



Ordinance Department
6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City MI 48135
734.793.1807 Fax 734.793.1751
Building Dept. 734.793.1650 - Schedule Inspection's
24-hour inspection line 734.793.1656

Date _____

RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION

1. Building Information

Property address _____
Property ID _____
Type of Rental (please circle): SINGLE-FAMILY DUPLEX MULTIPLE-FAMILY GROUP HOME
Number of Buildings: _____ Total Units: _____ Billable Rental Units: _____
Type of Ownership (please circle): INDIVIDUAL PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION

2. Applicant/Owner Information

****Please note, NO certificate will be issued until the property owner's mailing address is verified****

****No P.O. Boxes will be accepted****

A. RESPONSIBLE PARTY/APPLICANT

Name _____ Copy of Driver's License # _____
Company _____
Address _____ Suite/Unit # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Applicant's Interest in property _____
Main Telephone # _____ Other Telephone # _____
Email Address _____

B. OWNER OF RECORD/PROPERTY

Name _____ Copy of Driver's License # _____
Address _____ Suite/Unit # _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Type of Interest (fee simple/land contract) _____
Main Telephone # _____ Other Telephone # _____
Email Address _____
If land contract:
Fee Simple Owner _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

C. IF APPLICANT IS A PARTNERSHIP, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ALL PARTNERS IS REQUIRED

Name _____	Name _____
Address/Suite# _____	Address/Suite# _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Telephone # _____	Telephone # _____
Driver's License # _____	Driver's License # _____

D. IF THE APPLICANT IS A CORPORATION, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ALL OFFICERS IS REQUIRED

President _____	Vice President _____
Address/Suite# _____	Address/Suite# _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Telephone # _____	Telephone # _____
Driver's License # _____	Driver's License # _____
Secretary _____	Treasurer _____
Address/Suite# _____	Address/Suite# _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Telephone # _____	Telephone # _____
Driver's License # _____	Driver's License # _____

E. TENANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone # _____

3. Fees

****Note: Price increase took effect July 1, 2025***

- Registration Fee - \$150.00 (every three (3) years)
- Single Family/Duplex - \$225.00 Inspection Fee (every three (3) years)
- Multiple-Family - \$150.00 per Billable Unit
- NON-COMPLIANCE FEE - \$250.00

****Please note, all refunds subject to 25% service fee***

- I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is true and,
- I have obtained a copy of the housing quality standards from which my property will be expected to comply to be issued a rental certificate.
- I understand that all rental properties located within Garden City are required to be registered every three years and failure to register would constitute a violation of City Ordinances.

***Please note, for your property to receive certification, the furnace must be certified by a licensed mechanical contractor and a roof affidavit must be submitted.**

**Mail application or drop off to: City of Garden City Police Department
Attention: Kelly Kovacs – Ordinance Dept.
6000 Middlebelt Road
Garden City, MI 48135**

Name Printed _____

Signature _____ Date _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW LINE

If needed, re-inspection fee of \$50.00

Date Approved _____

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RENTAL REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION POLICY FOR PROPERTY OWNER

Anytime a home is rented by the property owner to a tenant, under definition 153.01 of the city ordinance, the property must be registered with the City as a rental. Rental dwellings shall not be occupied without a rental certificate. Failure to obtain rental registrations before renting or leasing a dwelling may result in civil fines set forth by The Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance, Chapter 41, §41.06, Code Section 153.02.

Rentals that were certified shall complete re-registration and compliance inspections prior to the current expiration date.

Once application has been submitted with the Ordinance Department, property owner must schedule an initial inspection of the property within **15 business days with the Building Department**. All listed violations must be corrected and pass reinspection within **90 Days** of original application date. Failure to comply within the **90 Day** time-period will be a violation of Chapter 153: Inspections.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AND FEE

- \$150.00 registration & \$225.00 inspection fee must be submitted with a complete application prior to the scheduling of any inspections.
- Property Owners, management company, or listing real estate agents may schedule an inspection by completing the Rental Registration Application (**if management company is not the owner of the property, a copy of a broker's license or real estate license must be submitted along with application. State of Michigan Article 25, Act 299**)
- Includes (2) inspections
- Each subsequent inspection = \$50.00
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted and will be mailed back to the applicant.

SCHEDULE INITIAL INSPECTION OF PROPERTY (must be done within 15 days of submitted application)

- Inspections are performed Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm
- Property owner can choose morning or afternoon time blocks.
 - Morning: 9am – 12pm
 - Afternoon: 12pm – 4pm
- A typed copy of the violation list will be available at the building department after 11am the following business day after the inspection.

PREPARING FOR YOUR INSPECTION

- Make sure all areas of the house and garage are accessible for the inspector. (Inspector will not move furnishings, personal items, or appliances)
- Clean up exterior yard and property. Cut the lawn, trim overgrown bushes, and shrubbery.
- Remove trash, debris, and non-useable items throughout property.
- Repair broken or hanging shutters, awnings, light fixtures, etc.
- Loose siding, chipped and peeling paint is not acceptable for the house, garage or shed.

- Make sure fences are repaired, painted and in good condition.
- Sidewalks are installed
- Windows must be property glazed and sealed.
- Replace missing storm windows or screens, doorknobs, or handles.
- Check for leaking or dripping water supply lines and shut-off valves throughout the house.
- Smoke detectors are required to be installed in each room used for sleeping, outside each room used for sleeping and in each story of the dwelling – including the basement. Smoke detectors shall be installed per manufacturer's specifications.
- Ground-fault interrupter outlets (GFI's) are required to replace existing outlets in bathrooms, existing outlets within six feet of kitchen sink, existing wall outlets in the garage and on the exterior of the property.
- Vacuum breakers, also known as backflow prevention devices, are required on laundry tubs and outdoor waterspouts.
- Outlet and light switch plate covers are required over all electrical switches and outlets. (Many people forget to replace them after painting)
- Handrails are required on stairways with three (3) or more steps.
- Basement stairs must be enclosed by a guardrail or wall. (Children and pets have been known to fall off basement stairways because proper guardrails are not present)
- Certificate from a licensed heating contractor must be submitted that indicates the heating unit was inspected and is functioning properly. The invoice or certificate must have the technician's signature and license number. The invoice/certificate must be dated within the past 6 months of submittal.

CORRECT ALL VIOLATIONS

- Violations and inspection must be scheduled within **15 Days** of initial application date.
- All extension requests must be in writing to the Building Official and must be submitted prior to expiration date. An extension will not be granted if violation list has expired.
- All violations listed on the inspector's report must be completed for a rental certification to be issued.

SCHEDULE RE-INSPECTION OF PROPERTY

Call (734) 793.1650 after all items on the inspection report have been corrected or repaired. A re-inspection is required to ensure that all noted violations have been corrected and all repairs have been made.

Additional items may be noted during the re-inspection if they are health and/or safety related.

- Inspections are performed Monday-Friday, from 9am-4pm
- Applicant can choose morning or afternoon time blocks
 - Morning 9am-12pm
 - Afternoon 12pm – 4pm
- If the final inspection is not approved, additional re-inspections will need to be scheduled as work is completed until a full approval is obtained.
 - Each re-inspection includes a \$35.00 re-inspection fee as mentioned above.
- Full approval includes the submission of the following documents.
 - Proof that a licensed mechanical contractor inspected and certified the furnace. Certificate must be dated with the past 6 months of submittal.
 - Statement from Water Department showing water bill has been paid in full.

TO CANCEL OR RE-SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION

Call (734) 793.1650 if you must cancel your scheduled inspection, please provide at least 24- hour notice for cancellation. If appointment is cancelled on the scheduled appointment day, a \$35.00 fee will be charged.

RENTAL CERTIFICATION ISSUANCE

- Once full inspection approval is obtained, a rental certification can be issued by the Building Official.
- Rental certification is good for 3 years from date of application.
- Temporary Rental Certifications may be issued from November through the end of March. These dates may change depending upon weather and must be approved by Building Official.
- All Temporary Rental Certifications will expire by June 1st.
- Temporary Rental Certifications will only be issued for flat work and outside painting.



RESALE OR RENTAL INFORMATION
GARDEN CITY BUILDING DEPARTMENT
GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE 154.486

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE PROVIDED BY YOU BEFORE A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY CAN BE ISSUED: Provide proof (dated receipt signed by the technician) of inspection of furnace by a licensed heating contractor, showing the type of test performed, and heat exchanger inspection. Include technician license number, with address and phone number and include results of carbon monoxide test readings.

ROOF AFFIDAVIT-- letter signed by the purchaser of the inspected property or by the owner of a rental property.

FIREPLACES—All natural solid fuel fireplaces need a clean and Safety check by a licensed chimney contractor.

EXTERIOR

1. **PREMISES IDENTIFICATION.** Buildings shall have address numbers placed in a position plainly legible and visible from the street fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inch high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches. IPMC 304.3
2. **EXTERIOR PROPERTY** shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. IPMC 302.1
3. Concrete must have no trip hazard. Including all sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept free of hazards. IPMC 302.3 & Ord. 94.37
4. **SIDEWALKS.** All sidewalks shall be installed in front of and along the side of any property, along any roadway, which is currently vacant of sidewalks. Ord. 94.35
5. **WEEDS.** All exterior property shall be maintained and free of weeds or excess plant growth. IPMC 302.4
6. **RODENT HARBORAGE—**All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences, and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. And to all city ordinances. IPMC 302.5
7. **SWIMMING POOLS—**Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair. IPMC 303.1
8. **Exterior--**Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated, and surfaces repainted. IPMC 304.2
9. **Foundation walls** shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks. IPMC 304.5
10. **EXTERIOR WALLS** shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials; and maintained weatherproof and properly surface coated where required to prevent deterioration. IPMC 304.6
11. **ROOFS AND DRAINAGE.** Roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and that have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance. IPMC 304.7
12. **SCREENS—**every door, window and other outside opening shall be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens and every screen door shall have a self-closing device in good working condition. IPMC 304.14
13. **WINDOWS—**Maintain in good repair, operable, weather tight and all locks to work properly. IPMC 304.13
14. All siding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights shall be maintained weather resistant and watertight. IPMC 304.2
15. **APPROACH--**Residence must have minimum 9' x 40' paved off-street parking street approach. Ord. 154.068 & Ord. 94.16
16. **CHIMNEYS--** shall be maintained structurally safe, sound and in good repair. IPMC 304.11

BUILDING

17. **INTERIOR GENERAL.** The interior of a structure and equipment therein shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and in a sanitary condition. Occupants shall keep that part of the structure which they occupy or control in a clean and sanitary condition. Every owner of a structure containing a rooming house, housekeeping units, a hotel, dormitory, two or more dwelling units or two or more nonresidential occupancies, shall maintain, in a clean and sanitary condition, the shared or public areas of the structure and exterior property. IPMC 305.1
18. **INTERIOR SURFACES—**All interior surfaces, including windows and doors, shall be maintained in good, clean, and sanitary condition. Peeling, chipping, flaking or abraded paint shall be repaired, removed, or covered. Cracked or loose plaster, decayed wood and other defective surface conditions shall be corrected. IPMC 305.3
19. Handrails must be in place, secure and in good condition at all stairways to code. IPMC 305.5, 307.1
20. **STAIRS AND WALKING SURFACES.** Maintain every stair, ramp, landing, balcony, porch deck or other walking surface shall be structurally sound, in good repair, with proper anchorage. steps shall have a max 8 1/4" h rise and equal spacing of each riser—IPMC 305.4; MRC R311.7.4.1
21. **GUARDRAIL** open side of stairs, landings, balcony, porch deck ramp or other walking surfaces which is more than 30 inches above the floor or grade below shall have guards. IPMC 307.1
22. **INTERIOR DOORS—**Every interior door shall fit reasonably well within its frame and shall be capable of being opened and closed by being properly and securely attached to jambs, headers or tracks as intended by the manufacturer of the attachment hardware. IPMC 305.6
23. **INFESTATIONS—**All structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent infestation. IPMC 309.1
24. **LOCKED DOORS—**All means of egress doors shall be readily open able from the side from which egress is to be made without the need for keys, special knowledge, or effort. IPMC 702.3

25. EMERGENCY ESCAPE OPENINGS—required emergency escape openings shall be maintained in accordance with the code. Required emergency escape and rescue openings shall be operational from the inside of the room without the use of keys or tools. IPMC 702

ELECTRICAL

26. ELECTRICAL SYSTEM HAZARDS—Where it is found that the electrical system in a structure constitutes a hazard to the occupants or the structure by reason of inadequate service, improper fusing, insufficient receptacle and lighting outlets, improper wiring or installation, deterioration, or damage, or for similar reasons, the code official shall require the defects to be corrected or eliminate the hazard.
27. SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE ON EACH LEVEL OF THE HOUSE, IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF BEDROOMS, AND IN EACH BEDROOM. MRCR314, IPMC 704.2 Battery operated smoke detectors are acceptable in dwellings where no construction is taking place, buildings not served by a commercial power source.
28. HARDWIRED SMOKE DETECTORS. Any units installed in the structure shall all be maintained in operational condition, maintain interconnection, and shall receive their primary power from the building wiring. Wiring shall be permanent and without a disconnecting switch other than as required for over current protection. IPMC 704.3, 704.4
29. Three prong, grounded outlets required in kitchen with GFCI protection IPMC 604.3 & 605; MRC E3902, MRC E3802.6
30. Replace all paint covered outlets IPMC 604.3; NEC 110.12
31. Grounded outlet for washer/dryer-- & GFCI laundry outlets 6' of water IPMC 604.3.1& 605.2; MRC E3802.7
32. GFCI GARAGE OUTLETS and accessory buildings. IPMC 604.3; MRC E3802.2
33. Any exterior outlets must be waterproofed and have a G.F.I. IPMC 604.3, MRC E3802.3
34. Grounded GFCI plugs must be in all bathrooms IPMC 605.2; MRC E3902, E3802.1; NEC 210.8
35. Bathrooms with no operable window must have a working exhaust fan. IPMC 403.1 & 403.2
36. Dwellings shall be served by a three wire, 120/240-volt, single-phase electrical service having a minimum rating of 60 amps. IPMC 604.2
37. EXTERIOR ELECTRIC SERVICE – must have a 10' clearance for electrical lines – from ground to overhead. 3504.2.2
38. BOND (GROUND) ELECTRIC PANNEL TO CODE IPMC 604.3, 605; MRC E3607
39. BONDING WIRE REQUIRED FOR WATER METER –IPMC 604.3; MRC E3609
40. All wiring must be to code. (Provide covers on all junction boxes, outlets, and switches) IPMC 605
41. Any unused wiring must be removed. Overhead wiring to the garage is not allowed. IPMC 605
42. NOTE: Electrical box CANNOT be in any bathroom. MRC 3901.7

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL

43. HEATING—dwelling units shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68 degrees F (20c) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms, and toilet rooms. Cooking appliances shall not be used to provide space heating to meet the requirements of this section. All heating equipment will require a cleaning and safety inspection conducted by a licensed mechanical contractor that is registered with Garden City. You must submit a copy of the paid receipt with CO2 results.
44. PLUMBING—All plumbing fixtures shall be properly installed and maintained in working order, and shall be kept free from obstructions, leaks and defects and be capable of performing the function for which such plumbing fixtures are designed. IPMC 504
45. Hot Water tank—an approved combination temperature and pressure-relief valve and relief valve pipe within 4" of floor shall be properly installed and maintained on water heaters. IPMC 505.4
46. DRYER VENTING--Provide a rigid (smooth) metal pipe for the dryer exhaust (accordion type is not acceptable). IPMC 607.1; M1502.4.1
47. Provide gas shut-off valve for hot water heater (within 6' feet of hot water heater). MRC G2420.5
48. Seal around furnace and hot water tank vent at chimney IPMC 505.4, 603; IMC M1803.3
49. Provide back flow preventer on laundry tub and all exterior hose bibs. IPMC 504.3

IF INSPECTOR IS UNABLE TO ENTER ADDRESS FOR ANY SCHEDULED INSPECTION, AN ADDITIONAL \$50.00 FEE WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIRD INSPECTION. All violations need to be corrected within 90 Days and re-inspected.

It is important that arrangements be made for an adult to be at the home between the hours of 9:00 and 5:00pm on the day of the inspection. An A.M. or a P.M. time frame may be requested by you. We will try our best to accommodate your needs. However, this will depend on the inspector's schedule, and an A.M. or P.M. time frame cannot be guaranteed.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.

ADDITIONAL RESALE OR RENTAL INFORMATION FOR MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS
GARDEN CITY BUILDING DEPARTMENT
GARDEN CITY ORDINANCE 154.486

In addition to compliance with rental and certificate of occupancy requirements outlined in the residential section of Garden City's certification process and IPMC, Apartment dwellings must also comply with the following:

NOTE: The items listed below are a summary of items the inspector will be checking. These are items that will be checked for the safety and welfare of occupants. Note: Please check the list and take care of any items that need attention prior to the inspection. This is a checklist provided for your convenience and does not mean other items not listed will be found.

EXTERIORS

1. PROVIDE DUMPSTER (S) AND/OR ENCLOSURE (S) (PERMIT REQUIRED) GC Ordinance 54.04, 54.08 & 154.032
2. MAINTAIN PARKING LOT GC Ordinance 154.068 (L) All parking areas shall be maintained free of dust, trash, and debris. Surfacing, curbing, lighting, fixtures, signage, lane marking, space striping and related appurtenances shall be maintained in good condition.

INTERIORS

1. Provide furnace/boiler inspection from a licensed heating contractor or State of Michigan boiler certifications if required.
2. Emergency lighting in operable condition and battery backup functioning.
3. Provide smoke detectors in accordance with IPMC 704.2, MRC R314 & IFC 907
4. Proved clearly marked means of egress with aisles and corridors open and accessible. Doors used for egress not locked or blocked.
5. Fire extinguishers shall be operational, tagged/certified by licensed fire systems inspector and provided according to International Fire Code standards. IFC 906
6. Hazardous or flammable materials are prohibited from storage in building.
7. Mechanical room (fire separation, self-closing fire rated door; 20-minute fire separation
8. Provide clear access to all utility meters.
9. Provide current backflow preventer tests results from certified inspector.
10. Automatic fire sprinkler systems and hoses if present shall be in working order and tested according to International Fire Code Standards.