**DECATUR TOWNSHIP** 

**COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE** 

ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2010

An Ordinance to bring an action for the cost of enforcement and prosecution

expenses upon a person(s) that has violated a township ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

That in addition to all other penalties the municipality of Decatur Township may

bring an action for costs of enforcement and prosecution expense upon person(s) that

have violated Decatur Township Ordinances.

Such action shall be a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction. The action

shall be entitled in the name of the municipality and shall be against the person that has

allegedly violated the ordinance of the municipality.

Should the municipality receive a Judgment and should the Judgment not be

satisfied within 60 days of service upon the defendant. The Township may, upon 30 days

written notice to the defendant, submit a copy of said Judgment to Township and County

Treasurers for the amount of such Judgment to be added to the tax bill of the defendant,

in the form of a special assessment.

The cost of enforcement and prosecution shall be the actual amount of attorney

fees and costs for enforcement of the ordinance. An itemized list given under oath shall

be prima facia evidence of the attorney fees and costs.

Adopted: December 14, 2010

Effective: January 1, 2011

/Janet Abshagen, Clerk

Decatur Township