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PARKING ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
ord. no. 299 eff. Sept. 27, 1998

An Ordinance pursuant to Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, to be enforced in the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, to regulate parking on streets or roads within the Township; to provide for the health, safety and welfare of persons; to protect and preserve property; and to provide penalties for violations of this Ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

40.0301 Sec. 1 DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms are defined for the purpose of their use in this Ordinance. Any word or term not defined in this Ordinance shall be considered to be defined in accordance with its common or standard definition.

1. “Vehicle” - shall mean a device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway whether or not self propelled; excepting devices exclusively moved by human power.

2. “Parked or Parking” - shall mean a standing vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a right-of-way of a designated street or road, when not loading or unloading, except when making necessary repairs.

3. “Right-of-Way” - shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

4. “Designated Street or Road” - shall mean every publicly maintained way located within the Township, any part of which is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, which is not a major thoroughfare, and which the Grand Haven Charter Township Board by resolution has designated for parking restrictions. Streets which are not major thoroughfares include:

   A. “Minor Street” - A street which is intended primarily for access to abutting properties.

   B. “Marginal Access Street” - A minor street which is parallel and adjacent to arterial streets and which provides access to abutting properties and protection from through traffic and not carrying through traffic.
C. “Cul-de-sac” - A minor street of short length having one end
terminated by a vehicular turnaround.

D. “Parkway” - A street designed for noncommercial, pleasure-oriented
traffic moving at moderate speeds, between and through scenic areas
and parks.

E. “Arterial Street” - A street designed for moderately high speed and
moderately high volume, used to carry through traffic but not
providing access to abutting properties.

F. “Collector Street” - Those streets used to carry traffic from minor
streets to arterial streets, including principal entrance streets to large
residential developments.

40.0302 Sec. 2 PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Township shall, from time to time, resolve to prohibit parking on designated
streets and roads as to certain days of the week and times of the day.

40.0303 Sec. 3 PENALTY

Any person, firm or corporation, violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be
responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The sanctions for a violation of this
Ordinance shall include the following:

1. Civil fine of not less than thirty dollars ($30.00), plus costs and other
   sanctions; and

2. The towing and impoundment of the illegally parked vehicle. The owner of
   the impounded vehicle shall be responsible for all charges associated with the
   towing and impoundment of the illegally parked vehicle.

The Township Supervisor, the Township Superintendent (Township Manager), the
Township Public Works Director, the Assistant Public Works Director, the Township
Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and any law enforcement officer of the Ottawa
County Sheriff’s Department and/or of the Michigan State Police are authorized to
issue municipal civil infractions and order the impoundment of vehicles parked in
violation of this Ordinance. The Service of citations of municipal civil infractions
under this Ordinance may be served by personal delivery, by first class mail, or by
affixing the citation to the vehicle, boat, or trailer parked in violation of this
ordinance. (amend. by ord. no. 364 eff Dec. 1, 2002)

40.0304 Sec. 4 SEVERABILITY
This Ordinance and the various parts, sections, sentences, phrases and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, phrase, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

40.0305 **Sec. 5**  **REPEAL**

All resolutions, ordinances, orders or parts thereof in conflict in whole or in part with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

40.0306 **Sec. 6**  **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force and effect upon its publication in the manner provided by law.

ADOPTED: August 24, 1998
PUBLISHED: August 28, 1998
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 27, 1998