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**PARKING ORDINANCE  
TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
ord. no. 299 eff. Sept. 27, 1998**

An Ordinance pursuant to Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, to be enforced in the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, to regulate parking on streets or roads within the Township; to provide for the health, safety and welfare of persons; to protect and preserve property; and to provide penalties for violations of this Ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF GRAND HAVEN, OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN,  
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**Sec. 1           DEFINITIONS**

The following words and terms are defined for the purpose of their use in this Ordinance. Any word or term not defined in this Ordinance shall be considered to be defined in accordance with its common or standard definition.

1.       “Vehicle” - shall mean a device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway whether or not self propelled; excepting devices exclusively moved by human power.
2.       “Parked or Parking” - shall mean a standing vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a right-of-way of a designated street or road, when not loading or unloading, except when making necessary repairs.
3.       “Right-of-Way” - shall mean the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.
4.       “Designated Street or Road” - shall mean every publicly maintained way located within the Township, any part of which is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, which is not a major thoroughfare, and which the Grand Haven Charter Township Board by resolution has designated for parking restrictions. Streets which are not major thoroughfares include:
  - A.       “Minor Street” - A street which is intended primarily for access to abutting properties.
  - B.       “Marginal Access Street” - A minor street which is parallel and adjacent to arterial streets and which provides access to abutting properties and protection from through traffic and not carrying through traffic.

- C. “Cul-de-sac” - A minor street of short length having one end terminated by a vehicular turnaround.
- D. “Parkway” - A street designed for noncommercial, pleasure-oriented traffic moving at moderate speeds, between and through scenic areas and parks.
- E. “Arterial Street” - A street designed for moderately high speed and moderately high volume, used to carry through traffic but not providing access to abutting properties.
- F. “Collector Street” - Those streets used to carry traffic from minor streets to arterial streets, including principal entrance streets to large residential developments.

**40.0302      Sec. 2                      PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

1. *Ferris Street/Schmidt Heritage Park and Hofma Park.* Parking is prohibited at all times within the entire width of the right-of-way for Ferris Street, commencing, for the point of beginning, at a point 1,333 feet east of the intersection of 160th Ave. and Ferris Street (commonly known as the westerly boundary of Schmidt Heritage Park), and thence continuing 2,023 feet easterly along a line parallel to the Ferris Street right-of-way, which is the point of ending (commonly known as the easterly boundary of Hofma Park).
2. *Rosy Mound Expansion Trailhead Entrance.* Parking is prohibited at all times within the entire width of the right-of-way for Lakeshore Drive, commencing, for the point of beginning, at a point that is 380 feet northerly of the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Rosy Mound Drive, as measured along the centerline of the Lakeshore Drive right-of-way; and thence continuing north-northwesterly 1,200 feet along the centerline of the Lakeshore Drive right-of-way, to the point of ending.  
*(amend ord. no 636, eff. May 30, 2025)*
3. *Other Locations.* The Township Board may, from time to time, by resolution, completely prohibit parking on designated streets and roads in the Township, or prohibit parking on such streets and roads only as to certain days of the week and/or times of day. Any violation of such a resolution shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.  
*(amend ord. no. 628, eff. November 17, 2024)*

**40.0303      Sec. 3                      PENALTY**

Any person, firm or corporation, violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The sanctions for a violation of this Ordinance shall include the following:

1. Civil fine of not less than thirty dollars (\$30.00), plus costs and other sanctions; and
2. The towing and impoundment of the illegally parked vehicle. The owner of the impounded vehicle shall be responsible for all charges associated with the towing and impoundment of the illegally parked vehicle.

The Township Supervisor, the Township Superintendent (Township Manager), the Township Public Works Director, the Assistant Public Works Director, the Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and any law enforcement officer of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and/or of the Michigan State Police are authorized to issue municipal civil infractions and order the impoundment of vehicles parked in violation of this Ordinance. The Service of citations of municipal civil infractions under this Ordinance may be served by personal delivery, by first class mail, or by affixing the citation to the vehicle, boat, or trailer parked in violation of this ordinance. (amend. by ord. no. 364 eff Dec. 1, 2002)

**40.0304            Sec. 4            SEVERABILITY**

This Ordinance and the various parts, sections, sentences, phrases and clauses thereof are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, phrase, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**40.0305            Sec. 5            REPEAL**

All resolutions, ordinances, orders or parts thereof in conflict in whole or in part with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**40.0306            Sec. 6            EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force and effect upon its publication in the manner provided by law.

ADOPTED:            August 24, 1998  
 PUBLISHED:        August 28, 1998  
 EFFECTIVE DATE:   September 27, 1998