

## TITLE VI – HEALTH REGULATION

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**TITLE VI - HEALTH REGULATIONS**  
**CHAPTER 61**  
**NUISANCES**

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**  
(Ord. No. 744, 04/19/10)

**6.1 Purpose.**

It is hereby found and declared that the purposes of this Article are to eliminate public nuisances within all areas of the City of Charlevoix for the protection of the health, safety, morals and general welfare of its residents; to preserve existing values of other properties within or adjacent to such areas and all other areas of the City; and to preserve the taxable value of the property within such areas and all other areas of the City.

**6.2. Definitions.** As used in this Article.

"Boat" means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, including personal watercraft and nonmotorized boats such as canoes, rowboats, and sailboats. Boat, however, does not include an air mattress, paddleboard, paddleboat, boogie board, or similar device used by one (1) or two (2) persons for floating or paddling.

"Building materials" mean lumber, bricks, concrete or cinder blocks, plumbing or heating materials, electrical wiring or equipment, shingles, mortar, concrete or cement, nails, screws, windows and window frames, molding, insulation, tyvec or any other materials used in construction of any structure.

"Dismantled" means the state of having a part or parts removed or missing that are integral to the operation of or required by any law or regulation to be present on a motor vehicle, boat, or other item to which it is normally attached.

"Dock" means a pier, platform, or other structure which, if fully operational, is designed to be extended from the shore over water.

"Garbage" means rejected food wastes, including waste accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable matter used or intended for food or that relate to the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables.

"Hoist" means a mechanical device attached permanently or temporarily to the bottomland of a lake or river and used to raise or lift a boat out of the water for the purpose of preventing or restricting the motion of the boat.

"Inoperable" means incapable of being used for the purpose or purposes for which an item is designed or normally used, either physically or by operation of law, due to dismantling, disrepair, or the lack of a currently valid Michigan license or registration. In addition, the following items shall be deemed inoperable: any motor vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, or snowmobile which lacks functioning tires or treads that permit motion or movement. In addition, a boat shall be deemed inoperable if there are one or more holes in its hull, it lacks any parts necessary for normal use, or the engine does not start when provided fuel.

"Junk" means items or objects that are old, discarded, or not currently being used for the purpose or purposes for which they are designed or normally used, including but not limited to used or salvaged metals and their compounds or combination; used or salvaged rope; rubber; rotting wood; scrap iron; tires and snowmobile treads; parts for motor vehicles, boats, all terrain vehicles, recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, and/or trailers; inoperable or dismantled refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, dryers, washing machines, and furniture; and inoperable or dismantled lawn mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, snow plows, tractors, and any other machinery used for excavation, maintenance, or snow removal.

"Liquid industrial wastes" means any liquid brine, by-product, industrial wastewater, leachate, off-specification commercial product, sludge, grease-trap clean-out residue, used oil, or other liquid waste produced by, incident to or resulting from industrial or commercial activity except any liquid brine normally used in oil or gas extraction on a site permitted by the Michigan Supervisor of Wells.

"Marine equipment" means any item used or intended for use in conjunction with boats or water related activities, including but not limited to swimming rafts, docks, hoists, dock supports, buoys, outboard motors, ores, boat trailers, sails, rope, masts, anchors, and any other stationary or movable structure intended to support a boat.

"Motor vehicle" means any wheeled vehicle which is self-propelled or intended to be self-propelled regardless of whether the vehicle is designed for off-road use or use on public streets. A motor vehicle includes, but is not limited to cars, trucks, all terrain vehicles, mopeds, motorcycles, scooters, dune buggies and golf carts.

"Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity.

"Recreational Vehicle" means any motor vehicle or trailer capable of being self-propelled or towed that is equipped with living space, sleeping quarters, and associated amenities, including but not limited to motor homes, fifth wheel trailers, pop-up campers, caravans, camper vans, travel trailers, and truck campers.

"Rubbish" means hazardous or non-hazardous, non-putrescible solid wastes, including but not limited to combustible waste such as paper, cardboard, brush, bags, rags, and litter of any kind and non-combustible waste such as metal containers, glass, bedding, crockery, and demolished items, objects, or materials of any kind.

"Sealed container" means a covered, closable container which is fly-proof and watertight such as garbage cans with properly fitting tops or plastic garbage bags which have been closed or twisted shut.

"Snowmobile" means any motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice of a type that utilizes sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread, or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated, but is not a vehicle that must be registered under the Michigan vehicle code, being Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949.

"Totally closed structure" means a building capable of being sealed on all sides such as a house, garage or storage shed with a roof, floor and walls or closable doors around its perimeter.

"Trailer" means any wheeled vehicle designed and normally towed behind a motor vehicle which is required to have a currently valid Michigan registration to be lawfully operated on a public highway.

"Vermin" means a noxious or objectionable animal, including but not limited to a mouse, rat, chipmunk, squirrel, skunk, raccoon, or porcupine.

**6.3. Nuisances.** The following are hereby declared to be nuisances:

- (1) The keeping or storage of building materials outside on private property unless there is in force a valid building permit from the County Building Department for construction on that property and the building materials are for use in such construction.
- (2) The keeping or storage of ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish outside of a totally enclosed structure on private property except in a sealed container designed for the purpose of holding such ashes, junk, garbage, or rubbish.

- (3) The placing of ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish on private property without the owner's permission or on public property. This provision applies regardless of whether the ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish is in a sealed container.
- (4) The keeping or storage of ashes, junk, garbage or rubbish on private property, including inside a building, in such a manner that the items, regardless of the method of containment, have become a breeding ground, food source or habitation of insects or vermin.
- (5) Intentional depositing of liquid petroleum crude oil, liquid petroleum crude oil by-products and derivatives or liquid industrial wastes on the ground.
- (6) The existence of any structure or damaged partial structure which because of fire, wind or other natural disaster or physical deterioration is no longer habitable as a dwelling, nor currently useful for any other purposes for which it may have been intended.
- (7) The existence of any vacant building, garage, house or outbuilding unless such structure is kept secure from entry by the public.
- (8) Except as required by law, the distributing, placing, posting, or affixing of posters, notices, or handbills on private property without consent of the owner or occupant or in a public right-of-way; provided, however, notices which do not cause a visual obstruction to traffic or pedestrians may be placed on public utility poles.
- (9) The existence of any pond, pool of water, or vessel holding stagnant water which serves as a breeding ground for insects.
- (10) The emission of fumes or gas in such quantities as to cause discomfort to a person of normal sensory acuity at an adjoining property or public place.
- (11) Any vehicle used for an illegal purpose.
- (12) Any use of public streets or public sidewalks, or both, which causes a crowd to gather and obstructs the free, lawful movement of people and vehicles along said streets and sidewalks.
- (13) Spitting on any sidewalk or on the floor or seat of any public carrier, or on the floor, wall, seat or equipment of any public place.
- (14) Keeping or housing any animals or domestic fowl within the city other than dogs, cats, birds or animals commonly classified as pets. For the purposes of this subsection the term "dog" shall include the male and female of the dog family or genus canis.
- (15) The keeping of any inoperable or dismantled icebox, refrigerator or similar airtight container having a door or access with a magnetic seal, snap latch or other locking device, in a place accessible by children without first removing the magnetic seal, snap latch or locking device or doors, or securely locking same.
- (16) Except as provided in subsections (16)(a) - (b), the keeping or storage of inoperable or dismantled motor vehicles, boats, all terrain vehicles, recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, and/or trailers outside of a totally enclosed structure on private property.
  - (a) An inoperable or dismantled motor vehicle, boat, all terrain vehicle, recreational vehicle, snowmobile, and/or trailer may be kept outside of a totally enclosed structure on private property for no more than fifteen (15) days for the purpose of being repaired or awaiting repairs. This subsection shall apply to individuals making the repairs and to gas and service stations engaged in the business of making repairs.

- (b) An inoperable or dismantled motor vehicle, boat, all terrain vehicle, recreational vehicle, snowmobile, and/or trailer may be kept outside of a totally enclosed structure on private property for no more than fifteen (15) days for the purpose of being marketed for sale.
  - (c) For purposes of section 6.3(16)(a) & (b), a motor vehicle, boat, all terrain vehicle, recreational vehicle, snowmobile, and/or trailer that is possessed by a business which sells or repairs any of those items shall not be considered inoperable or dismantled solely because the item is unlicensed.
- (17) The keeping or storage of inoperable or dismantled marine equipment outside of a totally enclosed structure on private property.
- (18) Except as provided in subsection (18)(a), the existence of tanks, pumps lifts, jacks, air compressors or similar equipment outside of a totally enclosed structure.
- (a) Service stations, repair shops, gas stations, construction companies, or similar businesses shall be allowed to store or keep tanks, pumps lifts, jacks, air compressors or similar equipment outside of a totally enclosed structure provided that any such item is in operable condition and is actively used for its intended purpose as part of the business.

#### **6.4 Inspection.**

City representatives shall have the duty and the right to inspect property or buildings to determine violations of or compliance with this Article. City representatives may exercise this right of inspection by consent of the person having the possession of the property or building or by an administrative search warrant issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.

#### **6.5. Prohibition.**

No person shall commit, create, or maintain any nuisance. No person shall knowingly permit the existence of a nuisance on the property owned or possessed by such person.

#### **6.6. Industrial Usage.**

The storage or keeping of salvageable metal or wood shall not be prohibited on property on which is located a factory engaged in manufacturing, assembling or machining as long as the salvageable metal or wood is for resale or reuse by the occupant of the property.

#### **6.7. Separate Court Action, Nuisance Per Se.**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prohibit the City or any interested party from seeking such other relief as may be permitted in law or in equity regarding the existence of a nuisance. A violation of this Article is deemed to be a nuisance per se.

## ARTICLE II. NOISE CONTROL

### 6.20. Excessive noise declared nuisance.

All loud or unusual noises or sounds and annoying vibrations which offend the peace and quiet of persons of ordinary sensibilities are hereby declared to be public nuisances.

### 6.21. Specific offenses.

Each of the following acts is declared unlawful and prohibited, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

- (1) *Animal and Bird Noises.* The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person.
- (2) *Construction Noises.* The erection (including excavating therefor), demolition, alteration or repair of any building, and the excavation of streets and highways, on Sundays, and other days, except between the hours of 7 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P.M., unless a permit be first obtained from the City Manager.
- (3) *Sound Amplifiers.* Use of any loud speaker, amplifier or other instrument or device, whether stationary or mounted on a vehicle for any purpose except one which is non-commercial in character and when so used shall be subject to the following restrictions:
  - (a) The only sounds permitted are music or human speech.
  - (b) Operations are permitted for four (4) hours each day, except on Sundays and legal holidays when no operations shall be authorized. The permitted four (4) hours of operation shall be as designated by the Chief of Police.
  - (c) Sound amplifying equipment mounted on vehicles shall not be operated unless the sound truck upon which such equipment is mounted is operated at a speed of at least ten (10) miles per hour except when said truck is stopped or impeded by traffic.
  - (d) Sound shall not be issued within one hundred (100) yards of hospitals, schools or churches.
  - (e) The volume of sound shall be controlled so that it will not be audible for a distance in excess of one hundred (100) feet from the sound amplifying equipment and so that the volume is not unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing, or a nuisance to persons within the area of audibility.
- (4) *Engine Exhausts.* The discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom.
- (5) *Handling Merchandise.* The creation of a loud and excessive noise in connection with loading or unloading any vehicle or the opening and destruction of bales, boxes, crates and containers.
- (6) *Blowers.* The discharge into the open air of noise from a compressor, blower or power fan unless the noise from such compressor, blower or fan is muffled sufficiently to deaden such noise.
- (7) *Hawking.* The hawking of goods, merchandise, or newspapers in a loud and boisterous manner.
- (8) *Horns and Signal Devices.* The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile,

motorcycle, bus or other vehicle while not in motion, except as a danger signal if another vehicle is approaching, apparently out of control, or to give warning of intent to get under motion, or if in motion, only as a danger signal after or as brakes are being applied and deceleration of the vehicle is intended; the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound; and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.

- (9) *Radio and Musical Instruments.* The playing of any radio, television set, phonograph, or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly during the hours between 11 o'clock P.M. and 7 o'clock A.M., or the making of any such noise at any time so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any school, place of worship, or office, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity.
- (10) *Shouting and Whistling.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing or the making of any other loud noise on the public streets between the hours of 11 o'clock P.M. and 7 o'clock A.M., or the making of any such noise at any time so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any school, place of worship, or office, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any person in the vicinity.
- (11) *Whistle or Siren.* The blowing of any whistle or siren, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of fire or danger.

#### **6.22. Exceptions.**

None of the terms or prohibitions of section 6.21 shall apply to or be enforced against:

- (1) *Emergency Vehicles.* Any police or fire vehicle or any ambulance, while engaged upon emergency business.
- (2) *Highway Maintenance and Construction.* Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways by or on behalf of the City or the State of Michigan, during the night, when the public safety, welfare, and convenience renders it impossible to perform such work during the day.

**6.25—6.29 Repealed.** (Ord. No. 658, 03-06-00).

## ARTICLE III. VIOLATIONS

### 6.30. Violations.

A violation of Section 6.21(9) or Section 6.21(10) shall be a misdemeanor. A violation of any other provision of this Chapter shall be a municipal civil infraction.  
(Ord. No. 658, §45, 03-06-00)

## **CHAPTER 62 LITTER**

### **6.41. Definitions.**

In the interpretation of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply, except where the context clearly indicates that another meaning is intended:

- (1) "Private premises" shall mean any lot or parcel of land owned or occupied by any person whether or not improved with any dwelling, house, building, or other structure, whether inhabited or temporarily or continuously uninhabited or vacant, and shall include any yard, grounds, walk, driveway, porch, steps, vestibule or mailbox belonging or appurtenant to any dwelling, house, building or other structure erected thereon.
- (2) "Public place" shall mean any and all streets, sidewalks, boulevards, alleys, or other public ways and any and all public parks, squares, spaces, grounds and buildings.
- (3) "Garbage" shall mean decaying animal and vegetable wastes resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
- (4) "Refuse" shall mean all decaying and nondecaying solid wastes including garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, junk and solid market and industrial wastes.
- (5) "Rubbish" shall mean nondecaying solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible wastes, such as paper, wrappings, cigarettes, cardboard, tin cans, yard clippings, leaves, wood, glass, bedding, crockery and similar materials.
- (6) "Litter" shall mean garbage, refuse, and rubbish as defined herein and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare.

### **6.42. Litter in Public Places.**

No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the City except in public receptacles, in authorized private receptacles for collection, or in official City dumps.

### **6.43. Use of Waste Receptacles.**

Persons placing litter in public receptacles or in authorized private receptacles shall do so in such a manner as to prevent it from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon private property.

### **6.44. Sweeping Litter into Gutters.**

No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the City the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

### **6.45. Merchants' Duty to Keep Sidewalks Clean.**

No person owning or occupying a place of business shall sweep into or deposit in any gutter, street or other public place within the City the accumulation of litter from any building or lot. Persons owning or occupying places of business within the City shall keep the sidewalk in front of their business premises free of litter.

**6.46. Litter on Occupied Private Property.**

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any private premises within the City whether owned by such person or not, except that the owner or person in control of occupied private premises may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any street, sidewalk or other public place or upon any private property.

**6.47. Persons to Maintain Premises Free of Litter.**

The owner, occupant, or person in control of any private premises shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter. Provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the storage of litter in authorized private receptacles for collection.

(Ord. No. 658, §16, 03-06-00)

**6.48. Enforcement.**

The chief of police or his designee is hereby charged with the enforcement of this Chapter. No person being the owner, occupant, or person in control of any private premises shall accumulate or permit the accumulation of any litter on the private premises owned, controlled or occupied by such person in a manner prohibited by the provisions of this Chapter.

(Ord. No. 658, §17, 03-06-00)

**6.49. Nuisance Per Se.**

A violation of this Chapter is hereby declared to constitute a nuisance per se. Upon application to any court of competent jurisdiction, the court may order the nuisance abated and/or the violation restrained and enjoined. Relief sought pursuant to this section shall not operate to preclude the enforcement of this Chapter pursuant to Section 1.12 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 658, §18, 03-06-00)

**CHAPTER 63**  
**WEED CONTROL\***  
(Ord. No. 630, 12-04-95)

**6.71. Weed Growth Prohibited.**

No person owning and/or occupying any premises in the City of Charlevoix shall permit or maintain on any such premises any growth of noxious weeds; nor any growth of grass or any growth of grass or other rank vegetation to a greater height than twelve (12) inches on the average; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush. "Noxious weeds" shall include Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), dodders (any species of *Cuscuta*), mustards (charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard, species of *Brassica* or *Sinapis*). Wild Carrot (*Daucus Carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), ragweed (*Ambrosia elatior 1*), poison ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*) and poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*). The term "person," as used in this chapter, means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or any other legal entity.

**6.72. Duty of Occupant or Owner.**

It shall be the duty of the occupant as well as the owner of every premises within the city to cut and remove or destroy by lawful means all such noxious weeds and grass, as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of section 6.71; provided, that the cutting, removing or destroying of such weeds and grass at least once in every three (3) weeks between June 1 and September 15 of each year shall be deemed to be compliance with this chapter.

**6.73. When City to Do Work.**

If there is not compliance with the provisions of sections 6.71 and 6.72, the city manager shall notify the occupant or owner of such premises to comply with the provisions of said sections within ten (10) days after service of such notice. Notice shall be given in accordance with section 1.11 of this Code. If there is no compliance with such notice within the specified time, the city manager shall cause such weeds, grass and other vegetation to be removed or destroyed and the actual cost of such cutting, removal or destruction including supervision and overhead costs shall be a lien against the premises and collected in the manner prescribed in Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1941, as amended. The city manager shall be commissioner of noxious weeds of the city and shall serve as such without additional compensation.

**6.74. Alternative Publication.**

In lieu of the notice required by section 6.73, the city manager may publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the city during the month of March. The notice shall state that vegetation not cut by June 1 of that year will be cut by the city. It shall also state the continuing obligation of a person to comply with this chapter and that the owner of the property may be charged with the cost of compliance pursuant to section 6.73. The notice shall also contain such other information as is required by Act 359 of the Public Acts of 1941, as amended.

**CHAPTER 64  
MASS GATHERINGS\***

(Ord. No. 598)

**\*Editor's note**—Ordinance No. 598 did not specifically amend the Code; hence, inclusion of §§1-3 as Ch. 64, §§ 6.91-6.63, was at the discretion of the editor.

**Cross reference(s)**--Parks and public grounds, Tit. III; streets and sidewalks, Tit. IV; licenses, Ch. 71; police regulations, Tit. IX.

**6.91. Definitions.**

The following terms, as used in this chapter, are hereby defined to mean:

- (1) *City* shall mean the City of Charlevoix.
- (2) *City Manager* shall mean the person appointed by the city pursuant of Article III, Section 3.3 of the City Charter for the City of Charlevoix or his or her designee.
- (3) *Licensee* shall mean any person to whom a license is issued pursuant to this Ordinance.
- (4) *Mass gathering* shall mean an organized outdoor event of two thousand (2,000) people or more held at a single location on either public or private land within the city.
- (5) *Sponsor* shall mean any person who organizes, promotes, conducts, or causes to be organized, promoted or conducted a mass gathering.

(Ord. No. 598, §1, 05-04-92; Ord. No. 599, §1, 08-17-92; Ord. No. 658, 03-06-00)

**6.92. License.**

- (a) *Required.* A person shall not sponsor, maintain, conduct, promote or permit a mass gathering in the city without first obtaining a license from the city for each mass gathering
- (b) *Application.* No later than twenty (20) days before the proposed mass gathering, the sponsor(s) of the mass gathering shall submit in writing an application for a mass gathering license to the city manager on such forms and in such manner as the city manager prescribes. The application shall contain:
  - (1) The name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the proposed mass gathering sponsor(s);
  - (2) The date(s) and estimated hours of the proposed mass gathering;
  - (3) A description of the kind, character and type of mass gathering proposed;
  - (4) The address of location of the site at which the proposed mass gathering will be held, including a written statement from the property owner consenting to the use of his or her property for the proposed mass gathering; and
  - (5) An estimate of the maximum number of people expected to attend the proposed mass gathering.
- (c) *Application fee.* Each application for a mass gathering license shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in an amount established, from time to time, by the city council by resolution.

- (d) *Action on application.* After receiving an application for a mass gathering license and the appropriate fee, the city manager shall consider the information contained in the application and shall, if necessary, investigate or cause to be investigated the circumstances surrounding the proposed mass gathering, the number of people anticipated to attend, whether there is a conflict with other uses of the site, the increased demands on the city's police and fire department resources, and the sponsor's plans to provide adequate food and water facilities, bathroom facilities, disposal of solid waste and garbage and vehicle parking and access to the site. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving an application for a mass gathering license, the city manager shall approve the application and issue the mass gathering license, unless after considering the above factors, he or she finds by a preponderance of the evidence that holding the mass gathering as proposed in the application would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the city. If the city manager denies a mass gathering license, he or she shall send written notice of the denial, including the reasons for the denial, to the sponsor(s) by certified mail within five (5) days of the denial decision.

(Ord. No. 598, §1, 05-04-92)

### **6.93. Nuisance Per Se.**

A violation of Section 6.92(a) is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se and any action and violation thereof may be immediately enjoined in the Charlevoix County Circuit Court. Enforcement of this Section shall not preclude enforcement for violation of this Chapter pursuant to Section 1.12 of this Code.

(Ord. No. 598, 05-04-92, Ord. No. 658, 03-06-00)