

**TOWNSHIP OF MARION
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

MARION TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

**Ordinance No. 07-02
(Adopted 7-26-2007)**

Ordinance enacted pursuant to the authority of Act 156 of 1917 and Act 246 of 1945.

An Ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare of Marion Township residents by establishing regulations relating to the operation, control and management of parks, and recreation areas owned by the Township of Marion, Livingston County, Michigan; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of an ordinance in conflict therewith. The Marion Township Board may, at any time, amend these rules and regulations, as needed, in the future.

The Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan ordains:

Section 1.0 Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Marion Township Parks and Recreation Ordinance.

Section 2.0 Definitions

- A. Firearms:** Guns of any type, including, but not limited to B-B guns, pellet guns, and starting pistols.
- B. Motor Vehicles:** Any and all kinds or types of motor driven or motor propelled automobiles, trucks, motor cycles, motor scooters, mopeds, snowmobiles, and any kind or type of off-road or all-terrain vehicle.
- C. Litter:** Any refuse, or trash including but not limited to paper, cans, bottles and animal feces.
- D. Pets:** Dogs, or cats under the control or custody of a person.

Section 3.0 Park Hours

- A. Park Hours:** Township parks will be open from dawn to dusk. No persons shall remain in the parks during hours when the parks are closed.
- B. Parking:** The parking of any motor vehicle is permitted only in designated parking areas. No parking is permitted along park areas, drives, or near the entrance, or that would hinder access for maintenance or emergency vehicles.

- C. **Closing of Facilities:** The Marion Township Board of Trustees, or the Board's designated representative, may close any park facility, or cease any park activity at any time if deemed unsafe or if the closing would be in the best interest, general well being, and/or if safety of the public is not being served.

Section 4.0 Prohibited Conducts

No person, firm, or corporation shall commit or allow any of the following conduct in a Township Park or recreation area:

- A. Transport or use of any alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs in a Township Park or recreation area.
- B. Possess a firearm or weapon in a Township Park or recreation area, unless in compliance with applicable State of Michigan law.
- C. Hunt or trap animals or birds within any portion of a Township Park or recreation area unless in compliance with applicable State of Michigan law.
- D. Possess or use any type of firework(s) or explosives within any portion of a Township Park or recreation area unless in compliance with applicable State of Michigan law.
- E. Light or maintain a fire, on the ground or in a grill, within the Township Park or recreation area.
- F. Suffer or cause any litter to remain in a Township Park or recreation area.
- G. Damage, destroy, or deface any tree, sign, table, bench, marker, or any other equipment or property within a Township Park or recreation area.
- H. Ride or operate any motor vehicles (see Section 2.0 Definitions) in any area of the park other than on the driveway and in the parking area. **The exceptions would be a personal battery powered wheel chair, or a 3 or 4 wheel battery powered scooter, when operated by a person with a disability.**
- I. Loiter, beg, or solicit in any manner, or for any reason, within the Township Park or recreation area.
- J. Gather in groups for unlawful purposes. Nor shall any person or group of person be disorderly or annoy, harass, or inflict property damage, or bodily injury upon another person or persons in the Township Park or recreation area.
- K. Allow pets to run unleashed. Nor shall any pet owner leave animal droppings at a Township Park or recreation area.
- L. Engage in any disorderly conduct.

Section 5.0 Safety

Marion Township Parks exist for the benefit and use of all township residents and their guests. The Township will make every attempt to ensure that reasonable care is taken to make the parks safe. **Residents are advised and informed that their use of all park facilities is at their own risk.**

Section 6.o Penalties

Violation of these general rules and regulations of any specific facility or activity regulation could result in expulsion from the parks and possible prosecution in court, where applicable. Enforcement of this ordinance shall be at the Township's sole discretion.

Section 7.o Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication in the Daily Press and Argus.

Section 8.o Special Notes

For future generations, it should be noted that Marion Township Park #1, located East of Triangle Lake Rd., is deed restricted, so that Marion Township can not sell the property. The property is for recreation purposes only, and that if the Marion Township no longer wants to maintain the park, the property could be turned over to the Sundance Meadows Home Owners Association.

Also, at a future time, if playing field lighting is installed, Marion Township should set 10 pm as the time that the lights would turn off. Illumination of the parking and driveway areas could be left on all night.