



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Action Summary

Committee Name: Academic Affairs

Date: April 11, 2025

Agenda Item: Ordinance Updates

Information

Review

Action

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the changes to Ordinance 9.00: Aircraft, Ordinance 20.00: Curfew, Ordinance 34.00: Accidents - Traffic, Ordinance 35.00: Administration - Traffic, Ordinance 37.00: Wildlife as indicated in Attachments A-F.

Recommendation:

The Secretary to the Board of Trustees recommends that the Board of Trustees approve updates to Ordinances 9, 20, 34, 35, and 37 as indicated in Attachment A-F.

Prior Action by BOT:

Responsible Officers:

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

Summary:

The proposed ordinance changes reflect the University’s commitment to inclusivity, community engagement, and environmental stewardship. The changes aim to promote a more welcoming and accessible campus environment, while also aligning with the University's values and policies as a land-grant institution.

The proposed changes to **Ordinance 9.00 – Aircraft** include language restricting landing/departing any aircraft, manned or unmanned, from MSU property as permissible under state law. This change accurately captures MSU’s authority over aircrafts and the intent that no unauthorized aircrafts, regardless if they are manned or unmanned, will be permitted on campus.

The proposed changes to **Ordinance 20.00 – Curfew** conform with state law regarding curfew and the definition of minors. The updated title now defines minors as individuals 17 years or younger, ensuring consistency with the state's legal definition. This change is intended to provide clarity on the application of the curfew ordinance, which regulates the hours during which minors can be in or on public streets, highways, alleys, and parks.

The proposed changes to **Ordinances 34: Accidents - Traffic and 35: Administration - Traffic** remove gendered language to align with the University's inclusive values. This revision reflects the University's commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members of the community. The additional change to reporting damage \$1,000 or higher reflects changes in state law. Additionally, DPPS no longer keeps a book or requires a record of taxi companies or licenses of that sort.

The proposed changes to **Ordinance 37: Wildlife** expand fishing opportunities to the public, students, faculty, and staff across the University's campus. The original ordinance, established in the 1960s, banned hunting, fishing, and gathering on campus due to its designation as a wildlife preserve. However, after significant review and community support, the University has decided to revise the ordinance to expand catch and release fishing on campus. This change is expected to provide additional recreational activities, promote the value of the Red Cedar River as a natural resource, and encourage public access to the University's campus. The additions will simplify regulations and aid in clarity where enforcement is needed. Changes to the Secretary's guidelines implementing the Ordinance under 37.01 are included in the resolution packet for reference.

Background Information:

Ordinance 9.00 – Aircraft

The proposed revisions to Ordinance 9.00 clarify the University's authority over aircraft operations on MSU property, consistent with applicable state law. Historically, the ordinance did not explicitly address unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), such as drones, which have become increasingly common in recent years. The updated language closes this gap by stating that no aircraft—manned or unmanned—may land or depart from MSU property without proper authorization. This change reinforces campus safety protocols and reflects MSU's intent to manage airspace use in a manner that protects privacy, prevents disruption, and ensures compliance with state regulatory standards.

Ordinance 20.00 – Curfew

The proposed changes to Ordinance 20.00 align MSU's curfew regulations with current Michigan law by updating the definition of a minor to anyone 17 years of age or younger. Previously, the ordinance lacked clarity regarding age definitions, which could lead to inconsistent enforcement. The revision standardizes terminology and ensures the University's curfew policy reflects broader legal norms, specifically the City of East Lansing's curfew for

minors 16 and younger in. This amendment promotes greater clarity for law enforcement and enhances consistency in how the curfew is applied across campus and adjacent public areas.

Ordinances 34.00 & 35.00 – Accidents & Administration (Traffic)

Proposed updates to Ordinances 34.00 and 35.00 include the removal of gendered language to better reflect MSU's institutional commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. These revisions align with the University's broader efforts to use inclusive and modernized language in all official policies and documents. Additionally, language concerning damage thresholds has been updated to reflect current Michigan state law, which now requires accident reporting for damage of \$1,000 or more. The ordinance also removes outdated language requiring DPPS to maintain a registry of taxi companies, a practice no longer in effect, streamlining administrative processes and aligning regulations with current operational procedures.

Ordinance 37.00 – Wildlife & Fishing Guidelines

The decision to expand fishing opportunities on campus is also driven by the University's goal to promote environmental stewardship and community engagement. The most recent change to the ordinance was in 2013 to formally allow fishing in specific locations, but only as catch-and-release. The current parts of river where fishing is allowed has some steep banks, which makes it less safe for anglers than other stretches of the river. Due to the Red Cedar River being a navigable water body, state regulations allow canoe and kayaks to navigate the entirety of the river, and these individuals are within their legal rights to have angler access from the watercraft.

The City of Lansing has recently completed a years-long project that operates as a water drainage system that keeps “tens of thousands of pounds of pollution out of the Red Cedar River.”¹ The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been stocking steelhead in the Red Cedar River for the past 15 years, and the University hopes that by allowing fishing, it can help to discourage littering and other forms of environmental degradation⁴. By providing access to fishing on campus, the University aims to promote a sense of community and shared responsibility for the environment, while also showcasing the natural beauty of the Red Cedar River. The proposed expansion of access will remove negative stereotypes that the river is dead and dingy and instead highlight that the Red Cedar is home to 30+ species of fish.

A review has been conducted to answer questions about the potential for increased bystander and/or participant injury, but literature suggests there is only a very limited potential for risk. In 2014 across the US, fishhook injuries, including those to fishing participants, that have led to emergency care occurred at a rate of roughly 120 cases per million persons.

Source of Funds:

Not applicable.

Resource Impact:

The majority of these changes will not have a resource impact because the changes are clerical and provide clarity for enforcement and compliance, except for Ordinance 37 and the Fishing Guidelines. The expansion of fishing in the Red Cedar River is not expected to cause significant

¹ <https://www.wlms.com/news/a-natural-solution-to-pollution-comes-to-frandor-area/>

environmental damage due to the safety ordinances in place and the substantial stocking of steelhead by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). These measures have helped maintain a healthy balance between fishing activities and the river's ecosystem, ensuring the protection of the wildlife and their habitats within and around the river and campus. As a result, the increased fishing activity is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the environment, allowing for a sustainable coexistence between recreational fishing and conservation efforts.

There is a potential cost of additional or updated signage along the river. Landscape services has indicated they are willing to design and install safety and regulatory signage and will actively monitor the need for additional signage or changes needed to enhance safety.



Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 9.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Aircraft

9.01 Landing of

9.02 Unmanned aircraft

.01 No person, excepting law enforcement authorities acting in the performance of their duties, shall without approval of the Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety, or their designee, land or depart any aircraft, including any unmanned aircraft except any unmanned aircraft system, or depart in any aircraft, on system 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.

Enacted: September 15, 1964

Amended: December 10, 1994

Amended: April 14, 1995

Amended: December 14, 2012

Amended: September 6, 2024

Amended: April 11, 2025

See also: University Policy on Drones



Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 20.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Curfew

20.01 Minors under ~~17-18~~ years of age

20.02 Assisting, aiding, or abetting minors

.01 No person who is twelve (12) years 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 6 a.m. and no person who is seventeen (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 12 a.m. ~~0 p.m.~~ and 6⁷ a.m.¹ 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 a parent or guardian, or unless the minor is an enrolled student at Michigan State University.

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

Enacted: September 15, 1964

Amended: August 22, 1973

Amended: December 10, 1994

Amended: September 6, 2024

¹[https://library.municode.com/mi/east_lansing/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH26OF_ARTIIIOF_AGPUPEOR_DIV3NO#:~:text=Under%20age%2012.,\(3\)%20of%20this%20section.](https://library.municode.com/mi/east_lansing/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH26OF_ARTIIIOF_AGPUPEOR_DIV3NO#:~:text=Under%20age%2012.,(3)%20of%20this%20section.)

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Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 34.00

ORDINANCE NAME: 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 Duty when striking unattended vehicle**
- 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 they have** 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 their name, address and the registration number of the vehicle he is driving and shall upon request exhibit their 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.

.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.

.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 their name and address and of the registration number of the vehicle they are driving, and shall upon request exhibit their operator's or chauffeur's license and shall make a report of such accident as provided in Section 34.03 of this ordinance.

Enacted: September 15, 1964

Amended: December 10, 1994

Amended: September 6, 2024

Amended: April 11, 2025



Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 35.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Administration - Traffic

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- 35.02 Duties of Traffic Engineer**
- 35.021 Traffic control orders**
- 35.03 Stop signs; authority; erection of**
- 35.04 Stopping, standing, or parking; authority to establish and erect signs**
- 35.05 Speed restrictions; authority to establish and erect signs**
- 35.51 Prima facie limit outside business-residential area**
- 35.52 Prima facie limit in business-residential area**
- 35.53 Prima facie limit in alleys and service drives**
- 35.06 One-way roadways and alleys; authority to establish and erect signs**
- 35.07 Crosswalks, safety zones and traffic lanes**
- 35.71 Authority to designate and maintain crosswalks**
- 35.72 Authority to establish safety zones**
- 35.73 Authority to designate traffic lanes**
- 35.08 Restricted turn signs; authority to erect**
- 35.09 Turning markers; authority to place to direct turns**
- 35.10 Through streets; authority to designate; stop signs required at entrances**
- 35.11 Play streets; authority to establish**
- 35.12 Parking; authority to establish parking and tow away zones**
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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 and shall exercise the powers and duties provided in this ordinance in a manner prescribed by the Board of Trustees 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety, their designee or other officials as determined by the board.

.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 the Traffic Engineer 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 they shall find a stop required, except at those intersections which are controlled by fully functioning automatic signals or other traffic-control devices.

.04 Stopping, standing or parking: The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 their opinion, such stopping, standing or parking of vehicles interferes with the movement of traffic thereon.

.05 Speed restrictions: The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 they shall find that there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway and when they 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 they shall find that there is particular danger to pedestrians and which are consistent with State law, and where they shall find that the existence of a safety zone will reduce that danger;

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

.08 Restricted turn signs: The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety is hereby authorized to declare and to establish, whenever they 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety when so authorized by the board may prohibit all-night parking and erect signs giving notice thereof upon any street or portion thereof whenever in their opinion such prohibition is necessary or advisable in the interest of public safety.

.14 Loading zones: The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety.

.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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 they 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~~they may cause to be erected by the carrier for whom said stand is designated.

.16 Metered parking zones in area: The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and

Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 their 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 ninety (90) days.

.181 The Traffic Engineer or ~~Police Chief and~~ Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety may test traffic-control devices under actual conditions of traffic.

.19 Traffic-control devices: The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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~~ shethy 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 ninety (90) days provided for in Section 35.18.

.23 The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 their supervision to be operated on University property contrary to the provisions of such regulations.

.26* The Traffic Engineer or Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety.

.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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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 them 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 a traffic citation to them in writing.

.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 Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety or their authorized agent.

.367 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.

.378 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.

.389 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.

.3940 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 (3) 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.

.404 Traffic violations: The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety or 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 (5-year) period and from that time on the record shall be maintained complete for the most recent five-year (5-year) period and in accord with existing Michigan statutes.

.412 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;

.4121 Such records shall accumulate during at least a five-year (5-year) period and from that time on such records shall be maintained complete for at least the most recent five-year (5-year) period.

.423 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;

.4231 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~~ action but shall be available to governmental agencies for the purpose of furnishing statistical information as to the number and cause of accidents.

.434 Copy of complaint: The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety shall maintain a file of one (1) duplicate copy of the complaint corresponding to each traffic citation issued;

.4341 The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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.

.445 Warrants: The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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.

.456 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.

.467 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.

.4671 Every police officer who, in the course of their regular duties, investigates a motor vehicle accident shall file a report of ~~his or her~~ their 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 \$1,000 to the Director of State Police on forms provided by the Department of State Police.

.478 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.

.489 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.

.4891 The number of traffic accidents, the number of persons killed, the number of persons injured, and other pertinent traffic accident data;

.4892 The number of traffic accidents investigated and other pertinent data on the safety activities of the department;

.4893 Plans and recommendations for future traffic enforcement activities.

~~.4950* Taxicab and rideshare regulation: The Chief of Police and Executive Director of Public Safety 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.~~

*Denotes Civil Infraction

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Board of Trustees Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 37.00

ORDINANCE NAME: Wildlife

- .01 Wildlife sanctuary designation; prohibitions regarding wildlife
- .02 Wildlife sanctuary designations outside Ingham County
- .21 Prohibitions regarding wildlife
- .22 Permission for controlled hunting and trapping
- .23 Open hunting and trapping
- .24 Designations made by governing offices
- .03 Fishing prohibited; exemptions

.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 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 the Board of Trustees. Shooting or taking of birds or wildlife is prohibited except for pest control authorized by the University.

GUIDELINES AND FISHING BOUNDARIES 37.01

.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 Shooting or taking of birds or wildlife is prohibited except for pest control authorized by the University.

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

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

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

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

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Board of Trustees

GUIDELINE NAME: Michigan State University Fishing Guidelines

Michigan State University Fishing Guidelines

Individuals who engage in recreational fishing in the Red Cedar River must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Maintain a current fishing license from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and license must be available for inspection at all times while fishing
- Adhere to all fishing regulations established by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Only catch and release fishing is permitted.
- Practice angling behavior that does not endanger the health and well-being of others
- No alterations of the landscape may be made, and all trash must be properly disposed
- Adhere to University ordinance 11.00 prohibiting launching motor propelled boating on University property
- Fishing off any bridge is prohibited as well as along either bank between the Wells Hall Bridge and the spillway structure near the Hannah Administration Building.