TOWN OF ALMA, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN ORDINANCE NO. 2004-02

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING UNLICENSED VEHICLES AND PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OF JUNKED OR DISCARDED PROPERTY AND UNSIGHTLY DEBRIS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMA, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN. THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMA, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION (1)

PREAMBLE: The purpose of this ordinance regulating unlicensed vehicles and regarding junked or discarded property and unsightly debris is to protect the property values in the Township of Alma, and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the town's residents.

DEFINITION: "Plain sight:" The following definition is not exclusive: Plain sight would be defined as the line of viewing from a person without the aid of binoculars, or any other vision enhancing device, not including eyeglasses or contacts. Any object is considered in plain sight if a reasonable person is able to see the junked or discarded property or unsightly debris from any roadway in the township or from any point on his/her property.

SECTION (2)

No property owner shall store in plain sight more than four (4) unlicensed motor vehicles on his/her property. It is not a violation of this provision if the property owner stores more than four (4) unlicensed vehicles as long as they are kept out of plain sight by a fence, barrier, or by live plantings, that is approved by the Township Board.

SECTION (3)

No person shall store in plain sight junked or discarded property including automobile parts, tractors, refrigerators, furnaces, appliances, washing machines, stoves, machinery or machinery parts, wood, bricks, cement blocks or other unsightly debris in the Township of Alma, Jackson County, Wisconsin. It is not a violation of this provision if the property owner stores the aforementioned items in this paragraph, as long as they are kept out of plain sight by a fence, barrier or by live plantings, that is approved by the Township Board. The Township Board may require by written order any premises violating this Section to be put in compliance within the time specified in such order, and if the order is not complied with, may have the premises put in compliance and the cost thereof assessed as a special tax against the property and be subject to a fine and prosecution by the township.

SECTION (4)

PENALTIES: Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION (5)

Effective Date: Upon passage and publication, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

Adopted this 20th day of October____, 2004

Chairperson Charles E. Smith

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ATTESTED:

Donald C. Forsting, Town Clerk

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