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**MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
ord. no. 412 eff. Sept. 30, 2005**

An Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, by adding a new section entitled “Vehicle Code” to Chapter 40 (entitled “Public Safety”), to adopt, by reference, the Michigan Vehicle Code within Grand Haven Charter Township, to provide penalties for violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, and to set the effective date of this Ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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**Sec. 1 MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE ADOPTED BY
REFERENCE**

The Michigan Vehicle Code, Public Act 300 of 1949 of the State of Michigan, being codified at MCL 257.1 through 257.923, is hereby adopted in full by reference except as modified in this Ordinance.

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Sec. 2 REFERENCES IN CODE

References in the Michigan Vehicle Code to local authorities, to “government” or to “governmental unit” shall mean the Charter Township of Grand Haven.

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Sec. 3 VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Misdemeanor

Any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code, which describes an act, omission, or condition, which is declared to be a criminal offense, shall be processed as a misdemeanor. Unless some other penalty is expressly provided for by the Michigan Vehicle Code, any person found guilty of a misdemeanor under this Article shall be subject to the imposition of a sentence which includes a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment in the county jail for a maximum period of ninety-three (93) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

2. Civil Infraction

Any provision of the Michigan Vehicle Code which describes an act, omission, or condition which is declared to be a civil infraction, shall be processed as a civil infraction as provided for under state law. Any person found responsible for a civil infraction may be ordered by the judge or magistrate to pay a civil fine and costs as well as such additional penalties as are provided for by state law.

3. Costs

When any person is found guilty of a criminal violation or responsible for a civil infraction pursuant to this Ordinance, the judge or magistrate shall summarily determine and tax the costs of the action which shall include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the Township has incurred relative to the violation or infraction up to the entry of judgment.

40.0704 Sec. 4 SEVERABILITY

This Ordinance and the various sections, subsections, sentences, phrases, and clauses are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

40.0705 Sec. 5 NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law and shall publish, at the same time, a notice stating the purpose of the Michigan Vehicle Code and the fact that a complete copy of the Code is available to the public at the office of the Township Clerk for inspection.

40.0706 Sec. 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Township Board of Grand Haven Charter Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, on September 26, 2005, after introduction and a first reading on September 12, 2005, and publication after first reading as required by Act 359 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1947, as amended. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication on September 30, 2005, in the Grand Haven Tribune, a newspaper having general circulation in the Township.