

Town of Athelstane

Eye Sore and Blighted Property Ordinance

Ordinance # 3

The Town Board of Athelstane, Marinette County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Statutory Authorization:

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization in WI. Stats. 62.(2)(3) and 60.22(3).

1. Definitions: The following terms shall have the following meanings

A. “Blighted Property” shall mean real property on which is located structures which are not inhabitable because of deterioration or other causes or property which has been declared uninhabitable by appropriate health officials.

B. “Trash” shall mean any motor vehicle, lawn or garden implement, household appliance, or fixture, trailer, travel trailer, or similar item which is not in working condition.

C. “Junk Motor Vehicle” means a motor vehicle that is incapable of operation or is a source of parts or scrap, unless for licensed business.

D. “Privacy Fence” shall mean a fence constructed of wood (**minimum of 6 feet high**) with finished side facing out contiguous of other properties and opaque.

2. No owner, lessee, or occupier of any real property in the Town of Athelstane may permit that property to become blighted property or cause or permit trash to accumulate on that property for a period of more than 90 days.

3. Property owners of “Trash” visible from the highway/road or visible to the public shall install a privacy fence to obscure the view of such material from the public roadway.
4. If any person shall fail to correct such violation(s) within the 60 days, the Town Board shall cause such violation(s) to be corrected and the cost shall be assessed to the landowner and added to the tax bill for that property for that year.
5. All vehicles licensed and operable by state law shall not be considered a junk motor vehicle.
6. The Town Board of Athelstane shall notify, in writing, the owner of the real estate (as indicated on the tax role) in violation of this ordinance to correct any condition which violated this ordinance.
7. Any person in violation of this ordinance shall correct any violation(s) **within 60 days** of the date of such written notification.