

**VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN**  
**DISORDERLY PERSON ORDINANCE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 176**

AN ORDINANCE TO DESCRIBE THE OFFENSE OF BEING A DISORDERLY PERSON AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

**THE VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Disorderly conduct* means any person who shall do any act or engage in any practice enumerated in section 2, as well as any person who shall aid and abet another to do any such act or engage in such practice.

**SECTION 2 ENUMERATION OF PROHIBITED ACTS OR PRACTICES**

No person shall be disorderly in the Village. Disorderly conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following acts or practices:

- A. Intoxication in a public place and either endangering directly the safety of another person or of property or acting in a manner which causes a public disturbance.
- B. Being under the influence of any narcotic drugs.
- C. Drinking any alcoholic liquor in or on any public street, park or place.
- D. Discharging any firearms, air rifle, or other dangerous weapon within or into the Village, or possessing any such dangerous weapon in any Public Street, park, or place unless the weapon is licensed as required by law or securely wrapped or encased.
- E. Engaging in any window peeping.
- F. Begging in any public place.
- G. Swimming or bathing in the nude in any public place.
- H. Uttering any vile, blasphemous, vulgar, or obscene language in any public place or in such a way as to subject the public or any woman or child to such language.
- I. Making any indecent exposure of one's person.
- J. Willfully destroying or damaging or in any manner defacing, destroying, injuring or tampering with any property not his own, or marking or posting handbills on, or in any manner marring the walls of any public building, or any fence, tree or pole within the Village, or taking, or meddling with any property belonging to the Village or removing the same from the building or place where it may be kept, placed, standing or stored, without authority from the custodian of such property.
- K. Accosting, molesting, or otherwise annoying, either by word of mouth, whistle, or by sign or motion, any person in any public place.
- L. Spitting on any street or sidewalk, or in any public carrier, public building, or place of public assemblage, except in receptacles place there for such purposes.

- M. Collecting or standing in crowds or arranging, encouraging, or abetting the collection of persons in crowds for illegal or mischievous purposes in any public place.
- N. Engaging in any disturbance, fight, or quarrel in any public place.
- O. Jostling or roughly crowding persons in any street, alley, park, or public building.
- P. Conducting oneself in any public place so as to obstruct the free and uninterrupted passage of the public.
- Q. Engaging in prostitution or soliciting or accosting any person for the purpose of inducing the commission of any illegal or immoral act.
- R. Keeping or maintaining, or permitting the use of a gambling room, table, or equipment, or any policy or pool tickets, to be used for gambling on any premises occupied or controlled by such person unless properly licensed.
- S. Conducting or attending any cockfight or dogfight.
- T. Placing, receiving, or transmitting any bet on the outcome of any race, contest, or game of any kind whatsoever.
- U. Permitting or suffering any place occupied or controlled by a person to be a resort of noisy, boisterous, or disorderly persons.
- V. Disturbing the public peace and quiet by loud, boisterous, or vulgar conduct.
- W. Obstructing, resisting, hindering, or opposing any member of the police force, or any peace officer in the discharge of his duties as such.
- X. Entering any garden or orchard located within the Village without the consent of the owner or tenant, or his agent, and there cut down, damage, destroy, eat, or carry away any portion of such garden, including any growing thing, crop, tree, timber, grass seed, soil, fertilizer, water supply, tool, implement, fence, or any other protective device or any other thing used for the development, cultivation, maintenance, and use of the gardens or orchards.
- Y. Disturbing any service of worship or any other assembly gathered for lawful purposes.
- Z. Knowingly selling, giving, or furnishing liquor or beer to any drunken, intoxicated, or disorderly person, or to any habitual drunkard.
- AA. Urinating or defecating (a) while on any public street, sidewalk, alley, park, parking lot, parking structure, public carrier or any other place open to the public; or (b) while on or in any private property when said act is open to public view; or (c) while on or in the private property of another without the consent of the owner.

### SECTION 3

Any person convicted of violating or assisting in the violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 and cost of prosecution or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 90 days or both at the discretion of the court.

### SECTION 4

Ordinance 40 and any other ordinance or parts of any ordinance of the Village of Mattawan in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

## SECTION 5

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or subsection is declared void or inoperable for any reason, it shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

## SECTION 6

This Ordinance shall become effective June 25, 1999.