

**BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP  
VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
CAMPER/RV  
ORDINANCE No. 140 5-25**

An Ordinance to provide for the regulation and control of Campers/RVs situated in Bloomingdale Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, pursuant to MCLA 41.181, et seq. The purpose of the Ordinance being to protect the health, safety and general welfare of persons, property, and water quality in Bloomingdale Township and to provide penalties for the violation thereof, except that nothing in the Ordinance shall be deemed in conflict with the laws of the State of Michigan which might supersede Township Ordinances.

The Township Board of Bloomingdale Township, Van Buren County, Michigan hereby ordains:

**Section 1: Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as Bloomingdale Township Ordinance for the Regulation and Control of Campers/RVs.

**Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to protect the people, property, and water quality within Bloomingdale Township in regard to the health, safety, and general welfare of individuals and to regulate and control the placement and use of Campers/RVs.

**Section 3: Definitions**

Camper/RV is all Campers and/or Recreation Vehicles ("RV" or "RVs") which may reasonably and normally be used for temporary occupancy by people including, but not limited, to motorhomes, travel trailers, fifth wheel trailers, tent campers, pop-up campers, pickup campers and other items of similar manufacture or use, whether or not normally licensed for transportation purposes by the State of Michigan.

**Section 4: Regulation of Campers/RVs**

Campers/RVs, as defined above, shall be permitted on parcels within Bloomingdale Township subject to the conditions set forth herein:

- A. In no case may any Camper/RV be placed in Bloomingdale Township for the purpose of permanent occupancy, nor may it be used as a permanent residence nor as a rental unit;
- B. No Camper/RV shall be parked or stored within twenty (20) feet of any lake, stream, river or other waterway in Bloomingdale Township;
- C. No Camper/RV shall be parked or stored within twenty (20) feet of any County or Township road(s) or street(s);
- D. Campers/RVs may be occupied from April 1 to October 30 each year, provided the owner registers with the Township Clerk for the specified dates of occupancy, location, permanent address of owner, a plan for sanitation disposal of waste and

trash, and an electrical permit and inspection from the Township Electrical Inspector;

- a) Failure to register the Camper/RV with the Bloomingdale Township Clerk will result in a fine of \$150 per day.

- E. If a Camper/RV is to be occupied as temporary living quarters while a principal residence is being built, the owner shall apply and pay for a building permit. In addition, the owner shall request a one (1) year Special Use permit, at no cost, from the Township Board.
  - a) The owner shall be required to remove the Camper/RV within 90 days of; building completion and issuance of occupancy permit for principal residence, close of building permit, a lack of active construction on principal residence, and/or expiration of building permit;
  - b) The Township Board may grant a second one (1) year permit extension in extreme and exceptional circumstances related to the intent of this section;
  - c) Township issued permit shall be posted and visible;
- F. No Camper/RV shall be permanently connected or hooked up to a water supply, septic system, natural gas supply nor permanently attached to a foundation;
- G. No "gray water" or sewage shall be drained or dumped from any Camper/RV except into such collection vehicles or off-site septic disposal systems as may be approved by the Van Buren County Department of Health;
- H. All Campers shall maintain and display a current license/registration plate if such license is normally required for routine transportation purposes or movement along the roads and highways of the State of Michigan;
- I. All trash must be disposed of in proper trash receptacles.
- J. The Bloomingdale Township Board shall periodically review use of Campers/RVs in Bloomingdale Township and may exercise the option of establishing a fee schedule unique to Campers/RVs for the purpose of collecting reimbursement for rubbish removal, and/or biohazard waste removal and cleanup costs, as well as associated administrative costs.

#### **Section 5: Enforcement**

The foregoing Ordinance shall be enforced by the Ordinance and Code Compliance Officer of Bloomingdale Township, Van Buren County, Michigan.

#### **Section 6: Penalties**

Violation of any part of this Ordinance may subject the violator to a civil citation and possible fines and penalties, not to exceed \$500.00 or thirty (30) days in jail and/or both for the first offense

and not to exceed \$1000.00 and/or thirty (30) days in jail or both for each additional offense or as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**Section 7: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication, and supersedes all previously dated ordinances regarding Campers/RVs.

**Bloomington Township Clerk**

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted by the Bloomington Township Board of Trustees, County of Van Buren, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 21, 2025.

Date: May 21, 2025

Melanie D. Kelly  
Bloomington Township Clerk

Published on 5/29/2025

Ordinance No. 140 5-25 was adopted on May 21, 2025 by the Bloomington Township Board as follows:

Motion By: Blackson

Supported By: Johnson

Roll Call Vote:

	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Supervisor Ashbrook:	<u>✓</u>	_____
Clerk Kelly:	<u>✓</u>	_____
Treasurer Blackson:	<u>✓</u>	_____
Trustee Johnson:	<u>✓</u>	_____
Trustee Nelson:	<u>✓</u>	_____

I certify that this true copy of Ordinance No. 140 5-25 was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Bloomington Township Board on May 21, 2025 and published in the Courier Leader on May 29, 2025

Date of Township approval: May 21, 2025

Date of Publication: May 29, 2025

Effective Date: June 30, 2025

Date: May 21, 2025 By: Melanie D. Kelly  
Melanie Kelly, Bloomington Township Clerk

