

ORDINANCE NO. 647

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND COLLECTION OF FEES THEREFOR; AND, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 625

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Adoption of the 2024 Edition of the International Fire Code. The *International Fire Code*, 2024 edition, specifically including only Appendices B through I, K, L, N and O, and specifically excluding Appendices A, J and M (see *International Fire Code* Section 101.2.1, 2024 edition), as published by the International Code Council (the “Fire Code”), is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Grand Haven. All of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Code, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, as prescribed in Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Revisions to Fire Code. The following sections of the Fire Code are hereby revised or deleted, as follows:

Section 101.1. Title.

This Article may be known as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, hereafter referred to as “this Code.”

Section 112. Means of Appeal.

[Section 112 is deleted in its entirety]

Section 113.4. Violation penalties.

A person who violates a provision of this Code, or who fails to comply with the requirements thereof, or who shall erect, install, alter, repair or do work in violation of the approved construction documents or directive of the fire code official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this Code, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and shall be subject to payment of a civil fine, as well as any other action by the Township to abate the violation. The fine for a municipal civil infraction shall be Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), for the first violation, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for the second violation, and Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for the third violation, or any subsequent violation. Costs, attorney fees and other sanctions may also be levied. Increased civil fines shall be

imposed for repeated offenses by the same person. As used in this section, the term “repeated offenses” means a second (or any subsequent) municipal civil infraction violation of the same requirement or provision of this Code which is committed by a person, firm, or corporation within twelve (12) months of a prior municipal civil infraction for which the person, firm, or corporation admitted responsibility or was determined to be responsible, and for which the person, firm or corporation admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. Each day on which a violation of this Code continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be subject to penalties or sanctions as a separate offense.

Section 114.4. Failure to comply.

Any person who shall continue work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be subject to a municipal civil infraction fine of not than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) or more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Section 1103.5.3. Automatic Sprinkling; Group I-2 Condition 2. In addition to the requirements of Section 1103.5.2, existing buildings of Group I-2, Condition 2 occupancy shall be equipped throughout with an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.1.1. The automatic sprinkler system shall be installed within 365 days after the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Geographic Limits. The geographic limits referred to in the sections of the 2024 International Fire Code referred to below are hereby established by revision of those sections as follows:

Section 5704.2.9.6.1. Location Where Above-Ground Tanks Are Prohibited. Storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited in the Charter Township of Grand Haven, unless approved by the Fire Code Official and such storage complies with all other applicable laws. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Haven or other regulations pertaining to the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings. Where Code provisions for the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings are in conflict, the most rigid requirements shall apply.

Section 5706.2.4.4. Locations Where Above-Ground Tanks Are Prohibited. Storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited in the Charter Township of Grand Haven, unless approved by the Fire Code Official and such storage complies with all other applicable laws. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Haven or other regulations pertaining to the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks. Where Code provision for the storage of Class I and

Class II liquids in above-ground tanks are in conflict, the most rigid requirements shall apply.

Section 5806.2 Limitations. Storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings is prohibited in the Charter Township of Grand Haven, unless approved by the Fire Code Official and such storage complies with all other applicable laws. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Haven or other regulations pertaining to the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings. Where Code provisions for the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers outside of buildings are in conflict, the most rigid requirements shall apply.

Section 6104.2. Maximum Capacity Within Established Limits. Within the limits established by law restricting the storage of liquefied petroleum gas for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas, the aggregate capacity of any one installation in the Charter Township of Grand Haven shall not exceed a water capacity of 2,000 gallons (7570 L).

Exception: In particular installations, this capacity limit shall be determined by the Fire Code Official, after consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of occupancy, and proximity to buildings, capacity of proposed LP-gas containers, degree of fire protection to be provided and capabilities of the local fire department. The provisions of this Code shall not be deemed to nullify any other ordinance of the Charter Township of Grand Haven pertaining to the storage of liquefied petroleum gas.

Section 4. Enforcement. The Township hereby assumes the right and authority to administer and enforce this Ordinance and the *International Fire Code, 2024 Edition*, in all manners authorized by law. The Township also preserves the right to provide by agreement or contract with any township, city, village or county for enforcement and administration of this Ordinance and the *International Fire Code, 2024 edition*, within the territorial limits of the Township.

Section 5. Repeal. Township Ordinance No. 625, which adopted the 2018 edition of the *International Fire Code* as the Township Fire Code, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 6. Publication; Effective Date. The foregoing ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Grand Haven Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan on February 23, 2026, after a first reading of the amendment by the Township Board on January 26, 2026. This Ordinance shall be effective on March 30, 2026, which date is 30 days after publication of the Ordinance, as is required by Section 4 of Public Act 246 of 1945, as amended.



Mark Reenders, Township Supervisor



Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Laurie Larsen, the Clerk for the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Grand Haven Charter Township Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on February 23, 2026. The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting: Trustee Gaasch, Supervisor Reenders, Treasurer Kieft, Trustee Wagenmaker, Trustee Behm, Trustee Dumbrell, Clerk Larsen. The following members of the Township Board were absent: None. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board Clerk Larsen, Trustee Wagenmaker, Treasurer Kieft, Trustee Dumbrell, Trustee Gaasch, Trustee Behm, Supervisor Reenders voting in favor and members of the Board None voting in opposition. The Ordinance or a summary of the Ordinance was published in the *Grand Haven Tribune* on February 28, 2026.



Laurie Larsen, Clerk
Grand Haven Charter Township