

Ordinance No. 1229

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 23-70. BRIDGE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE 400 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET SW. TO CHAPTER 23

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 23 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, be amended by adding the following new section:

SECTION 23-70. BRIDGE SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE 400 BLOCK OF 10TH STREET SW.

1. Fishing from the south side of the road bridge located in the 400 block of 10th Street SW is prohibited.
2. Fishing shall be permitted from the north side pedestrian walkway of the bridge, provided such activity does not obstruct or interfere with pedestrian or bicycle traffic within the walkway.
3. No person shall loiter, stand, place equipment, store personal property, or otherwise obstruct vehicular traffic, pedestrian traffic, bicycle traffic, or access on the south side of the bridge or its approaches.
4. No person fishing or otherwise occupying the north side pedestrian walkway shall block, impede, interfere with, or restrict the safe movement of pedestrians or bicycles using the walkway.
5. No person shall jump, dive, climb from, or intentionally enter the water from any portion of the bridge structure, including railings, barriers, supports, approaches, or adjacent appurtenances.
6. No person shall sit upon, stand upon, climb upon, lean over, cross over, or otherwise misuse any bridge railing, barrier, protective fence, guardrail, or safety structure located on the bridge or its approaches.
7. For purposes of this section, "fishing" shall include casting, trolling, hand fishing, netting, or any other attempt to catch or take fish from the bridge structure.
8. The City may place and maintain signs necessary to enforce the provisions of this section, including but not limited to "No Fishing South Side," "Fishing Allowed – Keep Walkway Clear," "No Jumping or Diving," and "Do Not Obstruct Walkway" signs. The city shall mount two signs at the west and east entrance of the sidewalk.
9. Fishing on the 10th St Bridge shall be allowed from dawn until dusk.
10. Any law enforcement officer may order a person violating this section to immediately cease the prohibited conduct or vacate the area. Failure to comply after warning shall constitute a violation of this section.
11. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor and shall be subject to penalties as provided in Sections 1-8 and 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Oelwein, Iowa.

Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

First reading - July 27, 2026
Second reading - August 10, 2026
Third reading - August 24, 2026

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Oelwein, Iowa, this day of August 24, 2026.

Brett DeVore, Mayor

Attest:

Dylan Mulfinger, City Administrator

Recorded August 25, 2026.

First Reading on: July 27, 2026. It was moved by Weber and seconded by Payne that the Ordinance as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ricchio			x	
Weber	x			
Payne	x			
Cantrell	x			
Cannon	x			
Gearhart			x	

Second Reading on: August 10, 2026. It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Ordinance as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
ABSTAIN			
Weber			
Payne			
Cantrell			
Cannon			
Gearhart			
Ricchio			

Third and Final Reading on: August 24, 2026. It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Ordinance as read be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
ABSTAIN			
Weber			
Payne			
Cantrell			
Cannon			
Gearhart			
Ricchio			