

## ORDINANCE #2023.018

### AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS TO CONTROL LITTERING

#### SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements to control littering in Liberty Township, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

#### SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Litter - any used or unconsumed substance or waste material which has been discarded, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper, or other natural or synthetic material, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, any bottle, jar or can, or any top, cap or detachable tab of any bottle, jar or can, any unlighted cigarette, cigar, match or any flaming or glowing material or any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging or construction material, but does not include the waste of the primary processes of mining or other extraction processes, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing.
- b. Litter Receptacle – a container suitable for the depositing of litter.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

#### SECTION III. Prohibited acts and regulated activities:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain.
2. Whenever any litter is thrown or discarded or allowed to fall from a vehicle or boat in violation of this ordinance, the operator or owner, or both, of the motor vehicle or boat shall also be deemed to have violated this ordinance.

#### SECTION IV. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer or such other municipal official as the Liberty Township Committee may designate.

SECTION V. Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per day for each day that the violation continues.

SECTION VI. Severability: \_

If any section or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Repealer:

All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as provided by law.

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Introduction:	2 November 2023
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