

Village of Empire
Leelanau County, Michigan

Ordinance No. 108

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE USE OF FIREARMS OR EXPLOSIVES
WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

The Village of Empire Ordains:

Section 1. Purpose

In order to help ensure public safety, the use of all firearms and explosives, as defined in section 2, is prohibited within the village limits.

Section 2. Prohibited and exempt uses

The discharge of any firearm is prohibited within the village limits. Firearms include all rifles or handguns, air rifles, pellet guns, bb guns, and paint guns. Also prohibited are the use of slingshots, and the shooting of arrows by any means.

The use of explosives of any type is also prohibited, except as permitted by Ordinance 75 of 2001. Explosives include firecrackers or any other type of exploding or launched fireworks.

Exempt from this ordinance is the use of firearms by police officers as required in the enforcement of laws. Also exempt is the use of explosives by police officers, licensed contractors, and emergency response teams as required for public works, construction projects, and emergency management. These authorized parties are required to consult with village officials if possible prior to planned explosive use, and shall take adequate measures to ensure the safety of village residents and visitors.

Section 3. Penalties

Any person who violates this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction, as defined in the Village of Empire's Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance # 107, Section 5.

Section 4. Prior Ordinances

All prior ordinances or parts thereof, in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are deemed rescinded. Specifically, Ordinance 26b of 1913 is rescinded.

Section 5. Severability

Each provision of this ordinance is declared to be separable and severable, and a judicial determination that any such provision is invalid or unenforceable, shall not affect the enforceability of any other article, section, subsection or provision hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date

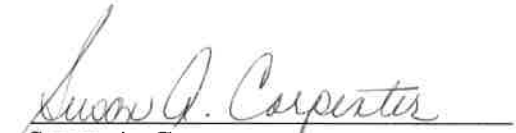
This ordinance shall become effective upon publication in accordance with law.

At a regular meeting of the Village Council for the Village of Empire held on the 23rd day of October, 2007 Karen Baja moved for the adoption of the foregoing ordinance and Susan Michener supported the motion.

Voting for: Nat Gray, Linda Payment, David Diller, Susan Michener, Karen Baja and President Susan Carpenter

Voting against: None

The Village President declared the ordinance adopted


Susan A. Carpenter
Village President

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 108 which was enacted by the Village Council for the Village of Empire at a regular meeting held on October 23, 2007.


Patricia L. Zoyhowski, Clerk