

ARTICLE II. BREACH OF PEACE¹

Sec. 22-19. Title.

This article shall be known and cited as the Hamburg Township Breach of Peace Ordinance.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 1.0, 3-1-2022)

Sec. 22-20. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to promote the public health, safety, comfort and general welfare of the community through the proper regulation of noise and conduct which unreasonably interferes with another person's use and enjoyment of private real property, interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of public facilities or disturbs the peace, tranquility and good order of the Township of Hamburg.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 2.0, 3-1-2022)

Sec. 22-21. Definition.

APA standard 87-1 means 2001 APA standard 87-1, standard for construction and approval for transportation of fireworks, novelties, and theatrical pyrotechnics, published by the American Pyrotechnics Association of Bethesda, Maryland.

Cemetery means any property owned, operated, or maintained by Hamburg Township used for the burial or interment of deceased persons.

Plainly audible means any sound that can be clearly detected by a person using his or her unaided hearing faculties.

Property line means either (a) the boundary line that separates one parcel of real property from another; (b) the boundary line that separates one parcel of real property from a body of water; or (c) the vertical and horizontal boundaries of a dwelling unit that is part of a multi-dwelling unit building;

Public facilities mean public parks, cemeteries and Township buildings as defined herein.

Public park means any property owned, leased or operated by Hamburg Township or the State of Michigan which is used by the public for recreational purposes.

Residential disturbance means a gathering of more than one person at a residential property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., at which noise associated with the gathering, including human voices, is frequent, repetitive or continuous for a period of 15 minutes or more and is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more beyond the property line or plainly audible within another person's residential dwelling.

¹Ord. No. 94-C, adopted March 1, 2022, repealed and reenacted article II to read as set out herein. Former article II, §§ 22-19—22-25 pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. No. 94-A, adopted Aug. 6, 2018 and Ord. No. 94-B, adopted Nov. 17, 2020.

Residential dwelling means any building or structure or part of a structure used by one or more persons for habitation and includes, but not limited to, houses, condominiums, apartments, boarding rooms, and mobile homes.

Residential street means any street or roadway, whether public or private, which is located within any of the Hamburg Township Zoning Districts, as established by the Hamburg Township Zoning Ordinance, where the property adjoining the street or roadway is authorized to be used for dwelling purposes.

Sports official means any person authorized to act in a sporting or other competitive event as a judge, referee or umpire of such event.

Township means Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan.

Township building means any building, structure or other facility owned or operated by Hamburg Township and used for a public purpose.

Township employee means any full-time employee, part-time employee, temporary employee, seasonal employee or on-call employee of Hamburg Township. It also shall mean any unpaid volunteer or intern performing work for Hamburg Township as authorized by the Township Board.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 3.0, 3-1-2022)

Sec. 22-22. General prohibition.

Any person who shall create or assist in creating or maintaining any unnecessary or unreasonable noise, disturbance, trouble or improper diversion or engages in conduct which unreasonably interferes with another person's use and enjoyment of private real property, interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of public facilities, causing a reasonable person to feel intimidated, threatened or harassed in a place open to the general public by means of yelling, screaming or using voice amplification devices, or disturbs the peace, tranquility and good order of the Township of Hamburg shall be in violation of this article.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 4.0, 3-1-2022; Ord. No. 94-D, § 4.0, 3-1-2023)

Sec. 22-23. Specific prohibitions.

The following specific acts and noises are hereby declared to be an unnecessary or unreasonable interference with the peace and good order of the Township of Hamburg and/or its residents and are hereby deemed a breach of the peace in violation of this article:

- (1) No person shall operate any power lawn equipment including, but not limited to, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, power edgers, power sheers/trimmers or power saws within 500 feet of a residential dwelling between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (2) No person shall engage in any type of construction, repair, remodeling, drilling, woodcutting or excavating within 500 feet of a residential dwelling between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (3) No person shall use or operate or permit to be used or operated any radio, television, phonograph, musical instrument, speaker, amplifier or other machine or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of sound with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are voluntary listeners thereto. It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this Ordinance if sound emanating from such machine or device is:
 - a. Plainly audible beyond the property line of the location where the machine or device is being used between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

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- b. Plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet beyond the property line of where the machine or device is being used or is plainly audible within a residential dwelling between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - c. Plainly Audible at a distance of 100 feet from such machine or device if operated from a motor vehicle on a public street or parking lot open to the public.
 - d. Plainly Audible at a distance of 100 feet from such machine or device when operated in a public park or other place open to the public.
 - 4) No person shall yell, shout, whistle, sing or otherwise communicate in a manner or at a volume:
 - a. Where such communication is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet from the person on a residential street between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
 - b. In a Township building if it interferes with the public's use of said building or interferes with the ability of a Township employee to effectively carry out the business of the Township.
 - c. In a public facility if would cause a reasonable person to feel intimidated, threatened or harassed.
 - d. In or near any commercial, retail or other place of business open to the general public if it interferes with or disrupts the operation of said business.
 - e. In or near any commercial, retail or other place of business open to the general public if it would cause an employee or patron of such business to reasonably feel intimidated, threatened or harassed.
 - (5) No person shall engage or participate in a residential disturbance, as that term is defined herein. The person exercising dominion or control over the residential property where said disturbance is occurring shall be held responsible for violation of this section.
 - (6) A person shall not operate a motor vehicle with unnecessary noise and shall not start, move or turn a motor vehicle or apply the brakes or the power on a motor vehicle or in any manner operate the vehicle so as to cause the tires to squeal or the tires or vehicle to make any noise not usually connected with the operation of the motor vehicle, except in case of an emergency.
 - (7) No person shall sound any horn or signaling device on any vehicle, motorcycle or vessel anywhere in the Township, except as a danger warning or in compliance with state law.
 - (8) No person shall unnecessarily jostle, shove, push or crowd another person in a place open to the general public.
 - (9) No person shall be in a state of intoxication, either by the consumption of alcohol, drugs or combination of both, in a public place and either:
 - a. Endanger the safety of another person or of property; or
 - b. Act in a manner that causes a public disturbance or alarm. The summoning of the police by a member of the public due to the actions of the intoxicated person is deemed prima facie evidence that a public disturbance or alarm was created by the intoxicated person.
 - (10) No person shall engage in any fight or other physical altercation with any other person in a place open to the public. A law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to enforce this article may initiate prosecution under this article whether or not any person involved in the fight or physical altercation pursues a criminal complaint against the other person(s) involved.
 - (11) No person shall engage in any conduct which shall interfere with or interrupt an organized athletic or recreational event being held at any Township athletic field or park which has been authorized by the

Township Board; nor shall any person act in a manner which would cause a participant, coach, sports official or spectator of such event to reasonably feel intimidated, threatened or harassed.

- (12) No person, except authorized Township employees and officials and persons given express permission by a Township employee or official, shall enter into or upon, loiter outside of, or remain within any publicly owned or leased area or building within the Township that is posted with one or more signs stating "public entry prohibited," "public access prohibited," "authorized personnel only," "restricted area," "no public access allowed," "Township personnel only," "employees only," or similar statements prohibiting or restricting entry or access.
- (13) Nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent a law enforcement officer from taking enforcement action against any person engaged in conduct not specifically prohibited by this section if such conduct is in violation of section 22-22 of this article.
- (14) Fireworks-related activities are specifically addressed in Chapter 22, Article VI herein.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 5.0, 3-1-2022; Ord. No. 94-D, § 5.0, 3-1-2023)

Sec. 22-24. Exemptions.

The following activities are exempted from the prohibitions and limitations of this article:

- (1) Emergency work necessary to restore property to a safe condition following a fire, accident or natural disaster.
- (2) Emergency work necessary to restore public utilities or to protect persons or property from imminent danger.
- (3) Sound made to alert persons to the existence of an emergency, danger or attempted crime.
- (4) Activities of police, fire or emergency medical service personnel engaged in the lawful performance of their duties.
- (5) Activities or operations of Township personnel or of other governmental units or agencies engaged in official government business.
- (6) Parades, concerts, festivals or other similar activities approved by the Township Board, subject to any limitations on sound or conduct contained in the Township Board's approval.
- (7) The use of speakers, amplifiers or other machines or devices for the producing, reproducing or amplification of sound in connection with any otherwise lawful religious or political activity held in any public place within the Township between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (8) The use of sound producing instruments or equipment, musical instruments, speakers, amplifiers or other machines or devices for the producing, reproducing or amplification of sound in connection with an organized athletic or recreational event on any Township athletic field or park which has been authorized by the Township Board.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 6.0, 3-1-2022)

Sec. 22-25. Enforcement.

- (a) A law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to enforce this article is hereby authorized to the extent permitted by state and federal law to stop, detain, pursue and obtain identification from any person for which the officer has probable cause is in violation of this article.

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- (b) Any person notified, warned or cited for a violation of this article by a law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to enforce this article shall immediately cease the noise or conduct which resulted in the warning or citation.
 - (c) Any person who fails to immediately cease the noise or conduct in violation of this article upon receiving a warning, order or citation from a law enforcement officer shall be subject to custodial arrest in accordance with appropriate state statutes.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 7.0, 3-1-2022)

Sec. 22-26. Penalties.

- (a) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The fines and penalties as set forth in section 6.0 entitled "Sanctions for Violations" of the Hamburg Township Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time, are incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) For purposes of assessing fines and penalties only, a violation under this article shall be classified as a Class C municipal civil infraction.

(Ord. No. 94-C, § 8.0, 3-1-2022)

Secs. 22-27—22-55. Reserved.