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**PORTLAND, MICHIGAN**

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## PREFACE

This Code constitutes a recodification of the general and permanent ordinances of the City of Portland, Michigan.

Source materials used in the preparation of the Code were the 1972 Code, as supplemented, and ordinances subsequently adopted by the city council. The source of each section is included in the history note appearing in parentheses at the end thereof. The absence of such a note indicates that the section is new and was adopted for the first time with the adoption of the Code. By use of the comparative tables appearing in the back of this Code, the reader can locate any section of the 1972 Code, as supplemented, and any ordinance included herein.

The chapters of the Code have been conveniently arranged in alphabetical order, and the various sections within each chapter have been catchlined to facilitate usage. Notes which tie related sections of the Code together and which refer to relevant state law have been included. A table listing the state law citations and setting forth their location within the Code is included at the back of this Code.

### *Chapter and Section Numbering System*

The chapter and section numbering system used in this Code is the same system used in many state and local government codes. Each section number consists of two parts separated by a dash. The figure before the dash refers to the chapter number, and the figure after the dash refers to the position of the section within the chapter. Thus, the second section of chapter 1 is numbered 1-2, and the first section of chapter 6 is 6-1. Under this system, each section is identified with its chapter, and at the same time new sections can be inserted in their proper place by using the decimal system for amendments. For example, if new material consisting of one section that would logically come between sections 6-1 and 6-2 is desired to be added, such new section would be numbered 6-1.5. New articles and new divisions may be included in the same way or, in the case of articles, may be placed at the end of the chapter embracing the subject, and, in the case of divisions, may be placed at the end of the article embracing the subject. The next successive number shall be assigned to the new article or division. New chapters may be included by using one of the reserved chapter numbers. Care should be taken that the alphabetical arrangement of chapters is maintained when including new chapters.

### *Page Numbering System*

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### *Indexes*

The indexes have been prepared with the greatest of care. Each particular item has been placed under several headings, some of which are couched in lay phraseology, others in legal terminology, and still others in language generally used by local government officials and employees. There are numerous cross references within the indexes themselves that stand as guideposts to direct the user to the particular item in which the user is interested.

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Ordinances which will make the active law of the City readily accessible to all citizens and which will be a valuable tool in the day-to-day administration of the City's affairs.

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**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORTLAND**  
Ionia County, Michigan

Council Member Duff, supported by Council Member Clement, made a motion to adopt the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 197**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND, MICHIGAN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.**

**THE CITY OF PORTLAND ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Short title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Code of Ordinances adopting ordinance" and may be so cited.

**Section 2. Adoption of Code of Ordinances.** The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, City of Portland, Michigan," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 42, each inclusive, is adopted.

**Section 3. Repealer.** All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before November 3, 2008, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

**Section 4. Prior ordinances not revived.** The repeal provided for in section 3 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

**Section 5. Penalty.** Whenever in this code or any ordinance of the city an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be a misdemeanor or a municipal civil infraction, or whenever in this code or any ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be a misdemeanor or municipal civil infraction, the violation of any such provision by any person shall, upon conviction of a misdemeanor, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or both, except whenever a specific is otherwise provided. Whenever any such violation shall constitute a municipal civil infraction, a finding of responsibility shall be punished by a civil fine not exceeding \$500.00, except whenever a specific penalty is otherwise provided.

Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the City may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

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**Section 6. Code additions or amendments.** Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the City Council to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

**Section 7. Later ordinances.** Ordinances adopted after November 3, 2008 that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

**Section 8. Publication And Effective Date.** This Ordinance must be published and recorded as provided in the City Charter and takes effect on the date of publication, but not less than ten (10) days after its adoption by the City Council.

Ayes: Duff, Clement, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: VanSlambrouck

Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Dated: March 2, 2009

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk

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