

**TOWNSHIP OF PIERSON  
MONTCALM COUNTY  
PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS ORDINANCE**

**ORD. NO. 2023-05**

**ADOPTED: August 21, 2023**

**EFFECTIVE: September 26, 2023**

An Ordinance adopted to provide rules and regulations for the use of and conduct within the Pierson Township Community Park; to provide penalties for violations of this Ordinance; to repeal all conflicting ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith; and to provide an effective date.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF PIERSON ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1: PIERSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1.1.1 **Title:** This Ordinance shall be known as the Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance.
- 1.1.2 **Definitions:** Words and phrases as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:
- a. Township: Pierson Township and its employees.
  - b. Employees: Any regular or part-time employees of the Township or any official designee of the Township.
  - c. Motor Vehicle: Any vehicle that is self-propelled, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, motor driven cycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, golf carts, ATV vehicles, etc. "Motor vehicle" does not include motorized handicap devices.
  - d. Officer: Any duly appointed law enforcement officer of the Township, County of Montcalm, or State of Michigan or any duly elected officer of the Township.
  - e. Park: Any area designated by the Township as public park property.
  - f. Person: Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, club, or any other group or combination acting as a unit and the individuals constituting such group or unit, or agent of any of the above.
- 1.1.3 **Preservation:** No person shall injure, deface, or disturb any part of a park or any building, sign, equipment, or other property found in the park or any tree, flower, shrub, rock, or other part of the park.
- 1.1.4 **Garbage:** No person shall deposit, permit, or allow to be deposited in any part of a park any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, water, or other material, except ordinary refuse used by persons using the park shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purpose. No person shall dump any earth or dirt within the park without a specific written permit from the Township.

- 1.1.5 **Hunting:** No person shall, without written permit from the Township, hunt, pursue, trap, or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of any park.
- 1.1.6 **Fire:** No person shall start or maintain any fire in a park except small fires for cooking purposes in such places and in such containers provided for such purpose (e.g. grill). All such fires shall be thoroughly extinguished by the person or persons starting or using said fire prior to said persons leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.
- 1.1.7 **Camping:** No person shall establish or maintain any camping unit, tent, trailer, or any other temporary lodging place in any park without a specific written permit from the Township.
- 1.1.8 **Public Conduct and Peace:** No person shall engage in any indecent, insulting, immoral, or obscene conduct or in any manner disturb the public peace and order within a park.
- 1.1.9 **Alcohol:** No person impaired by the use of alcohol, narcotic or recreational drugs, or any combination of the same shall enter or remain within a park nor shall any person possess or use alcoholic beverages\* or narcotic or recreational drugs within the confines of the park. \*Subject to the rental guidelines for the Township Hall or the Township Pavilion.
- 1.1.10 **Obedience to Rules and Regulations:** All persons in or about any park shall comply with, obey, or follow any posted rules, regulations, or any verbal direction of a Township officer or employee regarding compliance with the same or this Ordinance. In the event that such person refuses to follow such posted rules, regulations, or any verbal directives, they shall not remain in said park and may be removed from the park by a duly authorized officer or employee.
- 1.1.11 **Motor Vehicles:** No person shall drive or cause to be driven, any motor vehicle within a park, except as designated by the Township.
- 1.1.12 **Commercial Enterprise:** No person shall offer for sale, any article, thing, privilege, or service in the park without a specific permit or Farmers Market Application from the Township nor shall any person solicit for any purpose within a park without such permit or approved application.
- 1.1.13 **Fireworks:** Fireworks are not allowed in the Pierson Township Community Park or Township grounds except in such areas and for such events as designated by the Township.
- 1.1.14 **Signs:** No person shall permit, place, or display any signs, advertisement, circular, notice, or statement or display any banner, emblem, or design within the park without a specific permit from the Township.
- 1.1.15 **Smoking:** No smoking, vaping, or drug usage within the park.
- 1.1.16 **Animals:** No person shall allow any animal within a park, unless such animal is held in control by a leash and under the control of a person at all times. Animals should be licensed, and all pet waste shall be cleaned up and properly disposed of in the receptacles provided.



1.1.17 **Hours:** Pierson Township Community Park opens at sunrise and closes at dark, except in such areas and for such events as designated by the Township.

**SECTION 2: PENALTIES.**

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction for which a fine shall be not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00 for first offense and not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, expenses, and other remedies provided by the law. For purposes of this section, "subsequent offense" means a violation of this ordinance committed by the same person within 12 months of a previous violation of the ordinance for which said person admitted responsibility or was adjudicated to be responsible.

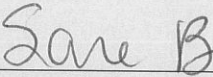
**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision hereof is declared void of unenforceable for any reason, by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of the Ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

**SECTION 4: REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication (August 26, 2023) as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been passed and adopted by Pierson Township, County of Montcalm, State of Michigan, at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof duly called and held on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

  
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Sara Burkholder, Township Clerk