

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTER OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**Ordinance Number 1993-07-01
(Amended 1993-08-01)**

THE TOWNSHIP OF CHESTER (the "Township"), OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

This Ordinance shall be known as the Chester Township Noise Control and Nuisance Ordinance

Section 1 DEFINITIONS

The term "public place" as used in this Ordinance shall mean any street, alley, park, public building, anyplace of business or assembly open to or frequented by the public, an any other place which is open to the public view, or to which the public has access.

Section 2 ACTS PROHIBITED

No person shall:

- A. Allow a dog to be at large or stray beyond the premises of the person owning, possessing or having charge of such dog unless such dog is held properly in leash, meaning a physical restraint not more than 8 feet in length, or unless such dog is engaged in lawful hunting or hunting practice and accompanied by a person; nor harbor or keep any dog which by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling shall cause annoyance or be a nuisance to the neighborhood or to any person using any sidewalk or public right-of-way; nor own or harbor a fierce or vicious animal or any animal that has been bitten by an animal known to afflicted with rabies.
- B. Commit an assault, or an assault and battery on any person.
- C. Be drunk in any public place or under in influence of any narcotic drug in any public place.
- D. Engage in any indecent, insulting, immoral or obscene conduct in any public place.
- E. Discharge any firearms, air rifle, air pistol or bow any arrow in the Township, except when lawfully acting in the defense of persons or property or the enforcement of law or at a duly established range, or except on unplatted land within the Township.
- F. Fire, discharge, display or possess any fireworks except of the type and under the conditions permitted by the statutes of the State of Michigan.
- G. Engage in peeping in the windows of an inhabited place.
- H. Bathe in any body of water in a naked state in public, or with his or her person so much undressed that there shall be an indecent exposure of the body.
- I. Make any immoral exhibition or indecent exposure of his or her person.
- J. Willfully destroy, remove, damage, alter, or in any manner deface any property not his own, or any public school building, or street sign traffic control devise, railroad sign or signal, parking meter, or shade tree belonging to the Township or located ion

the public places of the Township, or make or post handbills on, or in any manner mar the walls of any public building, or fence, tree, or pole within the Township, or destroy, take, or meddle with any property belonging to the Township, or remove the same from the building or place where it may be kept, placed or stored without proper authority; or disturb, tamper with, disconnect or damage any Township property within proper authority.

- K. Trespass upon, hold meetings, picnics, parties, or loiter in or upon any public property, including state, federal or township property within the Township of Chester, without the specific authority in writing from the Township Board.
- L. Be guilty of disorderly conduct or any conduct tending toward the breach of the peace, either in a private place or any public place within the Township of Chester
- M. Make, continue or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, within the limits of the Township of Chester, said prohibited acts to include among other things, but not by way of limitations, the sounding of horns, signaling devices and radios, phonographs, loud speakers, amplifiers for advertising, yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing in the public streets, particularly between the hours of 11 o'clock pm and 7 o'clock am.
- N. Cause, permit or engage in any activity resulting in the dissemination of offensive, foul, noxious or putrid odors which are perceptible to neighboring or adjacent residents and property owners. Provided, however, that this subsection shall not be interpreted or applied to any activity on a farm which is permitted by or consistent with the provisions of the Michigan Right to Farm Act, MCLA 286.471 et seq.

Section 3 VIOLATIONS, PENALTY

Any person, firm, or corporation, who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00, and/or up to 90 days in jail.

Section 4 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

This Ordinance was adopted at regular meeting of the Chester Township Board held on the 17th day of August, 1993.

Karen Goodno, Township Clerk

ATTEST:

James Meerman, Supervisor