

Chapter 20

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\*State law reference—Michigan penal code, MCL 750.1 et seq.

**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Secs. 20-1—20-18. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY****Sec. 20-19. Explosive articles.**

No gunpowder, nitroglycerine, dynamite or other explosive substance shall be introduced into the village except for the purpose of being transported through the village in accordance with the requirements of law, and no person shall keep such substances within the village for any purpose or under any pretense, except by special permission of the village council.

(Code 1988, § 2.412)

**State law reference**—Explosives act, MCL 29.41 et seq.

**Sec. 20-20. Fireworks.**

No fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, or other explosives of a like nature shall be kept or used within the limits of the village except in such quantities and in such place as shall be approved by the village council.

(Code 1988, § 2.413)

**State law reference**—Fireworks, MCL 750.243a et seq.

**Sec. 20-21. Discharge of firearms.**

No firearms shall be discharged within the limits of the village except by an authorized police officer.

(Code 1988, § 2.415)

**State law reference**—Firearms and weapons, MCL 750.222 et seq.

**Sec. 20-22. BB guns and air guns.**

It shall be unlawful for anyone to use in a careless manner a BB gun or air gun of any type within the corporate limits of the village.

(Code 1988, § 2.416)

**State law reference**—Use or possession of BB handgun by minor, MCL 752.891.

**Secs. 20-23—20-47. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE III. LOITERING****Sec. 20-48. Purpose.**

The purposes of this article shall be to prohibit the gathering of people in public places for unlawful or mischievous purposes, to prohibit persons from loitering or standing in, near or upon public or private places, unless for a valid, proper, peaceful and lawful purpose.

(Ord. No. 37, § 2, 1-4-2000)

**Sec. 20-49. Prohibited actions.**

(a) No person shall collect or congregate in crowds, nor arrange, encourage or abet the collection of persons or crowds for illegal, violent, destructive or mischievous purposes on any street, alley, sidewalk, park, ground or other place open to public use.

(b) No person shall incite any disturbance, violence or damage to persons or property or aid or abet the assemblage of persons where such gathering is likely to cause such public or private disturbance, violence, damage or riot.

(c) No person shall, either individually or with others, stand, loiter, stroll or collect in groups for any unlawful, violent, destructive or mischievous purpose or without reasonable lawful cause, or in any manner which would intentionally inconvenience or interfere with others lawfully, peacefully and properly occupying any place, either public or private, in the village; no such person shall refuse to leave any such place upon the request of any person having lawful supervision or control of said place. Such places shall include, among others, any and all schools, hospitals and governmental or municipal properties.

(Ord. No. 37, § 3, 1-4-2000)