

TOWNSHIP OF LELAND
LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO 2025-01
ADOPTED: JANUARY 13, 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CONTROL AND GOVERN THE USE OF PUBLIC PARKS, BEACHES, AND ROAD-END DOCKS, OWNED AND/OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF LELAND TOWNSHIP, INCLUDING THE HOURS OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF LELAND, LEELANAU COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Leland Township Public Recreation Ordinance. Leland Township Ordinance No. 1989-01, adopted February 17, 1989, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The following rules and regulations shall be applicable to, and shall govern use of, the public parks, beaches, and road-end docks owned and/or under jurisdiction of Leland Township.

No rule or regulation contained herein shall restrict the public's right to shoreline beach-walking on Lake Michigan, nor the traditional public trust rights of hunting, fishing, and navigation.

This ordinance may be enforced by any authorized Township official, per Leland Township General Code Penalty Ordinance, dated November 24, 2016.

- a. Any fires for cooking at township parks must be made within the grills provided for that purpose or within other privately owned grills which are designed to retain the ashes and prevent their deposit on the ground. No other fires, campfires, bonfires, nor any other type of open burning, are allowed, unless expressly authorized by the Township Board.
- b. No person shall litter or dump refuse matter of any kind. All trash and debris generated while using the site must be deposited within containers provided for that purpose and must not be allowed to remain upon the ground. Additionally, all pet waste shall be bagged and properly disposed of off-site. No household trash is permitted.
- c. No glass containers of any kind shall be permitted on township beaches.
- d. Township property shall not be damaged or destroyed and shall be treated with respect for the next user.
- e. All township parks and beaches shall be closed from one hour past sunset until sunrise the following day; however, public boat ramps located therein shall have no limit on hours of operation. Docks on inland lake road-ends shall not be used from midnight to sunrise. Permission to temporarily extend hours of use at township parks may be granted by the Township Board.

- f. Vehicles are allowed only in designated areas. Boat trailers and motor vehicles shall be parked within that area designated for parking, and under no circumstances shall be parked within places of recreation.
- g. No overnight parking or camping of any kind shall be allowed.
- h. No public area protected under this ordinance shall be reserved for commercial activity, nor used for the sale of commercial goods, unless expressly authorized by the Township Board.

SECTION 3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine not less than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, or more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction.

In addition to the foregoing, any person violating the provisions of this ordinance may be required to leave the public beach, dock, park or recreation area.

Repeat offenses shall be subject to an increased civil fine as follows.

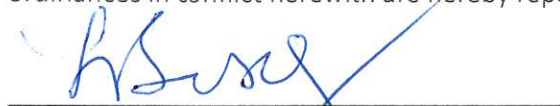
- a. The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, plus costs and other sanctions.
- b. The fine for any offense which is a second repeat offense or any subsequent repeat offense, shall not be less than Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars, plus costs and other sanctions.

Each day on which any violation of this Ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense and shall be subject to penalties or sanctions of separate offense.

In addition, the Township specifically reserves the right to proceed in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraint order or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION 4: Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall take effect on the 22nd day of February, 2025. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.



By: Lisa Brookfield, Leland Township Clerk



By: Clint Mitchell, Leland Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION The foregoing is a true copy of Leland Township Ordinance 2025-01, which was adopted by the Leland Township Board of Trustees at a meeting held on January 13, 2025. Published: January 23, 2025- Leelanau Enterprise.