

**IRA TOWNSHIP  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 148  
BUSINESS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE**

**TITLE**

AN ORDINANCE to promote the public health, safety and welfare of Ira Township residents and business owners by requiring all businesses located within the Township to register with the Clerk's office and providing penalties for violations thereof.

**THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRA,  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Ira Township Business Registration Ordinance."

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.**

All businesses shall be registered annually with the Township; such registration will assist the Township with information to provide:

- a. More adequate police and fire protection;
- b. More equal and equitable real and personal property taxation;
- c. Better efficiency and economy in furnishing public utility services;
- d. More comprehensive and informed planning and zoning of land uses and structures; and

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.**

**BUSINESS** shall mean any trade, occupation, profession, work, industry, commerce or other activity owned or operated by any person within the Township, except the term **BUSINESS** shall not include home occupations, as defined by the Township zoning ordinance.

**SECTION 4. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION.**

- (A) *Required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a business within the Township without having first obtained a certificate of registration.

- (B) *Registration form.* In order to register, the owner or operator of a business shall submit registration information on a form prepared by the Township Clerk which may require that full identification information be provided for owners and operator, including dates of birth and driver license numbers. The information on the registration form shall be true and accurate. The business and the person signing the form shall be responsible for the accuracy of the information.
- (C) *Fees.* Fees for registration shall be set by resolution of the Township Board.
- (D) *Prohibition.* The certificate of registration shall not be issued by the Township Clerk until a certificate of occupancy has been issued or if the existing or proposed business would be illegal under any law or ordinance.
- (E) *Issuance.* After the filing of a fully completed, accurate registration form and payment of applicable fees, the Township Clerk shall issue a certificate of registration.
- (F) *Duration.* The certificate of registration shall be effective from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- (G) *Annual Renewals.* By June 8<sup>th</sup> of each year, the Township Clerk shall send each holder of a certificate of registration a copy of the filled in registration form for the previous year, and each business shall return it by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year with a signed statement confirming the information has not changed and is correct as of that date or with the addition of necessary information required to correct the registration form. Upon the submission of the signed statement and payment of applicable fees, the Township Clerk shall issue a renewed certificate of registration.
- (H) *Transfer.* The certificate of registration shall not be transferred by the holder to any other person, business, entity or corporation.

## **SECTION 5. REVOCAION AND/OR SUSPENSION.**

- (A) *Noncompliance.* In the event of any noncompliance with the provisions of this Ordinance after a certificate of registration has been issued, the certificate may be revoked or suspended by order of the Township Clerk until the noncompliance has been corrected as determined by the Township Clerk.
- (B) *Written notice.* Upon any revocation and/or suspension, the Township Clerk shall notify in writing the business of the action taken and shall specify the nature of any violations.
- (C) *Hearing.* Any business aggrieved by the Township Clerk's actions taken may file a written request for a hearing before the Township Board to be held within 30 days of the written request.

(D) *Final determination.* The Township Board shall determine whether or not a violation has occurred and, if so, shall determine whether the revocation and/or suspension should be continued and, if so, under what conditions. The Township Board's decision shall be final.

**SECTION 6. EXEMPTIONS.**

No registration shall be required of any agency of the United States of America, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision.

**SECTION 7. OTHER TOWNSHIP REQUIREMENTS.**

Obtaining a certificate of registration shall not relieve any business from obtaining any other license, permit or approval as may be required by any other Township ordinance, regulation, standard or code.

**SECTION 8. PRIVACY REGULATION.**

The Township Clerk shall withhold from public disclosure any personal information provided to the Township pursuant to this Ordinance, except where disclosure is required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**SECTION 9. VIOLATION; PENALTY.**

Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or government entity who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or 90 days in jail at the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 10. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS**

All other resolutions or Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the invalidity or unconstitutionality of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 12. PUBLICATION.**

This Ordinance shall be published in full, or a summary thereof shall be published, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township of Ira, within fifteen (15) days after its adoption.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of publication of a true copy thereof in a newspaper circulating within the Township of Ira as provided by Section 12.


**CERTIFICATE OF TOWNSHIP CLERK**

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Board of Ira, St. Clair County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 6, 2026.

I hereby further certify that the following Township Board Members were present at the meeting: James Endres, Jr., Thomas Lauer, Thomas Eder, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat and the following Township Board member(s) were absent: None.

I further certify that Member Ruhlman moved for the adoption of the Ordinance, and that motion was supported by Member Eder.

I further certify that the following Ira Township Board Members voted for the adoption of the Ordinance: James Endres, Jr., Thomas Lauer, Thomas Eder, Stella Ruhlman and Jean Corbat and that the following Ira Township Board members voted against adoption of the Ordinance: None.

  
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Jean Corbat,  
Ira Township Clerk

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, the undersigned Township Clerk of the Township of Ira, do hereby certify that on April 15, 2026, a Summary of the Ordinance adopted was duly published in a newspaper having general circulation within the Township.

  
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Jean Corbat  
Ira Township Clerk

ADOPTED: 4/6/2026  
PUBLISHED: 4/15/2026  
EFFECTIVE: 5/16/2026