

ORDINANCE NO. 145

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS ORDAINS:

An ordinance to clarify Offenses Against Government Order.

The Big Rapids Charter Township Board finds that offenses against local law enforcement officers impair and reduce the effectiveness of local law enforcement activities in Big Rapids Charter Township. There is a need to identify Offenses Against Government Order involving the unlawful interference with law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "Offenses Against Government Order."

SECTION 2. OFFENSES AGAINST GOVERNMENT ORDER.

No person shall:

- (1) Hinder, oppose, or resist any police or law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties.
- (2) Fail to step back a reasonable distance or otherwise clear the scene when directed to do so by a police officer who is questioning others, examining evidence, or otherwise investigating a felony or misdemeanor.
- (3) Furnish to any police or law enforcement officer a false name, address, age, date of birth, or piece of identification containing such false information.
- (4) Knowingly furnish false information to any police or law enforcement officer pertaining to an alleged criminal violation.
- (5) Escape from the lawful custody of any police or law enforcement officer.
- (6) Impersonate a police officer, employee, or official of the Township or other governmental entity.
- (7) Loiter within or around a public building or facility after being directed to leave by a person having lawful authority or control over the public building or facility.
- (8) Create or excite a disturbance within or around a public facility, to the extent the normal use or operation of the public facility is disrupted. This provision includes, without limitation, courthouses, libraries, post offices, Township offices, county offices, public school or university offices, and state offices.

SECTION 3. PENALTY.

Any person convicted under this Ordinance shall be subject to a maximum of 93 days in jail or an equal amount of community service, or any combination thereof not exceeding 93 days, plus a fine of not more than \$500, and restitution to victims as determined by the Court.

Any person convicted of violating of this Ordinance for a subsequent offense within four years after commission of a previous offense, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500 and a mandatory imprisonment for a term of not less than three (3) days and not exceeding 93 days for each subsequent violation.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective on August 1, 2023.

We certify that the foregoing Offenses Against Government Order Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 1st day of August, 2023.

Attest:



William Stanek, Charter Township Supervisor

Hannah Saez, Charter Township Clerk