

## REGULATION OF SIDEWALKS AND PATHS

The Township of Laketon ordains:

**Section 1. Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

- a. *Bicycle* or *Bike* means a device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having either two or three wheels in a tandem or tricycle arrangement; provided, however, that a front-wheel drive power-assisted device, having construction substantially similar to a bicycle, shall be considered a bicycle.
- b. *Moped* means a two- or three-wheeled vehicle with operable pedals which is equipped with a motor that does not exceed 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement, produces 1.5 brake horsepower or less, and cannot propel the vehicle at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour on a level surface; provided, however, that the term shall not include a front-wheel drive power-assisted bicycle.
- c. *Motorcycle* means a motor vehicle having a saddle or seat for the use of a rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.
- d. *Motor vehicle* means a vehicle which is self-propelled.
- e. *Sidewalk* or *path* means the portion of a street right-of-way and adjacent easements between the curb-lines, or the lateral lines of the roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians, bicycles and other uses specifically authorized by this Ordinance.
- f. *Snowmobile* means a motor-driven vehicle designed for travel primarily on snow or ice of a type which utilizes sled-type runners or skis, an endless belt tread or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated.
- g. *Vehicle* means a device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices exclusively moved by human power.

**Section 2. General authority.** This Ordinance shall not be construed to prohibit the township, or any officer, employee or agent thereof, from exercising all reasonable and necessary governmental powers with respect to the use, maintenance and repair of sidewalks and paths.

**Section 3. Use by vehicle; restricted.** No person shall operate a snowmobile, motorcycle, moped or other motor vehicle upon any sidewalk or path within the township; provided,

however, that this section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of sidewalks and paths by pedestrians or persons using motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs or bicycles. A front-wheel drive power-assisted bicycle having a motor which produces 1.5 brake horsepower or less shall be permitted on a sidewalk or path when the power assistance is not being used.

**Section 4. Pedestrian right-of-way.** A person operating a bicycle or using roller skates, roller blades or skate boards on a sidewalk or path shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian, shall keep as closely as possible to the right hand side and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

**Section 5. Horses.** No person shall ride, walk or lead a horse on a sidewalk or path.

**Section 6. Damage.** No person shall willfully and maliciously, or wantonly and without cause, destroy, injure, mutilate, deface, paint on, write on or otherwise damage a sidewalk or path.

**Section 7. Parking, burning, depositing materials.** No person shall park any vehicle, trailer, mobile home, motor home, camper or boat upon a sidewalk or path so as to obstruct the free passage of others. No person shall deposit or burn any leaves, branches, grass, brush or other yard debris upon a sidewalk or path, or deposit any earth, trash, rubbish, cans, bottles, broken glass, nails, garbage cans or other dangerous objects or debris upon a sidewalk or path.

**Section 8. Banners.** No person shall suspend any sign, banner, printed leaflet or other similar object above a sidewalk or path, nor shall any person tape or affix any sign, banner, printed leaflet or other similar object to a sidewalk or path without the express written authorization of the township supervisor, or, if the town supervisor is unavailable, the township clerk.

**Section 9. Construction Projects.** If any construction project results in damage to a sidewalk or path, then all that damage shall be fully repaired within ten days after the construction project is complete. If weather conditions prohibit full restoration of the sidewalk or path to its former condition within that ten-day period, then the sidewalk or path shall be temporarily patched and restored so as to permit reasonable utilization by bicycles and pedestrians within that ten-day period and full repair and restoration to its former condition shall then be completed as soon as weather permits. In addition, as a condition to the issuance of any necessary construction permits, the township may require adequate financial security in the form of a cash or surety bond to assure the repair and restoration of the sidewalk or path.

**Section 10. Violation; penalties.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.