

VILLAGE OF ALMONT

PARK CONTROL ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 147

An ordinance relative to regulation and control of Municipal Parks within the Village of Almont, Michigan.

THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT ORDAINS:

Section 1: Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word shall is always mandatory and not directory.

- A. The word "village" is the Village of Almont.
- B. The word "person" is any person, firm, partnership, company, association, corporation, club, or organization of any kind.
- C. The word "alcoholic beverage" shall include any spirituous vinous, malt, fermented liquor, beer, wine, spirits, alcoholic liquids, and compounds, whether or not medicated, proprietary, patented, and by whatever name called, containing one half of one percent or more of alcohol, by volume which are fit for beverage purposes.
- D. The word "park" is defined to be any land which, in whole or in part, is owned or leased by the Village and used for municipal park purposes.

Section 2. No person shall in any park intentionally damage, deface, or destroy any tables, stoves, outdoor grills, drinking fountains, recreational equipment, bridges, or other equipment, machinery, structures, buildings, signs or other fixtures owned in whole or in part by the Village.

Section 3. No person shall in any park pick or mutilate any flower (wild or domestic) or intentionally disturb any tree, shrub or other plant material.

Section 4. No person in any park shall stand upon, sit upon, climb upon or be suspended from any permanent memorial, marker, building or structure.

Section 5. No person in any park shall advertise by any means or method without the consent of the Almont Village and Township Park Board.

Section 6. No person in any park shall permit a dog, cat or any other small domestic animal to enter or remain in the park unless said animal is properly restrained by a leash of a length of no more than six (6) feet.

Section 7. No person in any park shall discharge any firearm or hunt or trap any animal.

Section 8. No person in any park shall throw, discard, or leave any papers, litter, garbage, or rubbish unless the same is deposited in containers furnished by the Village for this purpose. Possession of glass beverage containers is prohibited in park areas.

Section 9. No person in any park shall operate or ride as a passenger on any motorcycle, motorbike, minibike, go-cart, snowmobile, or any other motorized vehicle, except in those areas expressly designated for these vehicles by the Almont Village and Township Park Board.

Section 10. No person in any park shall plant trees, flowers, weeds or vegetables without the consent of the Almont Village and Township Park Board.

Section 11. No person in any park shall start or maintain a fire except in such places provided for that purpose by the Almont Village and Township Park Board; and all fires shall be put out by the person starting the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

Section 12. No person in any park shall swim or wade in park waterways except in those areas expressly designated for such purposes by the Almont Village and Township Park Board.

Section 13. No person in any park shall use or attempt to use any portion of the park for which a special permit is required or has been obtained by another party, without a special permit, or refuse to surrender said portion of the park to any person or group having a special permit for that portion of the park, or refuse to surrender any portion of the park to an authorized representative of the Almont Village and Township Park Board.

Section 14. No person in any park shall remain in, use or occupy any portion of any park between sunset and sunrise unless he is part of an identifiable group of persons which has received prior written approval of the Almont Village and Township Park Board to so remain in, use or occupy a

portion of a park for a specified period of time between the hours set forth above.

Section 15. No person in any park shall possess, transport or consume any alcoholic beverages except under one of the following conditions:

- A. By permit issued by the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission, or
- B. By permit issued by the Village of Almont for a private, not for profit, gathering. Said permit shall be filed at least two (2) weeks before the date of said gathering on a form to be approved by the Park Board. The applicant shall be responsible for the maintenance of order at said gathering and no such alcoholic beverage may be bought or sold at said gathering. Issuance of a permit to an applicant does not relieve the applicant or any other person or organization of the obligation to comply with all applicable State laws and/or other local ordinances. No fee shall be required of the applicant. Said application may be denied if, in the opinion of the Village Manager and the Chief of Police that said gathering:
 1. Will present a clear danger to the safety of the residents of the Village of Almont.
 2. Will be so large as to render the enforcement of the applicable State laws and local ordinances impossible.

An applicant who is denied a permit under this section may appeal said action directly to the Almont Village Council.

Section 16. Any person who violates or fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars and/or imprisonment not to exceed Ninety (90) days.

Section 17. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The undersigned President and Clerk of the Village of Almont hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted by the Almont Village Council at a meeting held on the 15th day of July, 1986 and was published in the Tri-City Times on the 23rd day of July, 1986. This Ordinance was made effective as of said date of publication.

ADOPTED: July 15, 1986

EFFECTIVE: July 23, 1986


Edward F. Murphy
Village President


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Village Clerk