

WEST TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE # 2014-2

TOWNSHIP HALL GROUNDS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE, PROTECTION, REGULATION AND CONTROL OF TOWNSHIP HALL GROUNDS.

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Township Hall Grounds Ordinance.

Section 2. Definitions.

- A. "Township" means West Traverse Township
- B. "Township Board" means the West Traverse Township Board
- C. For purposes of this ordinance, "Township Property" includes the following:
 - (1) The grounds upon which the Township Hall is located
 - (2) The Township-owned parking area located across Lake Road from the Township Hall
- D. "Person" or "persons" means any individual, group, firm, corporation, or entity

Section 3. Hours. The Township Property is closed from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Anyone in these areas during the closed hours without express permission from the Township Board shall be trespassing. The Township Board reserves the right to establish by resolution any different hours, seasons, and periods of operation and closure for the Township Property or part thereof. This provision shall not prohibit a Township official or employee or a contractor engaged by the Township from being on Township Property at any time to conduct or carry out Township business.

Section 4. Personal Conduct.

A. Traffic and Parking. No operator of a vehicle shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any parking area in any manner that obstructs traffic. It is unlawful to operate or park any vehicle outside of any driveway or parking lot.

Furthermore, it is prohibited for any persons to continuously cruise in or on any motor vehicle in, through, upon, or around Township Property for the purpose of attracting or distracting other persons that are using Township Property.

B. Noise and Behavior. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct in or on Township Property. The use of a loudspeaker, public address system, or amplifier within or upon Township Property is prohibited without express written permission from the Township Board.

C. Animals. All dogs coming upon Township Property must be under the immediate control of a competent person at all times and must be restrained by a leash. A person bringing a dog upon Township Property shall immediately remove and appropriately dispose of any waste from such animal. Except as otherwise provided by law, no dog shall be permitted to enter any building on Township Property. No animals other than dogs are permitted to be brought onto Township Property.

D. Alcohol. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on Township Property. Drunk and disorderly behavior is prohibited.

E. Littering and Trash. No littering is allowed on Township Property. Only ordinary trash or refuse generated on site may be disposed of in township trash containers. It is prohibited to bring any refuse onto Township Property and to dispose of any such refuse in township trash containers.

F. Vandalism and Theft. Destruction or removal of items of Township Property is prohibited. No person shall destroy, deface, alter, mark upon, change, remove, or otherwise alter any item of Township Property, including but not limited to buildings, monuments, signs, notices, equipment, flag poles, fountains, plumbing, fences, gates, doors, walls, or structures. No person shall cut, remove, destroy, deface, or pick any tree, bush, shrub, foliage, flower, plant or grass on township property, or remove any earth, gravel, rocks, or sand from Township Property without express permission for the Township Board.

G. Overnight Storage/Parking. No person shall park or store any item on Township Property overnight without express permission from the Township Board. This includes but is not limited to vehicles, boats, trailers, and bicycles. Any vehicle or other item left overnight on Township Property without permission shall be subject to towing and removal at the owner's expense.

Section 5. Additional Rules. The Township Board may make and adopt such further rules, orders, regulations, guidelines, and policies that it deems necessary or advisable to assure the protection and preservation of Township Property or the safety and well-being of the users thereof. Such additional rules, orders, regulations, guidelines, and policies shall be effective upon approval by the Township Board, or at any time otherwise provided by the Township Board.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, word, sentence, section or provision is declared void or

unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

Section 7. Enforcement and Penalties.

A. A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fine shall be not more than \$500.00, in addition to all other costs, damages, expenses, and other fees and remedies provided or allowed by law. Each violation that occurs shall be considered a separate violation.

B. The Township Supervisor and any other designee of the Township Board are authorized to enforce this Ordinance and are authorized to issue citations for violations. The issuance of a citation for a municipal civil infraction shall not in any way limit the Township from seeking enforcement of this Ordinance in any other manner, including, but not limited to, an action to abate any nuisance created by a violation of this Ordinance and to recover any costs, expenses, damages, and fees, including attorney fees, that may be permitted or allowed by law in connection with such abatement and the enforcement of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Effective Date and Repealer. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication in the manner provided by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

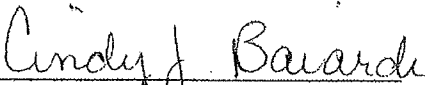
I hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the West Traverse Township Board at a regular meeting held on November 11, 2014, and that the vote was as follows:

FOR: C. Baiardi, J. Baker, J. Bartlett, K. Hollingsworth, R. Sandford

AGAINST: None

I further certify that this Ordinance, or a summary thereof, was published in the Harbor Light newspaper on November 19, 2014.

I further certify that a copy of this Ordinance was filed with the Emmet County Clerk on 11/20, 2014.


Cindy Baiardi, Clerk
West Traverse Township