

Clark Township Ordinance No. 68

Disturbing the Peace

Adopted: August 13, 1986

Amended: June 16, 2021

This Ordinance was created to define the offense of Disturbing the Peace and to provide for the punishment thereof.

Whereas, in the interest of protecting and promoting public health, safety, peace, and general welfare, Clark Township sets the community's "Quiet Time" as 10 pm-7am.

Any sounds which annoy, injure, or endanger the comfort, convenience, repose, health, and safety of a reasonable person during designated 'quiet time' constitutes Disturbing the Peace. Any sound over 70 dBA during the Township's quiet time, as measured from outside the perimeter of the property line wherein the disturbance originates, is in violation of this ordinance.

Blocking or obstructing any road, sidewalk, footpath, right of way or easement; preventing the proper and peaceful conduct of business and its customers; impeding ingress or egress of a property without legal process, and creating excessive lighting, smoke, or air pollution are all considered Disturbing the Peace.

Except as provided in the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (Act 256 of 2011), the ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks during Quiet Time is prohibited and constitutes Disturbing the Peace. (Act 256 allows consumer fireworks from 11:00 am to 11:45 pm on January 1st; Saturday & Sunday preceding Memorial Day; June 29th – July 4th; July 5th if that date is a Friday or Saturday; Saturday & Sunday preceding Labor Day; and December 31st)

Both consumer & commercial fireworks are prohibited on Clark Township property unless a permit has been granted.

It is unlawful for a person to loiter or prowl "under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity", constitutes Disturbing the Peace.

These violations can be determined, but not limited to be, mechanical, manmade, animal, or natural at the discretion of the Clark Township Code Enforcement Officer. Violators of Ordinance No. 68 are subject to a fine of no less than \$100.



Susan J. Rutledge, Clark Township Clerk