

TOWNSHIP OF ALAMO  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 55-M

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ALAMO TOWNSHIP PARK BOARD; TO ESTABLISH DUTIES AND PROCEDURES; TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF TOWNSHIP PARKS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR REGULATING PARK USAGE AND TO MAKE VIOLATION OF PARK REGULATIONS A CIVIL INFRACTION; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS THEREIN INCONSISTENT OR CONTRARY TO THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALAMO ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I  
TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Alamo Township Park Ordinance.

ARTICLE II  
PARK BOARD

(A) Park Board Established.

The Alamo Township Park Board is hereby established.

(B) Purpose.

It is the purpose of the Park Board to advise the Township Board regarding protection, promotion and usage of the Alamo Township Parks.

(C) Appointment and Terms of Members.

The Park Board shall consist of five (5) Township residents having an interest in the protection and promotion of Alamo Township Parks. Members shall be appointed by the Township Board for a period of three (3) years commencing January 2<sup>nd</sup> of each year. Park Board members shall serve at the will of the Township Board and may be removed from the Park Board before expiration of their term with or without cause.

(D) Quorum - Officers.

A majority of the members of the Park Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Board shall annually, at its first meeting, elect a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary.

(E) Meetings and Procedures.

The Park Board shall establish rules of procedure for its operation. The Board shall meet on a regular basis no less than quarterly. All meetings shall be subject to the Open Meetings Act.

(F) Annual Report.

In November of each year, the Park Board shall file with the Township Board a report consisting of a concise statement of the activities of the Board for the past year and a list of suggested topics or projects for the upcoming year.

(G) Records.

The Secretary of the Park Board shall keep a written record of business and transactions of the Board. Such records shall be filed with the Township Clerk and shall be a public record open for inspection.

(H) Budget.

The Township Board shall adopt a budget and appropriate such funds as the Township Board feels necessary for the operation of Township parks.

ARTICLE III  
TOWNSHIP PARK REGULATIONS

The following actions in a park shall be deemed violations of this Ordinance:

(A) No person shall possess nor use any bows, cross bows, bb guns, pellet guns, air rifles, paintball guns, airsoft guns or slingshots. No person shall hunt except as may be authorized by the Park Board for the control of nuisance animals. No person shall trap or target shoot. No persons shall possess nor use any firearms contrary to any applicable state or federal law or regulation.

(B) No person shall possess or use any trapping or capturing device, except as may be authorized by the Park Board for the control of nuisance animals.

(C) No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage.

(D) No person shall possess or consume any illegal controlled substance.

(E) No person shall engage in violent or combative activities or games, except at such times and areas as may be authorized by the Park Board.

(F) No person shall camp or erect or use any camping equipment, except as may be authorized by the Park Board.

(G) No person shall cut down, destroy or remove any trees, including trees that are down, shrubs, bushes or other plant life, except as may be authorized by the Park Board.

(H) No person shall excavate or remove any earth, sand or gravel, except as may be authorized by the Park Board.

(I) Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall injure or damage, in any manner, any monument, fence, bridge, seat, tree, flower, playground equipment or any other public property on or in a park.

(J) No person shall place or deposit any garbage, glass, tin can, paper, refuse or other waste in the park except in containers provided for such purpose. Dumping of household waste is specifically prohibited.

(K) No person shall kindle or build a fire in a park, except in a fireplace or grill designed for that purpose. Upon leaving such fire, the person last using it shall see to it that the fire is extinguished. Dumping of ashes, except in a container provided for that purpose, is expressly prohibited.

(L) No person shall permit any pet to run at large in the park. Pet feces shall be picked up by the pet owner and disposed of properly when such feces are left on any foot path, road or improved area of a park.

(M) No person shall sell, hawk or peddle in a park merchandise of any nature, except as may be authorized by the Park Board.

(N) No person shall beg nor solicit money or merchandise within a park. The sale of merchandise in connection with an event or activity may be authorized by the Park Board.

(O) Alamo Township parks are designated animal preserves. No person shall trap, capture, attempt to trap or capture, or disturb any animal or an animal's nest or burrow, except as may be authorized by the Park Board for the control of nuisance animals.

(P) No person shall drive or park a motor vehicle, moped, motorcycle, off-road recreational vehicle or snowmobile in a park except in spaces set aside and designated as driving and parking areas, except for emergency vehicles and those vehicles used by Township representatives for the repairs or maintenance of the park. Except for emergency vehicles and those vehicles used by Township representatives, no motorized vehicle may be driven or parked within the gated portion of a park when the gates are closed.

(Q) No person shall operate a motor vehicle, moped, motorcycle, off-road recreational vehicle or snowmobile in the park in any manner contrary to state law or ordinance.

(R) No person shall use any facility within the park including, but not limited to, baseball fields, restroom facilities or drinking fountains, except for their intended use.

(S) No person shall use any threatening, obscene or profane language in a park or engage in any disorderly or indecent conduct therein, calculated or intended, to interfere with the proper enjoyment of other persons using the park.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### HOURS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Township parks are open from sunrise to sunset. The Park Board may close a park as it deems necessary for repairs and maintenance. When a park is closed, the Park Board shall post notice of the closing near entrances of the park.

#### ARTICLE V

##### ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

The Township Board may, with the advice of the Park Board, make such additional rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct and use of a park as is necessary to administer the parks and to protect public property and the health, safety and welfare of the public.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### USE BY GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS

The Township Board, following review and recommendation by the Parks Board to the Township Board, may grant groups or individuals the right to use a Township park on a continuing basis upon such terms and conditions as may be required by the Township Board to protect the park and public property therein and to minimize any anticipated negative effect upon neighbors and all residents of the Township for the protection and promotion of residents' health, safety and welfare.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### ISSUANCE OF CITATIONS

Any certified police officer or those persons duly authorized by the Park Board as Park Rangers may issue and serve municipal civil infractions upon any person who violates this Ordinance or any park rules and regulations as adopted.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### PENALTIES

Any person who violates or fails to comply with this Ordinance or any park rule or regulation as adopted shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. A civil fine, including costs, shall be imposed according to the schedule adopted by the Township Board.

ARTICLE IX  
REPEALER

All other Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and shall be of no further force and effect.

ARTICLE X  
SEVERABILITY

Any and all sections, terms, provisions and/or clauses herein shall be deemed independent and severable. Should any court of competent jurisdiction hold any section, term, provision or clause void and/or invalid, all remaining sections, terms, provisions and/or clauses not held void and/or invalid shall continue in force and effect.

ARTICLE XI  
EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take force and effect on January 23, 2008.

Amended (#1): January 10, 2011  
Amended (#2): September 12, 2011