

ORDINANCE NO. 80-748

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE MINOR CHANGES TO CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS' AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CITATIONS; AND TO ADD A BLIGHT VIOLATION DEFINITION TO CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS.

THE CITY OF WARREN ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 1, Division 1, Section 1-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan,

**IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**Sec. 1-2 – Definitions and rules of construction.**

*Blight violation* means a violation of a provision of the Code of Ordinances, including appendices, that is designated as a blight violation.

*Misdemeanor.* Violation of an ordinance that constitutes a crime, as opposed to a civil infraction. An ordinance violation is a misdemeanor if it defines itself as a misdemeanor, specifies a punishment of jail time, or does not specify that it is a blight violation, civil infraction, or municipal civil infraction.

*Municipal civil infraction* means an act or omission that is prohibited by an ordinance, is not a crime under that ordinance, and for which a court may order civil sanctions. A municipal civil infraction does not include blight violations or violations excluded from municipal civil infractions by MCL 600.113(1) (c) as amended, including but not limited to violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.1 *et seq.*, violations of the Uniform Traffic Code, MCL 257.951 *et seq.*, violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Act, MCL 436.1101 *et seq.*, and violations of any ordinance enacted pursuant to MCL 257.942 regulating traffic in parking areas.

**SECTION 2.** That Chapter 1, Division 2, Section 1-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan,

**IS HEREBY AMENDED TO:**

Authorize zoning inspectors to issue appearance tickets under Chapter 21 of the Warren Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 3.** That Chapter 1, Division 3, Section 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan

**IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ, IN RELEVANT PART, AS FOLLOWS:**

**DIVISION 3. –MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS AND BLIGHT VIOLATIONS  
Sec. 1-10. - Definitions.**

*Blight violation* means a violation of a provision of the Code of Ordinances, including appendices, that is designated as a blight violation.

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(Ord. No. 80-648, § 1, 5-8-07; Ord. No. 80-722, § 3, 7-22-14)

**SECTION 4.** That Chapter 1, Division 3, Section 1-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warren, Michigan

**IS HEREBY AMENDED TO:**

Authorize police officers, building inspectors, electrical inspectors, heating, refrigeration, and air quality control inspectors, plumbing inspectors, zoning inspectors, Director of the Division of Buildings and Safety Engineering, fire inspectors, health officers, various waste water management employees, property maintenance inspectors, and certain Planning Department staff to issue blight violations.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall take effect on February 13, 2017.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 80-748 was adopted by the Council of the City of Warren at its meeting held on January 24, 2017.

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PAUL WOJNO  
City Clerk