

**Chapter 110**  
**Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance**  
**Commercial and Institutional Applicator Registration**

Chapter 110 Manufactured Fertilizer of the City of Ypsilanti Code requires Commercial Applicators - any person who applies manufactured fertilizer in the City in exchange for money, goods, services, or other valuable consideration - to be registered. Chapter 110 also requires Institutional Applicators - any person who applies manufactured fertilizer to general turf areas of more than one acre – to be registered except owners of individual parcels in single-family residential zoning districts.

Manufactured fertilizer means a commercially manufactured substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrients, which is used for its plant nutrient content and which is designed for use, or claimed to have value, in promoting plant growth. Fertilizer does not include unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, marl, lime, limestone, and wood ashes. Key components of the requirements are listed below.

- All commercial and institutional applicators shall register with the City prior to applying manufactured fertilizer on any general turf in the City in any calendar year.***
- Manufactured fertilizer that contains any amount of phosphorus or a compound containing phosphorus, such as phosphate, shall not be applied to general turf within the City, except under one or both of the following conditions:***
  - Application of manufactured fertilizer to an area where general turf is being established from seed or sod, during the first growing season of the seed or sod.***
  - Application of manufactured fertilizer that is exempt under section 110-75 of this chapter.***
  - Manufactured fertilizer containing any amount of phosphorus or a compound containing phosphorus shall be watered into the soil within 14 hours of application so that the fertilizer is immobilized and prevented from loss by runoff.***
  - Manufactured fertilizer shall not be applied prior to April 1 or after November 15 in any year due to the inability of frozen soil to absorb nutrients, unless the soil temperature at a depth of 2 inches has been measured, and is greater than 37° Fahrenheit.***
  - Manufactured fertilizers shall not be applied or stored uncontained on driveways, parking lots, streets, sidewalks, or other impervious surfaces, unless removed within one hour of application or storage.***
  - Manufactured fertilizer shall not be applied in any natural features open space as defined in Chapter 122, or within 25 feet of any wetland, watercourse, or storm water retention or detention basin.***
  - Commercial and institutional applicators shall submit a report regarding the application of manufactured fertilizer containing phosphorus and compounds containing phosphorus, to the Fertilizer Program Administrator by December 15 of the year following the end of the fertilizer season. The report shall contain the addresses or block locations (e.g., 100 block of Michigan Avenue) of all general turf areas where manufactured fertilizer containing phosphorus or a compound containing phosphorus were applied, the date of application, the phosphorus content of the fertilizer and the date and results from soil tests where required by section 110-75 of this ordinance.***
  - A commercial applicator shall provide at least one copy of the informational pamphlet to the owner or occupant of each address where the commercial applicator applies manufactured fertilizer prior to the application of fertilizer for that calendar year, except only one informational pamphlet is required to be provided for multiple addresses on one parcel of land with the same ownership, such as apartments.***

Registration shall begin on January 1 and shall expire on December 31 of each calendar year. Commercial and institutional applicators shall submit a complete registration application to the Fertilizer Program Administrator on forms furnished by the City Clerk, along with the registration fee according to the schedule established by resolution of City Council. The fee shall be calculated to include the cost of registration application review and periodic field inspection.

**Commercial and Institutional Applicator Registration Form**

Legal name of the commercial or institutional applicator	
Any other names used	
Address	
Telephone number	
Email	
Contact person for the applicant.	
The product name, type of use, and the percentage weight and ratio of elemental phosphorus for every manufactured fertilizer to be used on general turf. (Attach MSDS sheets)	
For institutional applicators, the address or addresses where manufactured fertilizer will be applied.	

The undersigned commercial or institutional applicator will comply with the requirements of the Manufactured Fertilizer Ordinance of the City of Ypsilanti throughout the registration period, including, but not limited to, completing soil tests prior to applying manufactured fertilizer containing phosphorus and applying manufactured fertilizer at rates required by soil tests, where applicable.

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Signature of owner or duly authorized representative of a commercial or institutional applicator Date

Notary

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Notary Signature Date

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Signature of City of Ypsilanti Program Administrator Date  
 Manufactured Fertilizer Registration Form September, 2010