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

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WHEN YOU DECIDE TO SELL OR RENT YOUR HOME, YOU START THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PROCESS IMMEDIATELY.

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 the new occupant. 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.

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. WEEDS. All exterior property shall be maintained and free of weeds or excess plant growth. IPMC 302.4
5. 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
6. SWIMMING POOLS—Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair. IPMC 303.1
7. Exterior--Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. IPMC 304.2
8. Foundation walls shall be maintained plumb and free from open cracks and breaks. IPMC 304.5
9. 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
10. 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 crates a public nuisance. IPMC 304.7
11. 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. IMPC 304.14
12. WINDOWS—Maintain in good repair, operable, weather tight and all locks to work properly. IPMC 304.13
13. 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 water tight. IPMC 304.2
14. APPROACH--Residence must have minimum 9' x 40' paved off-street parking (driveway) and street approach. Ord. 154.054
15. CHIMNEYS-- shall be maintained structurally safe, sound and in good repair. IPMC 304.11

**BUILDING**

16. 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 non residential occupancies, shall maintain, in a clean and sanitary condition, the shared or public areas of the structure and exterior property. IPMC 305.1
17. 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
18. Handrails must be in place, secure and in good condition at all stairways to code. IPMC 305.5, 307.1

19. 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
20. 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
21. 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
22. INFESTATIONS—All structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent infestation. IPMC 309.1
23. 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
24. 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

25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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
28. Three prong, grounded outlets required in kitchen with GFCI protection IPMC 604.3 & 605; MRC E3902, MRC E3802.6
29. Replace all paint covered outlets IPMC 604.3; NEC 110.12
30. Grounded outlet for washer/dryer-- & GFCI laundry outlets 6' of water IPMC 604.3.1& 605.2; MRC E3802.7
31. GFCI GARAGE OUTLETS and accessory buildings. IPMC 604.3; MRC E3802.2
32. Any exterior outlets must be waterproofed and have a G.F.I. IPMC 604.3, MRC E3802.3
33. Grounded GFCI plugs must be in all bathrooms IPMC 605.2; MRC E3902, E3802.1; NEC 210.8
34. Bathrooms with no operable window must have a working exhaust fan. IPMC 403.1 & 403.2
35. 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
36. EXTERIOR ELECTRIC SERVICE – must have a 10' clearance for electrical lines – from ground to overhead. 3504.2.2
37. BOND (GROUND) ELECTRIC PANNEL TO CODE IPMC 604.3, 605; MRC E3607
38. BONDING WIRE REQUIRED FOR WATER METER –IPMC 604.3; MRC E3609
39. All wiring must be to code. (Provide covers on all junction boxes, outlets and switches) IPMC 605
40. Any unused wiring must be removed. Overhead wiring to the garage is not allowed. IPMC 605
41. NOTE: Electrical box CANNOT be located in any bathroom. MRC 3901.7

## PLUMBING/MECHANICAL

42. 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.
43. 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
44. 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
45. DRYER VENTING--Provide a rigid (smooth) metal pipe for the dryer exhaust (accordion type is not acceptable). IPMC 607.1; M1502.4.1
46. Provide gas shut-off valve for hot water heater (within 6' feet of hot water heater). MRC G2420.5
47. Seal around furnace and hot water tank vent at chimney IPMC 505.4, 603; IMC M1803.3
48. 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 \$30.00 FEE WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THIRD INSPECTION. All violations need to be corrected within 6 months 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.



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**ADDITIONAL RESALE OR RENTAL INFORMATION FOR MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS**  
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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:

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**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.