

**MADISON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
LENAWEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 35
ORDINANCE NO. _____**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Madison Charter Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, held at the Madison Charter Township Hall on _____, 2025, at _____ p.m., Township Board Member _____ moved to adopt the following Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member _____:

An Ordinance to amend Madison Charter Township Ordinance No. 35 to provide additional regulations promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Madison Charter Township by regulating the use of public property, prohibiting harassment, and regulating conduct during public meetings.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MADISON ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment to Add Sections 8 Through 13. Madison Charter Township Ordinance No. 35 shall be amended to add the following as sections 8 through 13 and the remainder of the existing ordinance shall be recodified to follow:

Section 8. Uses and Occupation of Public Property.

A. Hours of Operation. Except as stated in subsection (2) of this Section, the Township Board shall have full discretion and authority to provide for the normal hours of operation of public property.

B. Closure by a Township Official. Public property may be declared closed to the public by any person with authorization under Section 13 of this Ordinance at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular stated intervals (daily or otherwise), either entirely or merely for specific uses, as deemed reasonably necessary for the interests of public safety.

C. Use and Occupation of Public Property. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to use or occupy public property unless the property is officially open to the general public or said person has or is a part of a group that has a permit or permission of the Township Supervisor to be on a closed portion of the public property.

D. Public Property Defined. For the purposes of this Ordinance, “public property” shall mean all parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, nature areas, parking areas, transfer stations, and public property which are owned or otherwise controlled by the Township, together with public bodies of water within or adjacent to such lands and buildings and roads, parking areas, and bicycle paths serving such property.

Section 9. Violent Acts on Public Property. It shall be a violation of this section for any person to engage in any fight or quarrel on public property, regardless of which participant in the fight or quarrel initiated such fight or quarrel.

Section 10. Loitering on Public Property.

A. Generally. No person shall loiter on public property in such a manner as to:

1. Intentionally and unreasonably create, or cause to be created, a danger or breach of the peace;
2. Intentionally and unreasonably obstruct the free passage of pedestrians, Township staff and personnel, or vehicles;
3. Intentionally and unreasonably obstruct, assault, intimidate, or interfere with any person lawfully in any public place of the Township; or
4. Follow another person in or about a public place with the intent and effect of harassing, annoying, or alarming another person and in such a way that would have the effect of harassing, annoying, or alarming a reasonable person.

B. Requests to Leave. Whenever the presence of any person in any public place is causing any of the conditions enumerated in subsection (A) of this section, the person rightfully in charge of the public place, and including at all times for all public places, the Township Supervisor, or any person given authority to enforce this ordinance under Section 13 may order that person to leave that place. Any person who shall refuse to leave after being ordered to do so shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 11. Harassment.

A. Harassment Prohibited. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person, to:

1. Follow a person in or about a public place; or
2. Engage in a course of conduct or repeatedly commit acts that alarm, disturb, or annoy a reasonable person.

B. Harassment Defined. For the purposes of this Ordinance, harassment shall be defined as repeated nonverbal conduct which is specifically intended to frighten, embarrass, or anger the person or persons who are the object of such conduct or which the person accused has reason to know is likely to produce such reactions, or as any verbal communication which, by its very utterance, breaches the peace by disrupting, disturbing, or impeding orderly conduct.

Section 12. Prohibited Conduct in Public Meetings. The Township hereby prohibits the following conduct during the course of any public meeting. For the purposes of this

Ordinance, public meeting shall mean any meeting conducted by the Township pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

1. Any behavior that could or does deface, vandalize, or damage the Township's equipment, materials, furniture, or other real or personal property;
2. Physical or verbal abuse, fighting, harassment, or threatening behavior;
3. Engaging in illegal behavior, such as but not limited to harassment;
4. Intentional and unreasonable loud disturbances or other disruptive behavior;
5. Consuming illegal drugs or alcohol or acting under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol;
6. Smoking, vaping, use of e-cigarettes, chewing, and the use of tobacco or marihuana; and
7. Soliciting or panhandling without prior notification to and approval from the Township Supervisor.

Section 13. Enforcement. It shall be the responsibility of the Madison Charter Township Board, the Township Supervisor, or its designee, and the Madison Township Police Department to enforce the terms of this Ordinance, together with the authority to institute proceedings for injunction, mandamus, abatement, or other appropriate remedies to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove any violations of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration does not affect or impair the validity of all other provisions that are not subject to that declaration.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take immediate effect after publication of a notice of adoption of this Ordinance in the local newspaper.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Ryan Rank, Madison Charter Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Madison Charter Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of that Township Board held on _____, 2025, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above Ordinance was duly published in the _____ newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within Madison Charter Township, on _____, 2025.
3. Within 1 week after such publication, I recorded the above Ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the Ordinance, the names of the members of the Township Board voting, and how each member voted.
4. I filed an attested copy of the above Ordinance with the Lenawee County Clerk on _____, 2025.

ATTESTED:

Janet Moden, Madison Charter Township Clerk

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The Ordinance contains the following sections and catch lines: Section 1. Amendment to Add Sections 8 Through 13; Section 2. Severability; Section 3. Effective Date, which is immediate upon this publication.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at the Madison Charter Township Hall, 3804 S. Adrian Hwy., Adrian, MI 49221 by appointment by contacting the Township Clerk at (517) 263-9313.

Janet Moden, Clerk
Madison Charter Township
(517) 263-9313
_____, 2025