

DEWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04-06

PREAMBLE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE TOWNSHIP'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM IN TOWNSHIP PARKS UNLESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

The Charter Township of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan ordains:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 30, SECTION 22.

This Ordinance No. 2019-04-06 hereby amends Sec. 30-22 ("Township operation of parks and regulation of public conduct") by aligning municipal ordinance with state law:

(x) *Firearms and other weapons.* Unless in compliance with state law, no person shall at any time discharge any firearm of any description or air rifle, spring gun, bow and arrow, sling or other form of weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife and human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device. Shooting into park property from beyond park boundaries is prohibited. This section shall not, however, be construed to apply to any duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position, or activities included in township sponsored events. In addition, this section is not intended to nor shall it impose restrictions in conflict with state law.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, or any agency, department or commission, empowered for such purpose, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance; and the application of those provisions to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION III. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed; provided that any assessment certified and charged before the effective date of this Ordinance under an ordinance provision repealed by this Ordinance shall continue under the ordinance provision then in effect.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption and publication.

First Reading: April 8, 2019
First Publication: April 14, 2019
Second Reading: _____
Second Publication: _____
Effective Date: _____

Rick Galardi, Supervisor

Adam Cramton, Clerk

I, Adam Cramton, Clerk of the Charter Township of DeWitt, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 2019-04-06, duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, on the ____ day of _____, 2019, and that the same was posted and published as required by law on the ____ day of _____, 2019.

Adam Cramton, Clerk