made by amending the provisions by specific reference to the section number of this Code in the following language: "That section _____ of the Village of Shepherd Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:..." The new provisions shall then be set out in full as desired.

(B) If a new section not heretofore existing in the Code is to be added, the following language shall be used: "That the Village of Shepherd Code is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered _____, which section reads as follows:...". The new section shall then be set out in full as desired.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.09 Supplemental of Code

(A) By contract or by village personnel, supplements to this Code shall be prepared and printed whenever authorized or directed by the Village Council. A supplement to the Code shall include all substantive, permanent, and general parts of ordinances adopted during the period covered by the supplement and all changes made thereby in the Code. The pages of a supplement shall be so numbered that they will fit properly into the Code and will, where necessary, replace pages that have become obsolete or partially obsolete, and the new pages shall be so prepared that, when they have been inserted,

the Code will be current through the date of the adoption of the latest ordinance included in the supplement.

- (B) In preparing a supplement to this Code, all portions of the Code which have been repealed shall be excluded from the Code by the omission thereof from reprinted pages.
- (C) When preparing a supplement to this Code, the codifier (meaning the person, agency or organization authorized to prepare the supplement) may make formal, non-substantive changes in ordinances and parts of ordinances included in the supplement insofar as it is necessary to do so to embody them into a unified code. For example, the codifier may:
- (1) Organize the ordinance material into appropriate divisions;
 - (2) Provide appropriate catchlines, headings, and titles for sections and other divisions of the Code printed in the supplement and make changes in catchlines, headings and titles;
 - (3) Assign appropriate numbers to sections and other divisions to be inserted in the Code and, where necessary, to accommodate new material, change existing section or other subdivision numbers;
 - (4) Change the words "this ordinance" or words of the same meaning to "this chapter," "this subchapter," "this division" and the like, as the case may be, or to " _____ through _____ " (inserting section numbers to indicate the sections of the Code which embody the substantive sections of the ordinance incorporated into the Code); and
 - (5) Make other non-substantive changes necessary to preserve the original meaning of ordinance sections inserted into the Code, but in no case shall the codifier make any change in the meaning or effect of ordinance material included in the supplement or already embodied in the Code.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.10 Appearance Tickets

The following public servants are hereby authorized to issue and serve appearance tickets with respect to ordinances of the Village, as provided by Public Act 147 of 1968, being MCL 764.9a through 764.9e, as amended, when the public servant has reasonable cause to believe that a person has committed an offense in violation of a village ordinance:

(A) Police officer; and

(B) Fire Chief.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.11 Separability of Provisions

Each section, division, sentence, clause, and provision of this Code is separable and if any provision shall be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the decision shall not

affect the remainder of this Code, or any part thereof, other than that part affected by the decision.

(Ord. passed 2024-09-16)

10.99 Penalty

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by this Code for any particular provision or section, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Code or any rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment; unless there is a fine or penalty specifically set forth in the ordinance which provides for a greater penalty, and in that event, such greater penalty shall control. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any section of this Code whether or not such penalty is re-enacted in the amendatory ordinance.

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