



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Executive Action Summary

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Academic Affairs-Attachment 2

**Committee Name:** Academic Affairs

**Date:** September 6, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Review of MSU Ordinances

**Information**

**Review**

**Action**

**Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves revisions to the Michigan State University Ordinances as indicated in Attachment A.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees to implement any necessary technical revisions to board or university wide policies to ensure alignment in numbering or cross-referencing given these revisions.

**Recommendation:**

The Trustee Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the adoption of the amendments to the MSU Ordinances as contained in Attachment A.

**Prior Action by BOT:**

The Ordinances have been reviewed and revised at various intervals since their re-publication in 1994.

**Responsible Officers:**

Stefan Fletcher, Secretary and Chief of Staff to the Board of Trustees

**Summary:**

As part of the governance work the board has been focused on, including the substantive revision of its bylaws and restructuring of its policies in September 2023, a comprehensive review of the University's ordinances has been conducted with a focus on areas in the ordinances that needed to be revised for clarity, grammar, and alignment with other legal or regulatory provisions. This includes the rescission of certain ordinances where there was deemed to be sufficient overlap or duplication with other legal provisions. The proposal would also integrate the University Zoning Ordinance into the ordinance numbering series used by other ordinances at the institution. Specific revisions are outlined in Attachment A.

**Background Information:**

The Michigan State University Ordinances provide for the care, preservation and protection of the property governed by the Board. The Ordinances cover a range of matters, including alcohol distribution and consumption, access to buildings, and the setting of parade/procession routes. The latest version of the Ordinances was published in 1994, with certain ordinances having subsequently been amended by the board since then.

**Source of Funds:**

Not applicable.

**Resource Impact:**

Not applicable.

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An act to revise and supplement those Ordinances previously enacted and codified by the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University relating to the conduct and security of persons within its lands, the protection of its property, and the conduct of University business, pursuant to authority conferred by the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan.

## 1.00 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### 1.01 Objective of Ordinances

.01 It appearing to the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University that provisions for the care, preservation, and protection of the property governed by the bBoard, and for the security and well-being of persons on said property, are essential to promote the University's successful operation, to maintain good order, and to ensure against undue interference with the lawful activities of persons coming upon land governed by the bBoard, the bBoard hereby adopts these ordinances.

Enacted: September 15, 1964  
\_Amended: \_December 10, 1994

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## 2.00 EFFECTIVENESS OF ORDINANCES

### 2.01 Effective date

### 2.02 Previous Ordinances abolished

### 2.03 Exceptions to Ordinances

### 2.04 Exceptions to Ordinance 18.00

### 2.05 Exceptions for student publications

.01 These ordinances, ~~as reviewed and/or revised~~ revised, shall be effective ~~at 12:00 noon, eastern time, September 6, 2024.~~ December 10, 1994.

.02 All previously enacted ordinances are declared null and void, except insofar as the same are reenacted herein.

.03 Exceptions to sections 13.00, 21.00, 24.00, 27.00, 28.00, and 39.00 of these ordinances must be made by written authorization of the Office ~~of~~ the Secretary ~~to~~ of the Board of Trustees, or the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, as appropriate. Consideration of requests for such exceptions shall be according to criteria prepared by the Secretary and, upon review by the Vice President for Legal Affairs, approval by the ~~the~~ Board.

.04 Exceptions to section 18.00 of these ordinances must be made by written authorization of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer.

.05 The provisions of these ordinances shall not apply to the sale or distribution of student publications except that the method of distribution shall not interfere with normal university functions.

Enacted: September 15, 1964  
Amended: May 21, 1981  
December 10, 1994  
April 12, 2002  
September 6, 2024

### 3.00 AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### 3.01 Source of Authority

.01 The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University enacts these ordinances pursuant to and in accordance with its authority and responsibility as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and applicable law.

Enacted: September 15, 1964  
Reprinted: ~~July~~, July 1979  
Amended: December 10, 1994  
Last reviewed: September 6, 2024

#### 4.00 DESIGNATION OF ENFORCEMENT POWERS

##### 4.01 Vice President and Chief Safety Officer to enforce

##### 4.02 Vice President and Chief Safety Officer to appoint subordinates

##### 4.03 Property outside of East Lansing area

.01 The Board of Trustees entrusts the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer-, and subordinate officers, including police officers, and also traffic control officers, parking enforcement officers, and other special or limited duty officers, whom ~~they he or she~~ appoints, with responsibility for enforcing these ordinances.

.02 The ~~b~~Board may vest appropriate local officials with authority to enforce some or all of these ordinances.

.03 The jurisdiction of police officers to whom the powers and authority of peace and police officers are granted under section 1 shall include all property owned or leased by the ~~Board of Trustees~~board, or otherwise subject to the ~~b~~Board's rightful exercise of dominion, wherever situated in the state, and this jurisdiction shall extend to any public right of way traversing or immediately contiguous to such property. Such jurisdiction may be extended insofar as is permitted by state law and authorized by the ~~b~~Board.

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5.00 DUTIES OF POLICE OFFICERS

5.01 Duties

5.02 Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, restricting access to property

.01 The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer and his or her or subordinate police officers shall issue a citation, apprehend and arrest any person in violation of any provision of these ordinances and shall make complaint against such violator before any judge or judicial officer having jurisdiction; shall restrict access to any area to secure the protection of an individual, crime scene, or the public; is empowered to delegate to any citizen or peace officer authority to enforce any provision(s) of these ordinances when the citizen or peace officer is acting in conjunction with the police officer; may eject from property governed by the Board any person lacking lawful right to be present on said property; shall take into custody any property which appears to be lost, stolen or abandoned; shall cause to be towed and/or impounded any device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported, if such device is parked contrary to the provisions of these ordinances is causing damage or constitutes a hazard, is parked upon a lawn or crop area, is obstructing convenient movement of the public or University operations, or is in violation of the provisions of these ordinances or state law; shall take into protective custody any person present upon property governed by the Board who appears to be mentally disturbed, or otherwise incapacitated, until such person may be placed into the care of appropriate health professionals; shall take into custody any domestic animal found running loose upon property governed by the Board until the animal can be returned to its owner or placed in the custody of an animal shelter; is authorized to destroy any domestic animal running loose on property governed by the Board which is deemed to pose a threat of danger to the safety or well-being of the public and if unable to capture the animal; shall apprehend and arrest any person who, without proper authority, obstructs or interferes with the free movement of any other person lawfully present on property governed by the Board; shall diligently secure respect for the civil rights of all persons lawfully property in connection with the occurrence of any event or activity held on property governed by the Board.

.02 The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, and his or her subordinates, are authorized to temporarily restrict access to and use of University property, or portions of such property, as is deemed necessary or desirable for the convenient and efficient conduct of University affairs or activities, and any such restrictions shall be made known by use of signs, barricades, announcements, postings or other means deemed appropriate under the circumstances.

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## **6.00 PENALTIES**

### **6.01 Misdemeanor**

### **6.02 Civil infraction**

**.01** Whosoever shall refuse or fail to conform to the provisions of these ordinances shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof may be fined and/or imprisoned in the county jail of the county wherein the offense was committed, for not more than 90 days and/or a 100 (one hundred) dollar fine.

**.02** Whosoever shall refuse or fail to conform to ordinances the violation of which constitutes a civil infraction, as denoted by an asterisk (\*) shall be subject to civil sanctions as provided by law.

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April 14, 1995

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## 7.00 POSTING OF ORDINANCES

### 7.01 Requirements for posting

.01 Copies of these ordinances, including all amendments, shall be maintained by the Secretary ~~to~~of the Board of Trustees, ~~the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer and the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services,~~ and shall be made available for review on the Board of Trustees' board's website, upon request.

Enacted: September 15, 1964  
Amended: December 10, 1994  
September 6, 2024

## 8.00 DEFINITIONS

8.01 The **b**Board

8.02 Act 80

8.03 Police **o**fficer

8.04 Singular and plural synonyms

8.05 Person and accused

8.06 Act includes omission

8.07 Property

8.08 Writing and written

8.09 Campus

8.10 Civil infraction

.01 The term "the **b**Board" shall be considered synonymous with "The Board of Trustees of Michigan State University."

.02 The term "Act 80" shall refer only to State of Michigan Public Act 80 of 1905, as amended.

.03 The term "Police Officer" shall include all ranks within the organizational framework of the Department of Police and Public Safety of Michigan State University and shall be considered synonymous with any other descriptive title normally assigned to those persons entrusted with the exercising of police powers.

.04 The singular number, as used in this ordinance, includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.

.05 The terms "person," "accused," and similar words include, unless a contrary intention appears, public and private corporations, co-partnerships, and unincorporated or voluntary associations.

.06 The term "act" or "doing of an act" includes "omission to act."

.07 The word "property" includes any matter or thing upon or in respect to which any offense may be committed.

.08 The term "writing," "written," and any item of like import includes words or pictures printed, painted, engraved, lithographed, photographed or otherwise copied, traced, or made visible to the human eye in any manner whatsoever.

.09 The term "campus" as used in this ordinance shall be construed to include all property wheresoever situated, owned, or held by the Board of Trustees in its capacity as the governing board of Michigan State University.

.10 "Civil infraction" means an act or omission prohibited by law which is not a crime as defined in section 5 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, being section 750.5 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and for which civil sanctions may be ordered.

Enacted: September 15, 1964

Amended: December 10, 1994

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**9.00 AIRCRAFT**

**9.01 Landing of**

**9.02 Unmanned aircraft**

**.01** No person, except law enforcement authorities acting in the performance of their duties, shall without approval of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, or ~~his/her~~their designee, land any aircraft, except any unmanned aircraft system, or depart in any aircraft, on or from property governed by the Board of Trustees.

**.02** No person shall, except in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, operate any unmanned aircraft in the airspace above property governed by the Board of Trustees. See the University policy on Drones.

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See also: University Policy on Drones

10.00 CERTAIN MOBILITY DEVICES; ILLEGAL TAKING OF

10.01 Definitions

10.02 Owner's authority required

10.03 Party to unauthorized taking of

.01 The term "mobility device" is limited to bicycles and electric mobility devices. The term "electric mobility device" is limited to electric bicycles and electric skateboards. ~~The term "mobility device" is limited to bicycles and electric mobility devices. The following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time: "bicycle," "electric bicycle," and "electric skateboard." See Ordinance 33.00 for further regulations related to mobility devices.~~

~~.02~~ No person shall take or use a noncommercial mobility device without the authority of the owner.

.03 No person shall willfully or knowingly assist or be a party to the unauthorized taking of a noncommercial mobility device.

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## 11.00 BOATING

### 11.01 Motor propelled boating prohibited

.01 No person, excepting law enforcement authorities acting in the performance of their duties, shall without the approval of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer-, or his or her designee, operate any motor boat, or other motorized watercraft, which has been brought onto land governed by the Board of Trustees for use on any body of water contiguous to or contained within property governed by the [bBoard](#).

Enacted: September 15, 1964  
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April 14, 1995  
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**12.00 BUILDINGS**

**12.01**

**12.01 Definitions**

**12.02 Restricting access to or use of buildings and property**

.01 For the purpose of this ordinance, "electric mobility device" means any device in, upon, or by which, any person or property is or may be transported that has an electrical propulsion system (including, without limitation, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, and other electric mobility devices designed as such pursuant to Ordinance 33.02).

.02 The Secretary ~~to~~ the Board of Trustees, or the Secretary's designee(s), is empowered to establish regulations restricting or prohibiting access to and/or use of University buildings and property ~~in order~~ to provide for the convenient and efficient conduct of the University's affairs, and the management and protection of such buildings and property; such regulations must be posted in the affected areas.

Michigan State University has established policies, ordinances, and regulations to reduce the risk of fire hazards in campus buildings. Given the current risk of fire associated with hoverboards, electric mobility devices, and other similar equipment and the lack of recognized safety standards for hoverboards, electric mobility devices, and other similar equipment, ~~the Secretary, to~~ the Board of Trustees hereby prohibits the use, charging, storage, and possession of hoverboards, electric mobility devices, and other similar equipment in all University buildings.

~~For the purpose of this ordinance, "electric mobility device" means any device in, upon, or by which, any person or property is or may be transported that has an electrical propulsion system (including, without limitation, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, and other electric mobility devices designed as such pursuant to section 33.02).~~

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## 14.00 COUNTERFEITING, ALTERING AND COPYING

### 14.01 False copy

### 14.02 Possession of false copy

### 14.03 Unauthorized keys

.01 No person with intent to injure or defraud ~~shall false~~will falsify make, forge, manufacture, print, reproduce, copy, tamper with, or alter, any writing, record, document, or identification used or maintained by Michigan State University.

.02 No person shall knowingly possess, display or cause or permit to be displayed any writing, record, document, or identification form used or maintained by Michigan State University knowing the same to be fictitious, altered, forged, counterfeited, or made without proper authority.

.03 No person without proper authority shall knowingly possess, make, or cause to be made, any key, card, or unlocking device, to operate any lock or locking mechanism used or maintained by Michigan State University to access an unauthorized area.

Enacted: September 15, 1964

Amended: September 21, 1967

December 10, 1994

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## 15.00 DISORDERLY ASSEMBLAGES OR CONDUCT

- 15.01 Unauthorized assembly
- 15.02 Disruption of educational activities
- 15.03 Disruption of normal campus building or area activities
- 15.04 Public address systems or other amplification
- 15.05 Disruption ~~or molestation~~ of persons, firms or agencies
- 15.06 Enter athletic contest or exhibition
- 15.07 Projected or dropped objects at assemblages
- 15.08 Public event admission restrictions
- 15.09 Enter steam tunnel, mechanical or boiler rooms
- 15.10 Noise disturbance
- 15.11 Public urination or defecation

**.01** No person shall, without authorization, assemble together anywhere on the campus for the purpose of creating any excessive noise or any disturbance, riot, or raid, or assemble in a manner which obstructs the free movement of persons about the campus or the free and normal use of University buildings and facilities or which prevents or obstructs the normal operations of the University.

**.02** No person shall obstruct, hinder, or impede the normal operation of any class, laboratory, seminar, examination, field trip, or other educational activity of the University.

**.03** No person shall obstruct, hinder, or impede the normal use or operation of any campus building or area which has been assigned or scheduled for educational or extracurricular activities, including, but not limited to, dramatic or musical presentations, lectures, athletic events, military exercises, orientation meetings, commencement ceremonies, and placement activities.

~~**.03.04**~~ No person shall use public address equipment, bullhorns, or other methods of sound amplification anywhere upon the campus except through the written approval by the Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The following acts, and the causing thereof, are hereby declared to be violations of this section:

Sound and Reproduction System. The playing, using or operating, or permitting the playing, using or operating, of any television or radio receiving set, musical instrument, or other machine or device for producing, reproducing or amplifying sound, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance, or at any time with a louder volume than is reasonably necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) present in the room, vehicle or other place in which such instrument, machine, set or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such television or radio receiving set, instrument, machine or device between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of seventy- five feet from the building, structure, vehicle or other place in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. This subsection shall not apply to noncommercial speech.

**.05** No person shall obstruct, hinder, or impede the normal operations of any person, firm, or agency, or the use of its property, while that person, firm, or agency is providing a service or carrying out an activity or agreement for or with the University.

.06 No unauthorized person shall enter upon the playing area of any athletic contest or exhibition ~~while said~~before, during or after said contest or exhibition ~~is in progress~~.

.07 No person shall project or drop any object which could cause injury, damage, or interference in the spectator or playing area during any athletic contest or exhibition.

.08 No person shall enter or attempt to enter into any dance or social, athletic, theatrical, or other public event without a ticket of admission to such event when such tickets are required, or enter or attempt to enter contrary to any established rules or qualifications for eligibility for attendance at such events as provided by the sponsors. No person ineligible to attend such events shall loiter about the premises where such an event is being held.

.09 No person shall enter any steam tunnel, mechanical room or boiler room unless required to do so in the proper performance of assigned University duties.

.10 No person shall make, or continue, cause or permit to be made, orally or by use of any device, any unnecessary noise disturbance. Noncommercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted on any public space or public right of way shall be exempt from this section, except as otherwise provided herein.

~~.10~~.11 No person shall urinate or defecate in any public place or upon any public or private property, except in a sanitary facility intended for such activities.

~~The playing, using or operating, or permitting the playing, using or operating, of any television or radio receiving set, musical instrument, or other machine or device for producing, reproducing or amplifying sound, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance, or at any time with a louder volume than is reasonably necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) present in the room, vehicle or other place in which such instrument, machine, set or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such television or radio receiving set, instrument, machine or device between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of the following day in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of seventy five feet from the building, structure, vehicle or other place in which it is located shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. This subsection shall not apply to noncommercial speech.~~

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**16.00 DUMPING**

**16.01 Prohibited**

**16.02\* Maintenance or repair of vehicles prohibited; emergency repair**

.01 No person shall bring refuse of any kind upon property governed by the bBoard of Trustees, nor deposit, dump, or otherwise dispose of such refuse on property governed by the bBoard.

.02\* No person shall ~~grease or~~ repair a vehicle, except as necessitated by an emergency or through the normal operations of University process for motor pool locations and activities, upon property governed by the bBoard.

\*Denotes Civil Infraction

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**17.00 EXAMINATIONS**

~~17.01 Unauthorized attainment of~~

~~17.02 Unauthorized transfer of~~

~~17.03 Prima facie evidence~~

~~.01 No person shall procure in any unauthorized manner any examination question or answer related to any course of study offered at Michigan State University, regardless of the form or format in which such question or answer may originally have been maintained.~~

~~.02 No person shall furnish to any unauthorized person any examination question or answer related to any course of study offered at Michigan State University, regardless of the form or format in which such question or answer may originally have been maintained.~~

~~.03 The unauthorized possession of any of the aforesaid examination documents shall be considered prima facie evidence of an attempt to violate the provisions of this section.~~

Enacted: ~~September 15, 1964~~

Amended: ~~December 10, 1994~~

April 14, 1995

18.00 FIREARMS OR WEAPONS

- 18.01 Possession and use prohibited;
- 18.02 Firearms eExceptions
- 18.03 Use of chemicals prohibited
- 18.04 Relationship to University policy

.01 The possession or use of any firearm or weapon is prohibited upon property governed by the bBoard. Persons residing on property governed by the bBoard shall store any and all firearms and weapons with the Department of Police and Public Safety.

.02 The prohibition in Section 18.01 does not apply;

.02

.21 to police officers and other legally established law enforcement officers;

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.22 at the discretion of Vice President and Chief Safety Officer or Police Chief, to individuals authorized by their employer and licensed to possess and use such device while engaged in performing work requiring such device;

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.23 to individuals fully qualified to carry a concealed weapon under Michigan law, while such individual is operating a motor vehicle on a road owned by the bBoard and such individual remains in the vehicle;

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.24 to those areas specifically set aside and supervised at range facilities;

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.25 to unloaded firearms used as part of a regular educational or ceremonial process;

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.26 to those areas where firearms are permitted under Ordinance 37.02.

.03 No person shall possess any chemical, biological, radioactive, or other dangerous substance or compound, with the intent of using the same to injure, molest, or coerce another, anywhere upon property governed by the bBoard.

.03

.04 This ordinance does not alter the terms of any University policies that regulate the use or possession of firearms.

Enacted: September 15, 1964  
 Amended: December 11, 1987  
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 April 14, 1995  
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## 19.00 FIRES

### 19.01 Setting fires

.01 Except in connection with approved University activities and authorized University operations, no person shall set a fire upon property governed by the [bBoard](#) [except in approved tailgating areas in compliance with guidelines issued by the Secretary to the Board of Trustees, except in approved stoves, or in grills in designated picnic areas.](#) It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to set a fire upon property governed by the [bBoard](#) which is not approved, as provided.

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**20.00 CURFEW**

**20.01 Minors under 17 years of age**

**20.02 Assisting, aiding, or abetting minors**

~~.01~~ **.01** No person who is ~~17~~ years of age or younger shall be in or upon any public building, or within the confines of Michigan State University between the hours of 10 p.m. and ~~7~~ 7 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or person authorized by such parent or guardian, or unless the minor is upon an errand or other legitimate business directed by ~~his or her~~ parent or guardian.

**.02** ~~.02~~ Any person of the age of ~~18~~ years or over assisting, aiding, abetting, allowing, permitting, or encouraging any child under the age of ~~18~~ years to violate the provisions of Section 20.01 shall be in violation of this Ordinance.

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**21.00 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

- 21.01 Use or possession permitted**
- 21.02\* Use or possession prohibited**
- 21.03 Open containers prohibited**
- 21.04 Exceptions**

**.01** The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, subject to state law, is permissible in housing facilities (rooms, suites and apartments) assigned by Michigan State University.

**.02 \*** The consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in classrooms, lecture halls, laboratories, the libraries, and the chapel.

**.03** The possession of open or uncapped containers of alcoholic beverages and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all public areas of lands governed by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees and in all public areas of campus buildings, except with respect to locations, events, or occasions for which the Secretary [toef](#) the Board of Trustees has approved, in writing, an exception to this prohibition.

**.04** Exceptions to this ordinance will be made pursuant to guidelines approved by the Secretary [toef](#) the Board of Trustees.

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**22.00 HARASSMENT**

**22.01 Designated prohibitions**

~~.01 No person shall accost, molest, or harass any person upon the lands governed by the Board.~~

Enacted: ~~September 15, 1964~~

Amended: ~~May 16, 1969~~

~~December 10, 1994~~

**23.00 ANIMALS**

- 23.01 \* [Leash and waste cleanup](#) required
- 23.02 Prohibited in buildings
- 23.03 Prohibited in buses
- 23.04 Prohibited from posted areas
- 23.05 Exceptions
- 23.51 ~~Service~~[ing eye](#) animals
- 23.52 Veterinary medical treatment
- 23.53 Transported animals
- 23.54 Sponsored events
- 23.55 Prior authorization for student events
- 23.56 Police exception

.01 No person owning or being responsible for an animal brought upon property governed by the ~~b~~[B](#)oard shall do so without securing the animal by appropriate use of a leash [and promptly cleaning up and appropriately disposing of any animal-waste produced by the animal.](#)

.02 No person shall bring any animal into any University building.

.03 No person shall bring any animal onto a University bus.

.04 No person shall bring any animal into any University area, such as the Beal Botanical Garden or the Horticulture Gardens, posted to prohibit the presence of animals.

.05 Exceptions to the above provisions shall include:

.51 Service animals providing assistance to individuals with disabilities [including assistance animals as defined in the Assistance Animal Policy in University Housing provided by the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities \(RCPD\).](#)

.52 Animals brought for treatment to the Veterinary Medical facilities or for University sponsored research

.53 Animals being transported and which remain inside a vehicle

.54 Animals brought to [or that are a part of](#) animal related University sponsored events

.55 Animals brought to [or that are a part of](#) animal related events sponsored by registered student organizations which have received prior authorization from the Office of the Secretary ~~to~~[of](#) the Board of Trustees.

~~.56~~ Animals subject to the control of any police officer during the course of the police officer's duties.

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| [See also: Service Animal Policy and Assistance Animal Policy in University Housing.](#)

**24.00 PLANT MATERIALS**

**24.01 Injury or removal**

**24.02 Trees and hammocks**

**24.0224.03 Plant samples for teaching and research**

.01 No person shall break or cut branches or flowers or fruit, or otherwise damage or mutilate any tree, shrub, herbaceous plant, or flower upon property governed by the Board of Trustees, or remove from the same any identification tag or sign.

~~.04.02~~ No person shall damage any tree by the attachment or affixing of signs, hammocks, or other items so as to preserve the health of plant life on University property.

~~.02~~ ~~.03~~ Plant samples for teaching and research may be collected from University property in Ingham County with approval from a permit issued by the Secretary toof the Board of Trustees or their his or her designee.

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**25.00 PROPERTY: LOST, FOUND, STOLEN, OR ABANDONED**

- 25.01 Disposition of lost, stolen, or abandoned property**
- 25.02 Disposition on proof of ownership**
- 25.03 Disposition by public auction**
- 25.04\* Mobile home, trailer, and boat storage prohibited**

.01 It shall be the duty of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer of Michigan State University to maintain an accounting of all monies, goods, wares and merchandise deposited in his or her office as lost or abandoned property which has been found within the campus of said institution. On the first Monday in the months of January, April, July, and October in each year, or more often as necessary, said Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall cause a notice of all such property as shall remain unclaimed to be posted in four conspicuous places on said campus for three successive weeks to all persons interested or claiming such property: provided, however, that if any of such goods, wares, merchandise or chattels shall be of a perishable nature or expensive to keep, then it shall be lawful for said Vice President and Chief Safety Officer to sell the same at public auction at such time and after such notice as the Director and the Board deem proper.

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.02 It shall be the duty of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, on receiving satisfactory proof of ownership, to deliver such property to the owner on payment of all necessary and reasonable expenses which may have been incurred in the recovering, preservation, or sustenance of such property and the expense of advertising the same unless the Office of the General Counsel or the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Ingham shall otherwise direct.

.03 It shall be the duty of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer to cause all property unclaimed after the expiration of the notice specified in Section 1, money excepted, to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder or through normal sales procedures established by the University Surplus Stores salvage yard, unless the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Ingham shall direct that it shall remain unsold for a longer period to be used as evidence in the administration of justice; and the proceeds shall be paid to the University's Business Office together with all money, if any, which shall remain in the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer's hands, first deducting actual charges of said sale.

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.04\* No person shall store mobile homes, trailers, boats, or similar property in other than areas designated and posted for such purposes.

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**26.00 PROPERTY REMOVAL**

**26.01 Removal prohibited**

**26.02 Unauthorized inter-department removal**

**26.03 Use for other than University business prohibited**

**.01** Except as stated in 26.02, no person shall remove any property from lands or buildings governed by the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University. Such property shall include books, films, documents, maps, charts, computer software, data, soil, plant material, construction materials, tools, [furniture](#), vehicles, refuse, [recyclable material](#), or any other material having value or not that is owned by, or subject to the dominion or control of, the [bBoard](#).

**.02** No person shall take, remove, or otherwise exercise dominion over property, including data or other intellectual property, that is subject to the [bBoard](#)'s control or dominion without approval or authority.

**.03** The use of University equipment or other property for other than University business is prohibited.

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**27.00 SELLING AND ADVERTISING**

**27.01 \* Selling and advertising prohibited**  
**27.02 Signs, posters, and handbills prohibited**

.01\* No person or entity may sell or solicit sales of items or services, or solicit contributions, on University premises without an authorized written permit, which permit must be promptly exhibited to any requesting University representative.

Authority to set standards for, and to grant permits is vested in the Secretary, ~~toef~~ the Board of Trustees. The Secretary may prohibit sales and solicitations or regulate the time, place and manner of sales and solicitations, as to all University properties or as to specified areas or facilities. The Secretary may designate other University administrators to grant permits for specified areas for facilities in accordance with established standards.

.02 No person shall erect or otherwise display, except on ~~their his or her~~ personal property, any sign or poster or distribute handbills upon property governed by the ~~b~~Board which advertises or otherwise calls attention to any commercial product, service or activity.

~~Selling and Solicitation Central Guidelines are contained in Ordinance 50.00 the Guidelines and Supporting Documents section of the bBoard's Ordinance manual.~~

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## 28.00 SIGNS AND STRUCTURES

- 28.01 \*Signs
- 28.11 \*Erection or display of prohibited; exception
- 28.12 \*Efface, alter, destroy or removal of
- 28.13 \*Attachment of
- 28.02 \*Structures - Erection and Maintenance of
- 28.21 Erection prohibited; exception
- 28.22 \*Authorized permits for specific purposes
- 28.23 Denial
- 28.24 Authority to suspend or revoke
- 28.25 Time restrictions
- 28.26 Liability
- ~~28.27 Violations punishable by law~~

### 28.01 Signs

.11 \* No person shall erect or otherwise display, in a public area of property governed by the bBoard, any sign or poster that advertises or otherwise calls attention to a person or activity, except on bulletin boards provided by Michigan State University.

.12 \* No person shall efface, alter, tamper with, destroy or remove any sign or inscription on any property governed by the bBoard.

.13 \* It shall be unlawful for any person to attach any sign or poster to any property other than a bulletin board governed by said bBoard.

### 28.02 Structures - Erection and Maintenance of

.21 \* No person shall construct or otherwise erect or maintain any structure anywhere within the confines of property governed by the bBoard unless ~~a permit has been granted~~ they have received prior authorization from ~~by~~ the Secretary ~~of~~ the Board of Trustees or ~~his~~ ~~her~~ the Secretary's designee(s). It shall be a violation of this ordinance to construct, erect or maintain any structure without a permit.

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.22 \* Areas may be designated by University regulations and/or administrative rulings for the erection and/or maintenance of structures relating to authorized activities taking place on campus and for the erection and/or maintenance of symbolic structures representing constitutionally protected expression. Reasonable time, place and manner regulations which are consistent with preservation of the campus landscape and environment, protection of university activities, and protection of the health and safety of all users of the area may be enacted by University units and incorporated into approval permits. No person shall violate the terms and conditions of an approval permit.

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.23 ~~Permits~~ ~~Approval shall will~~ be denied if: (a) it reasonably appears that granting the permit will result in interference with public health and/or public safety, (b) it reasonably appears that granting the permit will result in unreasonable interference with the operations or use of University buildings or grounds, and/or (c) the structure cannot reasonably be accommodated in the particular location considering such things as the number of structures the area can reasonably accommodate, the number of applications which are pending for use of the area and interference or impairment of the use of the area or surrounding area for normal university activities.

| .24 [Approval/permit](#) may be suspended or revoked under any of the conditions as listed in

subsection .023 that constitute grounds for denial of a permit, or for violation of the terms and conditions of the permit. Such a revocation shall be made in writing, with the reasons for revocation set forth, except under emergency circumstances, when an immediate verbal revocation and suspension may be made to be followed by written confirmation within 72 hours.

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.25 No ~~permit shall be issued~~approval will be granted for a period in excess of 14 days, although pursuant to procedures established by the University, ~~permits authorizations~~ may be renewed for additional periods of 14 days if the reason for issuing the ~~permit original approval~~ still exists, there has been no breach of the terms of the ~~permapprovalit~~, the number of applicants who can be accommodated in the area is not exceeded, and/or there are no other applicants waiting to use the area.

.26 Any structure which is erected or maintained in violation of subsection .021 or in violation of any permit ~~authorization~~ granted under subsection .022 may be impounded by the University. The person who erected the structure and/or directed that the structure be erected is responsible and liable to the University for the costs of removal, storage, or other disposition of property. Property impounded pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be disposed of by the University if not claimed by the owner or an authorized representative thereof within 30 days. The 30 days shall begin to run when the rightful owner of the property has been notified, if the owner can be identified, or from the time the property was placed in the University's custody, if the owner cannot be identified.

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~~.27 A person who violates subsection .021 of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by law. A person who violates subsection .022 of this ordinance and who has no prior violations is responsible for a civil infraction and is liable for a civil fine of \$100. A person who violates subsection .022 of this ordinance and who has a prior violation under this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided by law.~~

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**29.00 ~~Smoking~~MOKING, Use and Sale of Tobacco Products**

**29.01\* Use of Tobacco Products and Smoking Prohibited**

**29.02\* Sale of Tobacco Products Prohibited**

**29.03 Definitions**

**29.04 Exceptions**

**.01\*** No person shall (a) smoke or otherwise use any product derived from or containing tobacco, on any property governed by the bBoard.

**.02\*** Products derived from or containing tobacco may not be sold on any property governed by the bBoard.

**.03\*** For the purpose of this Ordinance:

To “smoke” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic. To “smoke” also includes the use with any such tobacco or plant product of a pipe or hookah; of any electronic smoking device which creates, in any manner, an aerosol or vapor, in any form (including but not limited to vaping); or of any other oral smoking device.

“Products derived from or containing tobacco” include, without being limited to, cigarettes (including clove, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes, aerosol or vapor nicotine delivery devices, cigars and cigarillos, pipe tobacco, hookah-smoked products, and oral tobacco (spit and spit less, smokeless, chew, snuff).

**.04** Notwithstanding the foregoing, all FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy products are permitted when used for purposes of cessation. Traditional Native American spiritual, ceremonial, or cultural use of tobacco, including but not limited to possessing, gifting, smoking, combusting (without smoking), and depositing on the ground or in the water, is permitted. Indoor use requires prior notice. Traditional Native American smudging using tobacco, sage, cedar, or sweetgrass is also permitted. The notification form can be found here: <https://tobaccofree.msu.edu/notification-form/>. Other exceptions to this Ordinance may be authorized by the Secretary toof the Board of Trustees pursuant to guidelines issued by the Secretary toof the Board.

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**30.00 TELEPHONES, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

**30.01 Harassing calls prohibited**

**30.02 Threatening, obscene language prohibited**

**30.03 Prank or joke calls prohibited**

~~.01 No person shall telephone any other person repeatedly for the purpose of harassing such other person or his or her cohabitants, whether or not conversation ensues.~~

~~.02 No person shall, with malicious intent, use threatening, vulgar, indecent, or obscene language over any telephone instrument, electronic communication equipment or computer equipment.~~

~~.03 No person shall summon, as a joke or prank or otherwise, and without good reason, by telephone or otherwise, the police or the fire department or any public or private ambulance to go to any location where the requested service is not needed.~~

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## 31.00 PARKING

- 31.01\* Wheels parallel and 12 inches from right curb
- 31.02\* Angle parking; obedience to signs or markings
- 31.03\* Unattended motor vehicles; keys
- 31.04\* Parking not to obstruct traffic
- 31.05\* Starting from parked position; signal and yield required
- 31.06\* Angle position; yield required
- 31.07\* Prohibitions (no signs required)
- 31.071\* On a sidewalk
- 31.072\* Front of public or private driveway
- 31.073\* Within an intersection
- 31.074\* Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- 31.075\* On crosswalk
- 31.076\* Within 20 feet of crosswalk
- 31.077\* Within 30 feet of traffic-control device
- 31.078\* Between safety zone and adjacent curb
- 31.079\* Within 50 feet of railroad crossing
- 31.0710\* Within 20 feet of entrance to fire station; 75 feet on side of street opposite entrance
- 31.0711\* Alongside street excavation or obstruction
- 31.0712\* On highway side of vehicle parked at curb
- 31.0713\* Upon bridge or elevated structure upon highway
- 31.0714\* Within 200 feet of an accident
- 31.0715\* In front of theater or place of public assemblage
- 31.0716\* Blocking marked emergency exits of buildings
- 31.0717\* Blocking marked fire escapes of buildings
- 31.08\* Drive or park on grass, over curb, beyond highway width or off shoulder
- 31.09\* Prohibitions (signs required); exceptions
- 31.10\* Metered parking zones
- 31.101\* Vehicle not to be parked longer than indicated time; Sundays and legal holidays excepted; governmental vehicle excepted
- 31.102\* Vehicle to be parked within marked space
- 31.103\* Multi-space parking meter
- 31.104\* Government-owned vehicles
- 31.12 Vehicle to be driven through parking gates only in manner posted at entrance
- 31.13 Vehicle not to enter lot through exit gate or leave lot through entrance gate
- 31.14 Parking gate to be operated in a prescribed manner
- 31.15\* Loading and unloading
- 31.151\* Standing, stopping or parking in passenger loading zone; conditions
- 31.152\* Standing, stopping or parking in freight loading zone; conditions
- 31.153\* Vehicle temporarily stopped to load or unload passengers; conditions
- 31.16\* Stopping, standing or parking of buses and taxicabs regulated
- 31.17\* Restricted use of bus and taxicab stands; exceptions
- 31.18 Prima facie evidence of parking violators; license plates
- 31.19\* No parking tow away zones
- 31.20\* Opening doors of vehicles
- 31.21 Schedule of fines
- 31.22 Violations Bureau
- 31.23 Accounting required
- 31.24 Authority to accept payment and late fees
- 31.25\* Restrictions for parking for persons with disabilities
- 31.26\* Storage for more than 48 hours

**.01\*** Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle stopped or parked upon a highway shall be so stopped or parked with the wheels of such vehicle parallel to the roadway and within 12 inches of any existing right-hand curb.

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**.02\*** Upon those streets or in those parking lots which have been signed or marked by the Traffic Engineer or the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer for angle parking, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle other than at the angle to the curb or edge of the roadway indicated by such signs or markings, and no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except completely within such pavement markings as may exist.

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**.03\*** No person having control or charge of a motor vehicle shall allow such vehicle to stand on any highway or in any parking lot unattended without first effectively setting the brakes thereon and stopping the motor of said vehicle and when standing upon any grade without turning the front wheels of such vehicle to the curb or side of highway; nor shall any person leave any motor vehicle unattended upon any street or in any parking lot without removing the keys from the ignition of said vehicle.

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**.04\*** No persons shall park any vehicle upon a street or in any parking lot in such a manner as to block or prevent another vehicle from exiting a parking space or under such conditions as to leave available insufficient width of roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic or so as to require vehicles operating upon the roadway to leave their assigned traffic lane in order to pass such parked vehicle.

**.05\*** A vehicle starting from a parked position shall give moving vehicles the right-of-way and the operator of such vehicle shall give a timely and visible warning signal before so starting.

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**.06\*** A vehicle parked at an angle to the curb and about to start shall give moving vehicles the right-of-way and the operator thereof shall not back such vehicle from the curb into the moving lane of traffic unless such maneuver can be made in safety and without conflict with moving vehicles and shall not back such vehicle to cause other traffic to yield right-of-way to avoid a collision.

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**.07\*** Prohibitions (no signs required): No person shall stop or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

**.071\*** On a sidewalk;

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**.072\*** In front of a public or private driveway;

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**.073\*** Within an intersection;

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**.075\*** On a crosswalk;

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**.076\*** Within 20 feet of a crosswalk, or if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection

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of property lines at an intersection of highways;

**.077\*** Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign, yield right-of- way sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of the highway or roadway;



**.078\*** Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or markings;

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**.079\*** Within 50 feet of the nearest rail or a railroad crossing;

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**.0710\*** Within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of said entrance when properly signposted;

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**.0711\*** Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic;

**.0712\*** On the highway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

**.0713\*** Upon any bridge or other elevated structure upon a highway or within a highway tunnel;

**.0714\*** Within 200 feet of an accident at which police officers are in attendance;

**.0715\*** In front of any theater;

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**.0716\*** In any place or in any manner so as to block immediate egress from any emergency exit or exits conspicuously marked as such on buildings;

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**.0717\*** In any place or in any manner so as to block or hamper the immediate egress from any fire escape conspicuously marked as such providing an emergency means of egress from any building.

**.08\*** No person shall drive a motor vehicle or park such vehicle upon the grass or over a curb or beyond the designated highway width or off the shoulder of a highway unless otherwise directed to do so by a police officer.

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**.09\*** Prohibitions and restrictions (signs required): No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with traffic or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer, in violation of any legally established parking restriction or prohibition, provided that signs stating such restrictions or prohibitions are duly posted in accordance with this ordinance. [Exemptions are to be made for emergency vehicles and ~~and~~ University vehicles as needed in performance of their duties.](#)

**.10\*** Metered parking zones:

**.101\*** When parking meters are erected [or parking zones designated as a pay to park area](#) adjacent to a space marked for parking, such space shall be a metered parking zone and no person shall stop a vehicle in any such zone for a period of time longer than designated on said parking meters upon the deposit of a coin of the United States currency of the denomination designated on said meters, except government-owned vehicles shall be exempt from the payment of the meter fee [or payment through the pay-by-plate service.](#)

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**.102\*** Every vehicle shall be parked wholly within the metered parking space for

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which the meter shows parking privilege has been granted.

**.103\*** When a multi-space parking meter is erected in a parking ramp or lot, no person shall stop a vehicle in any such zone without making proper payment via United States currency, credit card or other such accepted form of payment in an amount sufficient to cover the length of time for which the vehicle will remain parked. Parking time may be extended upon the payment of additional funds, but in no event shall a vehicle remain parked in excess of the time limit indicated on applicable signage.

**.104\*** Government-owned vehicles shall be exempt from the payment of meter fees.

**~~44.12~~** No person shall drive or attempt to drive a vehicle through parking lot entrances or exits controlled by parking gates except in the manner posted and indicated by the nature of the operation of the parking gate.

**~~42.13~~** No person shall drive or attempt to drive a vehicle into a parking lot through the "exit" side of the parking gate or drive a vehicle from a parking lot through the "entrance" side of the parking gate unless directed to do so by a police officer.

**~~43.14~~** No person shall by any means whatsoever cause or attempt to cause the mechanisms of a parking gate to operate unless that person shall be driving a vehicle through a parking lot entrance controlled by that parking gate and then shall cause the mechanism to operate in only its normal and intended manner and as provided elsewhere in this section.

**.15\*** Loading and unloading only:

**.151\*** Standing in passenger loading zone: No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or period of time except for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers in any place marked as a passenger loading zone during hours when the regulations applicable to such passenger loading zone are effective and then only for a period not to exceed 5 minutes;

**.152\*** No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle for any purpose or length of time not to exceed 10 minutes other than for the expeditious unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials in any place marked as a loading zone during hours when the provisions applicable to such zones are in effect;

**.153\*** The driver of a vehicle may stop temporarily at a place marked as a loading zone for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading passengers, when such stopping does not interfere with any motor vehicle used for the transportation of materials which is waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

**.16\*** The operator of a bus, ~~or taxicab~~, or rideshare vehicle operator shall not stop, stand or park upon any street in any business district at any place other than at a bus stop, ~~or taxicab stand~~, or designated rideshare area, respectively, except that this provision shall not prevent the operator of any such vehicle from temporarily stopping in accordance with other stopping, standing or parking regulations at any place for the purpose of and while engaged in the expeditious unloading or loading of passengers.

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.17\* No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle other than a bus in a bus stop, ~~or~~ other than a taxicab in a taxicab stand, or a rideshare vehicle in a designated rideshare area when such stop or stand has been officially designated and appropriately signed, except that the driver of a passenger vehicle may temporarily stop therein for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers when such stopping does not interfere with any bus, rideshare, or taxicab waiting to enter or about to enter such zone.

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.18 In any proceeding for violation of the parking provisions of this ordinance, the registration plate and/or University permit displayed on such motor vehicle shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the owner of such motor vehicle was the person who parked or placed such motor vehicle at the point where such violation occurred.

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.19\* The Traffic Engineer or the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer may establish temporary or permanent "No Parking" zones in which, by posting of "Tow Away Zone" signs, vehicles parking in violation may be towed away and impounded.

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.20\* No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side adjacent to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle next to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

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.21 Schedule of civil sanctions:

\$20.00 civil sanctions:  
Sub-sections .01, .02, .03, .101 and .102

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\$40.00 civil sanctions:  
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\$115.00 civil sanctions:  
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.22 — There is hereby established a Parking Violations Bureau which shall be the exclusive agency for accepting admissions of civil responsibility in cases of violation of the parking ordinance.

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.24 The Parking Violations Bureau shall accept the civil sanctions listed in subsection

31.21 of these ordinances for the offenses charged, and payment and acceptance of such civil sanctions within seven days of the violation shall be deemed complete satisfaction for the violation, and a receipt so stating shall be given the violator. If not paid within seven days late fees shall be added.

**.25\*** No person shall park any motor vehicle in a parking space signed as reserved for a person with a disability except a motor vehicle bearing a State or University license plate, decal or permit legally establishing the driver or passenger as a person with a

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~~<sup>†</sup>This part of Ordinance 31.00 was rescinded on April 12, 2013: "The Parking Violations Bureau shall be under the direction of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, or his or her designee, who shall make a monthly accounting to the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of civil sanctions collected."~~

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disability.

**.26\*** No person shall park a vehicle upon any street or parking lot for the principal purpose of storage for more than 48 continuous hours, except in posted residence storage lots or streets, and the vehicle has current valid license plates, and has properly affixed a current and valid University Parking Permit appropriate for the area.

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## 32.00 TRAFFIC - PEDESTRIANS

- 32.01\* Subject to intersection signals, rights and duties at other places
- 32.02\* Right-of-way at crosswalks; traffic control devices; unmarked crosswalks
- 32.03\* Special pedestrian control signals
- 32.04\* Duty between adjacent intersections with signals
- 32.05\* To yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles
- 32.06\* Shall not pass beyond closed railroad crossing gate
- 32.07\* Pedestrians to use right half of crosswalk
- 32.08\* Crossing roadway at right angles
- 32.09\* Crossing at other than crosswalks; yield to vehicles required
- 32.091\* Tunnels or overhead crossings
- 32.10\* Walk left side of roadway; where sidewalks provided; where sidewalks not provided
- 32.11\* Soliciting rides or business
- 32.12\* White canes; guide dogs; duty of motorist
- 32.13\* Crosswalk - at other than intersection

.01\* Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals at intersections, and at all other places shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this section.

.02\* Pedestrian's right-of-way at crosswalks: Where traffic control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except as otherwise provided in this section.

.03\* Whenever special pedestrian-control signals exhibiting the words, [symbol, or audible direction to](#) "Walk," "Don't Walk" or "Wait" are in place, pedestrians shall be subject to such signals.

.04\* Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation pedestrians shall not cross the roadway except in a marked crosswalk.

.05\* A pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle which is flashing emergency lights or otherwise signaling an emergency in progress.

.06\* No pedestrian shall pass through, around, over or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad grade crossing or bridge while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

.07\* Pedestrians shall move, whenever practicable, upon the right half of the crosswalk.

.08\* Crossing roadway at right angles: No pedestrian shall, except in a marked crosswalk, cross a roadway at any other place than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb.

.09\* Crossing at other than crosswalks: Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

.091\* Any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided shall yield the right-of-way to all

vehicles upon the roadway.

.10\* Walking on left side of roadway: Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for pedestrians to walk upon the main traveled portion of the street or roadway. Where sidewalks are not provided, pedestrians shall, when practicable, walk on the left side of the street or highway facing traffic which passes nearest.

.11\* Pedestrians soliciting rides or business: No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

.12\* White canes: Any driver of a vehicle who approaches a visually impaired person carrying a cane or walking stick which is white or white tipped with red, or being led by a guide dog wearing a harness and walking on either side of or slightly in front of said blind person, shall immediately come to a full stop and take such precautions before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the person.

.13\* When traffic control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger, but no pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

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## **33.00 MOBILITY DEVICES - TRAFFIC**

### **33.01 Definitions**

### **33.02\* Additional mobility devices; authority to designate**

### **33.03\* Permits; required**

### **33.04\* Display of permits**

### **33.05\* Transfer of permits**

### **33.06 When to apply for permits**

### **33.07\* Unlawful to operate unless equipped as required**

### **33.08\* Operation; where permitted**

### **33.09\* Not to be operated more than two abreast**

### **33.10 \* Speed not greater than reasonable to safety; speed limits for electric mobility devices**

### **33.11 \* Clinging to moving vehicle prohibited**

### **33.12 \* To yield to pedestrians at intersections and crosswalks**

### **33.13 \* Number of riders**

### **33.14 \* Careless and reckless manner**

### **33.15 \* On sidewalk prohibited; exception**

### **33.16 \* Rights and duties**

### **33.17 \* Obedience to traffic control devices required**

### **33.18 \* Unlawful to leave unattended except in designated areas**

### **33.19 \* Unlawful to leave unattended in areas for motor vehicles; exception**

### **33.20\* Bicycles; locking required**

### **33.21 Authority to publish special regulations**

### **33.22 Limitations on persons who may leave unattended on campus**

### **33.23 Impounding and release**

**.01** For purposes of this ordinance the term “commercial” means made available to the public to use for payment. The term “Department of Police and Public Safety” means the Michigan State University Department of Police and Public Safety. The term “electric mobility device” is limited to electric bicycles and electric skateboards. The term “mobility device” is limited to bicycles and electric mobility devices. The term “mobility device company” means a person or entity that makes mobility devices available to the public to use for payment. The following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time: “bicycle,” “electric bicycle,” and “electric skateboard.”

**.02** Notwithstanding the definitions in section 33.01:

- (a) the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to designate, in his or her discretion, additional “mobility devices” for purposes of this ordinance;
- (b) any such designation must specify whether such mobility device is considered a “bicycle,” “electric bicycle,” or other “electric mobility device” for purpose of this ordinance; and
- (c) any such designation may be subject to such conditions, and may vary the terms of this ordinance as applied to such additional “mobility device,” as the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer deems appropriate, in his or discretion.

**.03\*** No person may operate or leave unattended upon the campus:

- (a) any noncommercial mobility device which does not bear a current and valid

permit issued by the Department of Police and Public Safety or, in the case of noncommercial bicycles only, a current and valid permit issued by the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township;  
or

- (b) any commercial mobility device that does not bear the clearly identifiable logo of a mobility device company with a current and valid permit issued by the Secretary ~~to~~ the Board of Trustees pursuant to authority granted in section 27.01.

**.04\*** The permission to operate a noncommercial mobility device in and upon the campus shall be evidenced by a permit tag designed by the Department of Police and Public Safety. The Department of Police and Public Safety shall issue such permit tag after acceptance for filing of the application for a permit. Each owner of a noncommercial mobility device shall, upon receiving a permit tag from the Department of Police and Public Safety, cause the permit to be affixed in a conspicuous place on the noncommercial mobility device covered by the permit; provided, however, that the Department of Police and Public Safety may, in its discretion, designate the particular place on each noncommercial mobility device where the permit tag shall be displayed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any noncommercial bicycle that bears a current and valid permit issued by the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township is not subject to this section 33.04.

**.05\*** Upon the transfer of a permitted noncommercial mobility device, the owner shall remove the permit tag and surrender the same to the Department of Police and Public Safety; provided, however, that the owner, together with the transferee of a noncommercial mobility device, may apply to the Department of Police and Public Safety for the transfer of the permit to operate the noncommercial mobility device to the transferee, and upon such application the Department of Police and Public Safety shall transfer the permit to operate the noncommercial mobility device to the name of the transferee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any noncommercial bicycle that bears a current and valid permit issued by the City of Lansing, the City of East Lansing, Lansing Township, or Meridian Township is not subject to this section 33.05

**.06** Application for a permit to operate a noncommercial mobility device shall be made upon bringing the noncommercial mobility device not meeting the requirements of section 33.03 upon the campus. The Department of Police and Public Safety shall provide for noncommercial mobility device permitting at some time during every day of the year except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

**.07\*** No person may operate a mobility device on the campus unless the same is equipped as follows:

- (a) every mobility device which is operated during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with an activated white lamp on the front thereof, visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of the mobility device, and shall also be equipped with a mirror reflector or lamp on the rear, exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear of the mobility device.
- (b) every mobility device shall be equipped with a suitable brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop the mobility device within a reasonable distance on dry, smooth, hard-surfaced road

**.08\*** Where a usable and designated path for mobility devices is provided adjacent to the roadway, a person operating a mobility device must use the path. Where such a path is not provided, a person operating a mobility device shall ride as near the right side of the roadway as practicable and shall exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Mobility devices may be operated on all highways and streets upon the campus, regardless of the speed limit of any such highway or street, provided that such operation is in compliance with this ordinance.

**.09\*** No persons operating mobility devices on the campus may ride more than two abreast.

**.10\*** No person may operate a mobility device at a speed faster than what is reasonable and proper with regard to the safety of the operator and others; provided, however, that operating an electric mobility device at a speed greater than the speed permitted by the Michigan Vehicle Code, as amended from time to time, is prohibited.

**.11\*** No person operating a mobility device shall attach himself or herself to any other moving vehicle.

**.12\*** Every person operating a mobility device shall accord the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing roads and streets on the campus at all intersections and crosswalks.

**.13\*** A person propelling a bicycle or electric bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached to such bicycle or electric bicycle. No mobility device may be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

**.14\*** The operator of a mobility device shall at no time remove both feet from the pedals, nor both hands from the handlebars or steering apparatus of the mobility device; nor shall any person operate a mobility device in a careless or reckless manner or practice any acrobatic riding on campus.

**.15\*** No operator of a mobility device shall cause the same to be driven upon or across any sidewalk or footpath situated on the campus or upon campus grounds; provided, however, that the operator of any mobility device may dismount from the mobility device and proceed upon such sidewalks and footpaths on foot, pushing the mobility device while so proceeding on foot.

**.16\*** Every person operating a mobility device on a roadway on the campus shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle by the laws of the State of Michigan except insofar as the provisions of this ordinance conflict with or modify said general laws.

**.17\*** Any person operating a mobility device upon a roadway on the campus shall obey the instructions of all official traffic control signals, signs and other control devices applicable to motor vehicles unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

**.18** No person operating a mobility device may leave the same unattended at any place upon the campus outside of designated mobility device parking areas.

**.19\*** No person may leave a mobility device unattended in any space designed and intended for use by motor vehicles unless such areas is specifically allocated to mobility device parking.

**.20\*** No person may park a bicycle and leave it unless it is locked to a bicycle rack.

**.21** The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to publish special regulations providing for removal of mobility devices from parking areas and prohibiting mobility device parking in certain areas for designated periods for ground maintenance and improvements or other University functions. Mobility devices not removed from such areas or parked after the special regulations have been published shall be impounded as provided for in section 33.23.

**.22** No person may leave unattended any mobility device on the campus longer than 48 hours unless he or she is currently registered as a student, employed by the University, or residing on University property.

**.23** The Department of Police and Public Safety may impound any mobility device found upon the campus which is not permitted as required by this ordinance, or which is operated or parked in violation of this ordinance and shall release such mobility device only after its owner obtains the requisite permit and pays a fee for its impoundment or a summons is issued to the owner for the alleged violation. The fee for impoundment shall be an amount sufficient to reimburse the University for all costs of impounding and enforcing the provisions of this ordinance. Impounded mobility devices not claimed may be sold and the proceeds of such sale applied to the cost of enforcement and impoundment.

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## 34.00 ACCIDENTS - TRAFFIC

**34.01 Required to stop at accident involving death, injury or damage**

**34.02 Required to give information and render aid**

**34.03 Duty to report accidents immediately**

**34.04 When driver unable to report accident**

**34.05 34.04 Duty when striking unattended vehicle**

**34.06 34.05 Duty when striking fixtures on a roadway**

**.01** Duty to stop at scene of accident involving death or personal injuries or damage to vehicles: The driver of any vehicle directly involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or resulting in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident or as close thereto as possible, but shall then forthwith return to and in every event remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of Sections 34.02, 34.03 or 34.04. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary.

**.02** Duty to give information and render aid: The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person or damage to any vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall give his or her name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall upon request exhibit his or her operator's or chauffeur's license to the person struck or the driver, or occupant of or person attending any vehicle collided with and where practical shall render to any person injured in such accident reasonable assistance, including the making of arrangements for the transportation of such person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment, if necessary, or if such transportation is requested by the injured person.

~~**.03**~~ Duty to report accidents immediately: The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death or any person or any property damage shall by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the Department of Police and Public Safety. No vehicle involved in such accident shall be moved except when so ordered by a police officer.

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~~**.04** When driver unable to report: Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of making a required accident report and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of making a report, such occupant shall make or cause to be made said report.~~

~~**.05.04**~~ Duty upon striking unattended vehicle: The driver of any vehicle which collides with any vehicle which is unattended shall immediately stop, and shall then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle of the name and address of the driver and owner of the vehicle striking the unattended vehicle, or if such person cannot be located, shall leave securely attached in a conspicuous place in the vehicle struck a written notice giving the name and address of the driver and of the owner of the vehicle doing the striking and a statement of the circumstances, and shall report such accident as provided in Sections 34.03 or 34.04 of this ordinance.

~~**.06.05**~~ Duty upon striking fixtures on a street or roadway: The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to fixtures legally upon or adjacent to a street shall take reasonable steps to locate and notify the owner or person in charge of such property of such fact, and of his or her name and address and of the registration number of the vehicle he or she is driving, and shall upon request exhibit his or her

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operator's or chauffeur's license and shall make a report of such accident as provided in Section

34.03 of this ordinance.

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## 35.00 ADMINISTRATION - TRAFFIC

- 35.01 Office of Traffic Engineer
- 35.02 Duties of Traffic Engineer
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- 35.492 Number of accidents investigated; other pertinent data
- 35.493 Plans and recommendations
- 35.50 Taxicab [and rideshare](#) regulation; license or permit required

**.01** Traffic Engineer (office): The Office of Traffic Engineer is hereby established. The Traffic Engineer shall be appointed in a manner prescribed by the Board of Trustees and shall exercise the powers and duties provided in this ordinance in a manner prescribed by the [Board of Trusteesboard](#) and shall exercise the powers and duties provided in this ordinance in a manner consistent with prevailing traffic safety practices and in the best interests of Michigan State University. In the absence of the Traffic Engineer said duties and authority shall be vested in the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, his designee or other officials as determined by the [Board of Trusteesboard](#).

**.02** Traffic Engineer (duties): It is the general duty of the Traffic Engineer to determine the installation, proper timing, and maintenance of traffic control devices; to plan and direct the operation of traffic on streets within the boundaries of Michigan State University; to establish parking areas therein, designating limitation and use thereof; to install appropriate signs implementing the provisions of this ordinance; to certify as to installation, removal, or authorization of such devices and signs by posting same in the Administration Building, Kellogg Center and the headquarters of the Department of Police and Public Safety or such other public places as may be deemed appropriate within the campus, accessible to the public including a map certification illustrating graphically the placement and purpose thereof, for all such actions up to and including March 2, 1965; with all subsequent such actions by the maintenance of a traffic control order (sometimes called "work order") file.

**.021** Copies of traffic control order, certified by the Traffic Engineer to be a true transcript compared by him or her with the original in the headquarters of the Department of Police and Public Safety, shall be evidence in all courts and proceedings in like manner as if the original were produced. If it shall appear that a traffic control sign, signal, or device conforming to the provisions of the ordinances was erected or in place when the alleged violation of this ordinance occurred, such showing shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of a lawful traffic control order authorizing such traffic control, sign, or device, and it shall be unnecessary for the prosecution to affirmatively show the existence of a valid traffic control order in such case, unless and until such presumption is rebutted by competent evidence.

**.03 Stop signs:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to determine and designate intersections where conditions warrant the stopping of traffic and to determine whether vehicles shall stop at one or more entrances to any such intersection, and shall erect a stop sign at every place where he or she shall find a stop required, except at those intersections which are controlled by automatic signals or other traffic-control devices.

**.04 Stopping, standing or parking:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to prohibit or restrict the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on any street within the boundaries of Michigan State University and to erect signs giving notice thereof where, in his or her opinion, such stopping, standing or parking of vehicles interferes with the movement of traffic thereon.

**.05 Speed restrictions:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to establish, increase, or decrease the speed regulations and to erect signs giving notice thereof as follows:

**.51** Establish prima facie lawful speed limits on highways outside of business or residential districts;

**.52** Increase the prima facie speed limits on through highways within business or residential districts;

**.53** Establish the prima facie speed limits in alleys and service drives.

**.06 One-way streets, roadways and alleys:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to designate one-way streets, roadways or alleys and shall place and maintain signs giving notice thereof, and no such regulation shall be effective unless such signs are in place. Signs indicating the direction of lawful traffic movement shall be placed at every intersection where movement of traffic in the opposite direction is prohibited.

**.07 Crosswalks, safety zones and traffic lanes:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized:

**.71** To designate and maintain by appropriate devices, marks, or lines upon the surface of the roadway within the jurisdiction of Michigan State University, crosswalks at those places where he or she shall find that there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway and when he or she shall further find that the existence of a crosswalk will reduce that danger;

**.72** To establish safety zones of such kind and character and at such places where he or she shall find that there is particular danger to pedestrians and which are consistent with State law, and where he or she shall find that the existence of a safety zone will reduce that danger;

**.73** To mark lanes upon the roadway of any street where he or she shall find that a regular alignment of traffic is necessary in the interests of safety and efficiency, or at such places as he or she may find to be advisable, consistent with this ordinance and State law.

**.08 Restricted turn signs:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety

Officer is hereby authorized to determine those streets or intersections of such streets from which drivers of vehicles shall not make a right, left, or U turn, and shall place proper signs upon such streets and at such intersections. The making of such turns may be prohibited between the hours of any day and permitted at other hours, in which event the same shall be plainly indicated on the signs or they may be removed when such turns are unrestricted.

**.09** Turning markers: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is authorized to place markers, buttons, or signs within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this article be traveled by vehicles turning at an intersection, and when markers, buttons, or signs are so placed, no driver of a vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by such markers, buttons or signs.

**.10** Through streets: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to designate through highways if stop signs are erected at the entrances thereto, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission if a State trunkline highway is involved.

**.11** Play streets: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to declare and to establish, whenever he or she shall find that the public safety and convenience are best served thereby, any street or part thereof a play street and to place appropriate signs and barricades enclosing the roadway.

**.12** Parking: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall determine the location and nature of parking and tow away zones, and shall erect and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and giving notice thereof, except that no such zones shall be established on State trunkline highways.

**.13** All-night parking: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer when so authorized by the [Board of Trustees](#) may prohibit all-night parking and erect signs giving notice thereof upon any street or portion thereof whenever in his or her opinion such prohibition is necessary or advisable in the interest of public safety.

**.14** Loading zones: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to determine the location of passenger and freight loading zones and shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the same and stating the hours during which such zones shall be restricted for loading purposes.

**.141** No loading zone shall hereafter be established unless a written application for such zone is submitted to the Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer.

**.142** The application required herein shall not apply to the designation of loading zones in front of any public building, theater, school, church, hospital or similar institutional building.

**.15** Public carrier stands: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to establish bus stops, bus stands, taxicab stands and stands for other passenger common carrier motor vehicles [such as rideshare vehicles](#) on such public streets, in such places and in such number as he shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public. Every such bus stop, bus stand, taxicab stand, or other stand shall be designated by appropriate signs which he or she may cause to be erected by the carrier for whom said stand is designated.

**.16 Metered parking zones in area:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to determine and designate metered parking zones and to install and maintain as many parking meters as necessary in said metered parking zones where it is determined that the installation of parking meters shall be necessary to aid in the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles. The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to determine or designate parking lots or areas which shall be controlled and restricted by parking gates and is authorized to install and maintain as many parking gates as may be necessary in said areas where it is determined that the installation of parking gates shall be necessary to aid the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles.

**.17 Weight restrictions:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to prohibit the use of the roadway by trucks or other commercial vehicles and to impose limitations as to the weight thereof on designated streets where, in his or her opinion, the public safety is concerned, but said prohibitions and limitations shall not become effective until notice thereof is given by means of appropriate signs placed on such streets.

**.18 Emergency and experimental regulations:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to establish all regulations necessary to make effective the provisions of this ordinance and to establish and enforce temporary or experimental regulations consistent with this ordinance, to cover emergencies or special conditions. No such regulation shall be effective and enforceable until and unless adequate signs, signals or other notices are erected clearly indicating said regulation. No such temporary or experimental regulation shall remain in effect for more than 90 days.

**.181** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer may test traffic-control devices under actual conditions of traffic.

**.19 Traffic-control devices:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall place and maintain or remove traffic-control signs, signals, lane markings and other devices and shall determine the hours and days during which any traffic-control device shall be in operation or be in effect, when and as required under this ordinance to indicate and to carry out the provisions of said ordinance, and may place and maintain such additional traffic-control devices as he or she may deem necessary to regulate traffic under this ordinance and under State law, to regulate, warn or guide traffic.

**.20 Manual and specifications for traffic-control devices:** All traffic-control signs, signals, and devices shall conform to the specifications published in the Michigan Manual of Traffic Control Devices.

**.21 Limit to authority:** Notwithstanding the authority granted to the Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer under this ordinance, no stop signs, pavement markings, buttons or any traffic-control device shall be erected or maintained upon any State trunkline under the jurisdiction of the State Transportation Commission without the latter's written permission.

**.22 Special traffic-control measures:** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to establish special regulations for control of traffic for limited but regularly recurring periods of time such as occur during "rush hour" traffic

conditions and which extend for periods longer than the 90 days provided for in Section 35.18.

**.23** The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to employ students or other special employees of the Department of Police and Public Safety to be assigned to the control and direction of traffic. While engaged in directing traffic and while wearing devices or emblems distinctively identifying them as employees of the Department of Police and Public Safety, such special employees shall be considered to be officers of Michigan State University and no motorist shall disregard the directions of such special employees while they are directing or controlling traffic.

**.24** Special parking privileges and restrictions: The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to establish special, restricted parking areas (and erect signs which indicate such restrictions) where such restrictions are necessary for essential activities of the university and/or where interference with such operations may adversely affect the public interest in maintaining a safe and well-ordered community. Examples of such restricted areas, without excluding others, are hospital parking zones for physicians; parking zones for emergency vehicles; parking zones for university vehicles; parking spaces rented by and reserved for specific individuals; parking areas prohibited to visitors; requirement that visitors park only in specific areas; and restriction of areas for certain types of university vehicle permits.

**.25** Mass transit regulations: The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to regulate the movement and operation of mass transit vehicles operating on university property including location of loading points, routes, schedules, vehicle capacity, provisions for passenger and public safety, unscheduled and charter operations, fares, safety inspection of vehicles, approval of drivers and other matters which will ensure a safe, efficient mass transit service to the University. No person shall operate any vehicle contrary to the provisions of such regulations, nor shall any manager or owner allow any vehicle under his supervision to be operated on university property contrary to the provisions of such regulations.

**.26\*** The Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to establish lanes on streets for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, and/or other mobility devices and to erect signs which indicate such usage. When such lanes are so provided and designated it shall be illegal for any motor vehicle to be driven within the bicycle lane area.

**.27** No person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view on any street, any unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device which purports to be, or is an imitation of or resembles a traffic-control device or railroad sign or signal, or which attempts to direct the movement of traffic, or which hides from view or interferes with the effectiveness of any traffic-control device or any railroad sign or signal.

**.28** No person shall place or maintain any commercial or political advertising upon any street, traffic sign or signal or parking meter.

**.29** Every such prohibited sign, signal or marking is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby empowered to remove the same or cause it to be removed without notice.

**.30** No person shall establish private or departmental parking areas within the boundaries of Michigan State University unless permission is first secured from the

Traffic Engineer or Vice President and Chief Safety Officer.

**.31** Damage to traffic-control devices: No person shall attempt to or in fact alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any traffic-control device.

**.32** Traffic law enforcement: It shall be the duty of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer to enforce the provisions of this ordinance and the State vehicle laws applicable to traffic, to make arrests when authorized by law, to assist in the prosecution of persons charged with violations, to investigate accidents, to cooperate with the Traffic Engineer and other officials in the administration of the traffic regulations, and in developing ways to improve traffic conditions and to carry out those duties especially imposed by this ordinance and any amendment thereto.

**.33** The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall be responsible for the issuance of books of traffic citation and complaint forms and shall maintain or cause to be maintained a record of every such book and each set of citation and complaint forms contained herein issued to the individual members of the department and shall require and retain a receipt for every book so issued.

**.34** Issuance of citation: Except when officially authorized or directed under State law to the contrary, a police officer who halts a person for any violation other than for the purpose of giving him or her a warning or warning notice and does not take such person into custody under arrest, shall take the name, address and operator's license number of said person, the registered number of the motor vehicle involved, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary, and shall issue to him or her in writing a traffic citation.

**.35** Notice on illegally parked vehicle: Whenever any motor vehicle without driver is found parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this ordinance or by State law, the officer finding such vehicle shall take its registration number and may take any other information displayed on the vehicle which may identify its user, and shall conspicuously affix to such vehicle a parking violation notice.

**.36** Disposition of citation: Every police officer upon issuing a traffic citation to an alleged violator of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of this State or of this ordinance shall submit the duplicate copies of the corresponding complaint to the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer or his authorized agent.

**.37** Illegal alteration or disposition of traffic citation: It shall be unlawful and official misconduct for any member of the Department of Police and Public Safety or other officer or public employee to dispose of, alter or deface a traffic citation or any copy of the corresponding complaint or the record of the issuance or disposition of any traffic citation, complaint or warrant, in a manner other than as required in this section.

**.38** Illegal cancellation of traffic citations or complaints: It shall be unlawful for any person to cancel or solicit the cancellation of any traffic citation or complaint issued to an alleged violator of this ordinance.

**.39** Notice of impounding: Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street as authorized in 36.03, and the officer knows or is able to ascertain the name and address of the owner thereof, such officer shall, within a reasonable period of time, give or cause to be given notice in writing to such owner of the fact of such removal, and the reasons therefore, and of the place to which such vehicle has been removed. In the event any

such vehicle is stored in a garage, a copy of such notice shall be given to the proprietor of such garage.

**.40** Whenever an officer removes a vehicle from a street so authorized in Section 36.03 and does not know and is not able to ascertain the name of the owner, or for any other reason is unable to give the notice to the owner as hereinbefore provided, and in the event the vehicle is not returned to the owner within a period of three days, then and in that event the officer shall, within a reasonable period of time, send or cause to be sent a written report of such removal by mail to the Commissioner of State Police, and shall file a copy of such notice with the proprietor of any garage in which the vehicle may be stored. Such notice shall include a complete description of the vehicle, the date, time and place from which removed, the reasons for such removal, and the name of the garage or place where the vehicle is stored.

**.41** Traffic violations: The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer other officer of the Department of Police and Public Safety designated by the Director shall keep a record of all violations of the traffic regulations of Michigan State University except standing or parking violations, and of the State vehicle laws of which any person has been charged, together with a record of the final disposition of all such alleged offenses. Such record shall be so maintained as to show the types of violations and the totals of each. Said record shall accumulate during at least a five-year period and from that time on the record shall be maintained complete for the most recent five-year period and in accord with existing Michigan statutes.

**.42** Driver's record: The Department of Police and Public Safety shall maintain a suitable record of all traffic accidents, warnings, arrests, convictions and complaints reported for each driver, except those concerning standing or parking, which shall be filed alphabetically under the name of the driver concerned;

**.421** Such records shall accumulate during at least a five-year period and from that time on such records shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five-year period.

**.43** Accident reports: The Department of Police and Public Safety shall maintain a suitable system of filing traffic accident reports. Accident reports, or cards referring to them, shall be filed alphabetically by location. Such reports shall be available for the use and information of the Traffic Engineer;

**.431** The Department of Police and Public Safety shall receive and properly file all accident reports made to it under State law, or under any ordinance of Michigan State University. The reports required by this ordinance shall not be available for use in any court action, but shall be available to governmental agencies for the purpose of furnishing statistical information as to the number and cause of accidents.

**.44** Copy of complaint: The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall maintain a file of one duplicate copy of the complaint corresponding to each traffic citation issued;

**.441** The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall also maintain or cause to be maintained in connection with every traffic citation issued by a member of the Department of Police and Public Safety a record of the disposition of the charge.

**.45** Warrants: The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer shall also maintain or cause to be maintained a record of all warrants issued on said traffic violation charges and

which are delivered to the department for service, and of the final disposition of all such warrants.

**.46** Conduct of traffic accident studies: Whenever the accidents at any particular location become numerous, the Department of Police and Public Safety shall cooperate with the Traffic Engineer in conducting studies of such accidents and determining remedial measures.

**.47** Preparation of accident reports: The Department of Police and Public Safety shall secure from the Commissioner of State Police forms for accident reports required hereunder, and thereon shall report as prescribed by law.

**.471** Every police officer who, in the course of his or her regular duties, investigates a motor vehicle accident shall file a report of his or her findings with the Department of Police and Public Safety. In addition, it shall be the duty of the Department of Police and Public Safety to submit a copy of investigative findings of accidents occurring on University streets or on any other lands governed by the Board where there is death, injury or property damage in excess of \$200 to the Director of State Police on forms provided by the Department of State Police.

**.48** Traffic violation reports - available to public: All forms for records of violations and notices of violations which shall include traffic citations issued by police officers shall be serially numbered. For each month and year a written record shall be kept available to the public showing the disposal of all such forms, and such records, notices and reports shall be public records.

**.49** Annual traffic safety report: The Department of Police and Public Safety shall annually prepare a traffic report which shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees. Such report shall contain information on traffic matters as follows:

**.491** The number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed, the number of persons injured, and other pertinent traffic accident data;

**.492** The number of traffic accidents investigated and other pertinent data on the safety activities of the department;

**.493** Plans and recommendations for future traffic enforcement activities.

**.50\*** Taxicab and rideshare regulation: The Vice President and Chief Safety Officer is hereby authorized to prohibit the operation of any taxicab or other vehicle for hire on campus which does not bear a current and valid license or permit issued by a duly authorized state or local regulatory body. For purposes of this section, vehicles for hire shall include personal vehicles operated through ride-sharing networks. Taxicab drivers for hire shall be required to present proof of compliance to police officers upon request. The Department of Police and Public Safety shall maintain and make available to the campus community a current list of local authorized taxicab companies and drivers for hire.

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**36.00 AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS**

**36.01 Authority to direct traffic; emergency provisions to direct traffic**

**36.011 Firefighters may direct; conditions**

**36.02 Inspect vehicles; authority to stop and inspect; enforcement**

**36.03 Authority to impound vehicle with six outstanding parking violations**

**36.04 Request accident reports; authority to require drivers and witnesses to file additional reports**

**36.05 Unauthorized removal from impound facility**

.01 Direct traffic: Officers of the Department of Police and Public Safety or such special officers as are assigned by the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, are authorized to direct all traffic by voice, hand or signal and in the event of a fire or other emergency, or to expedite traffic or safeguard pedestrians, may direct traffic as conditions may require.

.011 Members of the fire department, when at the scene of a fire, may direct or assist the police officers in directing traffic in the vicinity.

.02 Inspect vehicles; Police Officers are authorized on reasonable grounds shown to stop any motor vehicle and inspect the same, and if any defects in equipment are found, to take such enforcement action as provided by law.

.03 Impound vehicles; The Department of Police and Public Safety is authorized to impound and remove to a place of safekeeping any vehicle found on the lands governed by the Board of Trustees, at the expense of the vehicle's registered owner, when it is determined that the owner has failed to answer six or more parking violation notices or citations regarding illegal parking. The vehicle shall be released to the owner or the agent of the owner when the impoundment fee for the vehicle has been paid and when all outstanding parking violation notices and citations regarding illegal parking relating to the vehicle have been cleared. The fee for impoundment shall be of such amount as shall reimburse the University for all towing and impoundment costs and for storage. Impounded vehicles not claimed shall be disposed of as provided by law.

.04 Request accident reports; The Department of Police and Public Safety may require any driver of a University vehicle involved in an accident to file written reports and supplemental reports concerning said accident, whenever the original information is insufficient in the opinion of the Department of Police and Public Safety, and may require witnesses of such accidents to render reports to the Department of Police and Public Safety.

.05 It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, without the special authorization of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer or his or her designee, any motor vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle, electric bicycle, electric skateboard, other mobility device, motor-driven cycle, motor home, trailer or other object that has been placed in an impound lot, storage facility, or bicycle pen that has been designated and posted, until the prescribed fees have been paid.

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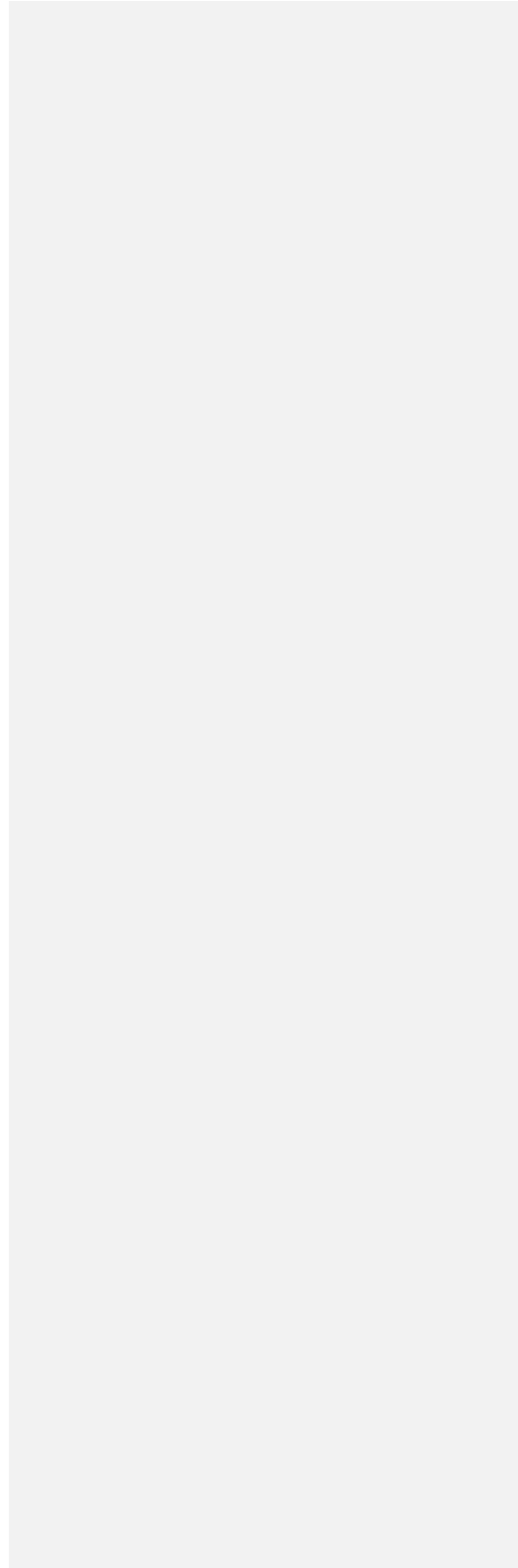
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37.00 WILDLIFE

37.01 Wildlife sanctuary designation; prohibitions regarding wildlife

37.02 Wildlife sanctuary designations outside Ingham County

37.21 Prohibitions regarding wildlife

37.22 Permission for controlled hunting and trapping

37.23 Open hunting and trapping

37.24 Designations made by governing offices

37.03 Fishing prohibited; exemptions

~~01~~ **01** All lands and water in Ingham County under control of and governed by the Board of Trustees are designated as a wildlife, fish, and bird sanctuary and the shooting or taking ~~or molesting~~ of birds, fish and wildlife is prohibited, except that fishing is permitted on the north bank of the Red Cedar River but only as designated by, and in accordance with guidelines issued by, the Secretary ~~to~~of the Board of Trustees. Shooting or taking of birds or wildlife is prohibited except for pest control authorized by the University.

~~02~~ **02** All other lands and water (outside of Ingham County) under control of or governed by the Board shall be designated for the purpose of wildlife control into one of three categories.

~~21~~ **21** Shooting or taking ~~or molesting~~ of birds or wildlife is prohibited except for pest control authorized by the ~~University~~ completed by the University IPF.

~~22~~ **22** Controlled hunting and trapping through registration in accordance with state game laws is permitted.

~~23~~ **23** Open hunting and trapping in accordance with state game laws is permitted.

~~24~~ **24** Such designation will be made by the ~~Real Estate Office~~ Land Management Office, in consultation with the lead department for the particular property, and the property manager.

~~03~~ **03** All lands and water outside of Ingham County under control of or governed by the ~~Board~~ are designated as closed for fishing except where otherwise designated by the ~~Real Estate Office~~ Land Management Office, in consultation with the lead department for the particular property, and the property manager.

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### 38.00 ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR DEVICES

.01\* Coasters, roller skates, roller blades, in-line roller skates and similar devices restricted. No person on roller skates, roller blades, or a skateboard, [hoverboard](#), or riding in or by means of any coaster, toy vehicle or similar device, shall go upon any roadway except while crossing a street within a crosswalk. In so crossing the street, such person holds the rights and is subject to the duties applicable to pedestrians. No person upon roller skates, roller blades, a skateboard, in-line skates or similar devices shall go in or upon any parking ramp, buildings, gardens, or any other posted areas. Restricted areas will be clearly marked. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this ordinance does not apply to bicycles, electric bicycles, electric skateboards, or other mobility devices subject to ordinance 33.00.

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**39.00 PARADES, PROCESSIONS, AND SOUND TRUCKS**

.01 No funeral, procession, parade, excepting the forces of the United States Armed Services, the military forces of this State and the forces of the police and fire departments shall occupy, march or proceed along any street or roadway except when given prior authorization from the Secretary to the Board of Trustees or designee(s) in accordance with a permit and such other regulations as are set forth herein which may apply. No sound truck or other vehicle equipped with amplifier or loudspeaker may be used unless written authorization is obtained as indicated in Section Ordinances 42.003 and 15.00.

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**40.00 DEFRAUDING OR CHEATING**

.01 No person shall obtain from any other person, including a business establishment, any money, personal property or services or other things of value, with the intent to defraud or cheat such person or business establishment.

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**41.00 USE OF REST ROOMS/LOCKER ROOMS FOR OPPOSITE SEX**

~~.01 No person shall knowingly enter into, engage in peeping into, open the door of, or knowingly be in any rest room or locker room which has a sign posted indicating or designating that the rest room or locker room is for the use of the opposite sex. However, this shall not apply to law enforcement officials, to persons whose job duties include building security or the cleaning, remodeling and/or repairing of rest rooms and locker rooms, or to children aged eight years or under, or to persons who are disabled or handicapped, who are in the custody of or being escorted by an adult of the opposite sex.~~

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## **42.00 VEHICLE, TAMPERING BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS**

### **42.01 Move from parked position**

### **42.02 Disable or attempt to disable by deflating tire**

**.01** It shall be unlawful to tamper with or move any motor vehicle from the position in which it was parked by the owner or agent of the owner, without permission or as otherwise provided by law.

**.02** It shall be unlawful to disable or attempt to disable any motor vehicle, to include deflating in whole or in part any tire attached to said vehicle.

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**43.00 FALSE INFORMATION**

~~.01 No person shall knowingly furnish to a police officer false, forged, fictitious or misleading information whether conveyed orally or otherwise, while such officer is engaged in conducting a criminal investigation of a suspected violation of federal or state law, or local ordinances. No person shall knowingly make or furnish to any police officer any fictitious report of the commission of a violation of any federal or state law, or local ordinance.~~

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#### **44.00 IMPERSONATING A POLICE OFFICER**

**.01** No person shall impersonate, attempt to impersonate, falsely pretend to be, or hold oneself out to be, a police officer of the University or any other governmental body without due authority, or aid another in doing the same.

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**45.00 INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE ANIMALS**

.01 No person shall hinder, harass, injure, annoy or interfere with a dog or other animal being used for law enforcement purposes.

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**46.00 FAILURE TO OBEY A POLICE OFFICER**

.01 No person shall willfully fail to obey any lawful command of a law enforcement officer to stop or halt, provided such officer identifies himself or herself as a law enforcement officer and provides, or offers to provide, identification of such and provided that a law enforcement officer is attempting to investigate, identify or apprehend a person for a suspected violation of any federal or state law, or local ordinance.

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**47.00 OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

.01 No person shall hinder, oppose, obstruct or resist any police officer or any other law enforcement officer performing law enforcement duties as such, or aid or abet any person doing the same.

.02 No person shall hinder or obstruct any traffic officer, parking officer, or other subordinate officer appointed by the Police Chief under Ordinance [4.00](#) in the performance of that officer's duties, or aid or abet any person doing the same.

Enacted: December 10, 1994  
Amended: December 14, 2012  
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**48.00 EMERGENCY DIRECTIVES AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

.01 No person shall fail to obey a directive or executive order issued by the President of Michigan State University or ~~his/her~~[the President's](#) designee during a declared campus emergency.

Enacted: \_\_\_ October 20, 2006

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**49.00 SEVERANCE PROVISION**

.01 If any provision of these ordinances or part thereof shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such adjudication shall not affect the validity of these ordinances as a whole or any provision or part thereof not so adjudged invalid.

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Ordinance Name	Current Ordinance Number	Proposed Rescission of Ordinance?	Year of Last Amendment	Description of Changes from Meetings
<a href="#">Statement of Purpose</a>	1.00		1994	Grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Effectiveness of Ordinances</a>	2.00		2002	Make notation that ordinances have subsequently been reviewed/ revised in September 2024. Grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Authority of Board of Trustees</a>	3.00		1994	No changes.
<a href="#">Designation of Enforcement Powers</a>	4.00		2005	Grammatical changes. 4.01 - Removal of gendered language.
<a href="#">Duties of Police Officers</a>	5.00		2019	5.01 - Add "Issue a citation" to explicitly cover civil infractions; removal of gendered language; grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Penalties</a>	6.00		1997	Deleted 'reprinted' language in history section but maintained 9/12/1997 date to reflect the board's last action in amending the ordinance.
<a href="#">Posting of Ordinances</a>	7.00		1994	7.01 Update to reflect digital nature of posting ordinances in 2024; mention ordinances are maintained by Secretary on the board's website. Remove VP Student Affairs and Chief Safety Officer as there is one set of ordinances posted and maintained.
<a href="#">Definitions</a>	8.00		1994	8.01 - Grammatical change.
<a href="#">Aircraft</a>	9.00		2012	9.01 - Recommend the following to align with statutory exemptions: "No person, excepting law enforcement authorities acting in the performance of their duties, shall without approval of the Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, or his or her designee, land any aircraft, <b>except any unmanned aircraft system</b> , or depart in any aircraft, on or from property governed by the Board of Trustees." 9.01 - Remove gendered language.  Add a cross reference to drone policy at end of ordinance webpage.
<a href="#">Certain Mobility Devices; Illegal Taking of</a>	10.00		2019	Add definitions of 'mobility device' and 'electric mobility device' from Ordinance 33.00 for clarity and include cross reference. Renumber remaining sections of ordinance.
<a href="#">Boating</a>	11.00		1995	Grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Buildings</a>	12.00		2019	Reorganize ordinance so definition subsection is the first paragraph; Add definition of electric mobility device from Ordinance 33.00. 12.02 - note the Sec. of Bd. may delegate responsibility to other University leaders regarding access restrictions.
<a href="#">Camping</a>	13.00		1994	13.01 - Add "without a permit" language to first sentence for clarity. Grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Counterfeiting, Altering and Copying</a>	14.00		1994	14.01 - Reword 'false make' to 'falsify...' to use more contemporary language. 14.03 - Add note about "accessing an unauthorized area" to clarify intent of ordinance subsection.
<a href="#">Disorderly Assemblages or Conduct</a>	15.00		2012	15.06 - Add 'before, during, or after' athletic contest or exhibition to cover full scope of prohibition. 15.05 - remove outdated 'molestation' term from title of subsection. Move existing language regarding sound and reproduction systems amplified sound violations to the related section of the ordinance (15.04) to improve readability.
<a href="#">Dumping</a>	16.00		1994	16.01 - Remove outdated "grease" term. 16.02 - Add language to recognize motor pool activities/ locations on campus. Grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Examinations</a>	17.00	X	1995	<b>Rescind. Overlaps with University policies and statutory provisions.</b>
<a href="#">Firearms or Weapons</a>	18.00		2023	Grammatical changes throughout. 18.03 - Remove outdated use of 'molest' terminology.
<a href="#">Fires</a>	19.00		1994	19.01 - Remove picnic area references - there no longer such areas. Note an exception for grills, etc. for home football tailgates if abiding by guidance provided by the Secretary. Guidelines to be drafted by Fire Marshal.
<a href="#">Curfew</a>	20.00		1994	20.01 & 20.02 - Update to reflect changes in state law - change ages '17' to '18' and '18' to '17.'
<a href="#">Alcoholic Beverages</a>	21.00		2023	Change 'Secretary' title. Added * asterisk to 21.02 to align with index at top of policy denoting civil infraction.
<a href="#">Harassment</a>	22.00	X	1994	<b>Rescind. Duplicative of statutory provisions and other related policies and ordinances which cover this type of behavior.</b>
<a href="#">Animals</a>	23.00		2007	23.01 - Add explicit provision for cleaning up animal waste for any animal present on campus. Designate as civil infraction. This provides further guidance than relying on refuse ordinance.  Clarify scope of ordinance to include emotional support animals as defined in policies issued by the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD).  Add links to the Service Animal Policy and the Assistance Animal Policy in University Housing.  23.054 - Make edits in red/strikethrough for clarity: "Animals brought to or <b>that are a part of animal-related</b> University sponsored events." New language recognizes the scope of events animals may be a part of events other than those solely focused on animals. Amend 23.055 in a similar way for registered student organization sponsored events.
<a href="#">Plant Materials</a>	24.00		1995	24.02 - New section to clarify that hammocking is not allowed on campus trees - can't attach or affix something to campus tree to preserve health of plant life on campus. This corresponds with existing practices to have individuals use hammocking posts or other posts rather than trees. Move existing 24.02 to 24.03.  24.03 (old 24.02) - "with approval from" instead of "permit". There is not a permit, <i>per se</i> , versus the need to obtain authorization. Remove gendered language and update title of Secretary.
<a href="#">Property Lost, Found, Stolen, or Abandoned</a>	25.00		1994	Update 'salvage yard' to 'Surplus Store' to match current university naming. Grammatical change.
<a href="#">Property Removal</a>	26.00		1995	Addition of 'furniture' and 'recyclable material' to be clear to readers of the ordinance that such property is covered. No change in existing practice. Grammatical changes.

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<a href="#">Selling and Advertising</a>	27.00		1996	27.01 - Change Secretary's title. 27.02 - Remove gendered language.
<a href="#">Signs and Structures</a>	28.00		1995	All violations to be marked as civil infractions. Designate 28.022 with an asterisk and remove .027 to clarify that the university would pursue civil infractions instead of misdemeanors under the ordinance for a sign/structures ordinance violation. 28.21 - Recognize approval from Secretary is needed as there is not a permit, <i>per se</i> . Grammatical changes throughout.
<a href="#">Smoking</a>	29.00		2021	29.03 - Clarify that vaping is generally prohibited by explicitly adding to list of examples of prohibited conduct, consistent with current practice.  29.04 - Add the Tobacco Use Notification Form for traditional Native American use which is available at: <a href="https://tobaccofree.msu.edu/notification-form/">https://tobaccofree.msu.edu/notification-form/</a> . It is linked on the BOT 406 policy page: <a href="https://trustees.msu.edu/bylaws-ordinances-policies/policies/02-09-04.html">https://trustees.msu.edu/bylaws-ordinances-policies/policies/02-09-04.html</a> . Revise Secretary's title.
<a href="#">Telephones, Electronic Communications and Computer Equipment</a>	30.00	X	1994	Rescind. Duplicative of statutory/policy provisions.
<a href="#">Parking</a>	31.00		2023	31.09 - Add emergency services and University vehicles in performance of their duties as exempt from Ordinance restrictions around stopping/parking limitations. Aimed for when they are responding to an incident/campus infrastructure need.  31.101 - Revise for pay to park (electronic), university permits being displayed is not be accurate since digital permit by plate still being used.  31.16 & 36.17 - Add in provisions recognizing the operation of rideshare vehicles on campus. The language provides parameters for rideshare vehicles akin to taxis and buses.  Remove reference for pre-2013 language that was rescinded. Rescinded language still available in archives for the ordinance.
<a href="#">Traffic - Pedestrians</a>	32.00		1994	32.03 - Add words, symbol, and audible direction for crosswalk signals noting that such directions exist at several intersections across campus and that individuals should follow the direction provided by those guides.
<a href="#">Mobility Devices- Traffic</a>	33.00		2019	32.03(b) - Change to Secretary's title. Add link to National Bike Registry for reference as a resource to users of the ordinance.
<a href="#">Accidents- Traffic</a>	34.00		1994	Delete 34.04 - Broad and unnecessary.
<a href="#">Administration - Traffic</a>	35.00		2019	35.15 & 35.50 - Add rideshare vehicles to these sections of the ordinance to explicitly give the Traffic Engineer the ability to designate rideshare areas in line with other forms of transportation stands (e.g. bus stops, taxi stands, etc.) 35.01, 35.13, & 35.431, 35.471 - Grammatical changes.
<a href="#">Authority of Enforcement Officials</a>	36.00		2019	36.01 - Grammatical change at end of section. 36.04 - Amend section to clarify this section is applicable only to accidents involving University vehicles to match current enforcement/practice.
<a href="#">Wildlife</a>	37.00		2015	37.21 - Remove molest terminology. Add language here and 37.01 to recognize pest control of birds/wildlife is conducted by IPF/designee both inside and outside Ingham County.  37.24 & 37.30 - Change name of office to 'Real Estate Office. No longer named Land Management.
<a href="#">Roller Skates and Similar Devices</a>	38.00		2019	38.01 - Add hoverboards reference from Ordinance 12.00 to explicitly restrict on sidewalks along with other forms of individual transport currently listed in Ordinance 38.00.
<a href="#">Parades, Processions, and Sound Trucks</a>	39.00		1995	39.01 - Change from 'permit' to 'approval' from 'Secretary or designee.' Conforms to current practice and is clearer to reader on who to contact for approval/permission. Add cross-reference to Ordinance 15.00 related to amplified sound.
<a href="#">Defrauding or Cheating</a>	40.00		1994	No changes.
<a href="#">Use of Rest Rooms/Locker Rooms for Opposite Sex</a>	41.00	X	1994	Rescind. Overlaps with statutory provisions.
<a href="#">Vehicle Tampering by Unauthorized Persons</a>	42.00		1994	No changes.
<a href="#">False Information</a>	43.00	X	1994	Rescind. Duplicative of statutory provisions.
<a href="#">Impersonating a Police Officer</a>	44.00		1994	No changes
<a href="#">Interference with Police Animals</a>	45.00		1994	No changes.
<a href="#">Failure to Obey a Police Officer</a>	46.00		1994	No changes.
<a href="#">Obstructing Official Business</a>	47.00		2012	Update "Ordinance 4" to Ordinance 4.00."
<a href="#">Emergency Directives and Executive Orders</a>	48.00		2006	Remove gendered language related to the President's designee.
<a href="#">Severance Provision</a>	49.00		1994	No changes.
<a href="#">University Zoning Ordinance</a>	N/A		1996	Assign number for ordinance (50.00) and renumber sections of ordinance. Grammatical changes.