# CITY OF MT. MORRIS COUNTY OF GENESEE, MICHIGAN

#### **ORDINANCE 2023 –04.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MT. MORRIS CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 48, SIGNS, BY THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 48-4 TO PROHIBIT SIGNS FOR PRIMARY CAREGIVER HOME OCCUPATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

#### THE CITY OF MT. MORRIS HEREBY ORDAINS:

## **SECTION I**

The Mt. Morris City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 48, Section 48-4, is hereby amended as follows:

#### **CHAPTER 48 – SIGNS**

48-4 Signs not requiring permits

- (a) Signs in residential districts. On-site signs may be permitted in residential districts as follows:
  - (1) One professional sign or nameplate sign for a permitted home occupation not more than 144 square inches in area which shall be non-illuminated, with the exception of a primary caregiver home occupation (PCHO) for which no sign is permitted.

## **SECTION II - PENALTY**

A violation of this section shall be deemed a civil infraction.

(A) If a defendant is determined to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction the judge or district court magistrate making the determination of responsibility may order the defendant to pay a civil fine not to exceed the sum of \$500, and, if applicable, in addition to the civil fine, the judge or magistrate may order the payment of damages and expenses incurred.

- (B) If a defendant is ordered to pay a civil fine, the judge or magistrate shall summarily determine the city's costs of the action and tax the costs. The city's costs shall not necessarily be limited to the costs taxable in ordinary civil actions and may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the city has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction, up to the entry of the judgment.
- (C) In addition to the imposition of civil fines and costs as set forth in subsections (A) and (B) above, the district court judge may exercise its equitable jurisdiction as provided by statute and issue and enforce injunctive orders, order the recession or reformation of a contract and/or issue and enforce any judgment, writ or other necessary to enforce the ordinance violated, and to issue any such orders necessary to abate nuisances.

## **SECTION III - RATIFICATION**

All other provisions of this Chapter shall be and are hereby ratified.

#### **SECTION IV - SEVERABILITY**

If any part of this ordinance shall be determined to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part shall be deemed to be severed and removed from the body of this ordinance, and the rest shall remain in full force and effect.

## **SECTION V – PRIOR ORDINANCES**

All City ordinances and resolutions or a part thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

#### SECTION VI – PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Mt. Morris, Genesee County, Michigan, and shall become effective on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after publication.

# **SECTION VII – INSPECTION OF ORDINANCE**

A copy of this Ordinance may be inspected at the City Hall, 11649 N. Saginaw St., Mt. Morris, Michigan, during regular business hours.

# CITY OF MT. MORRIS,

By: SARA DUBEY, MAYOR

By: SPENCER LEWIS, CITY CLERK

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