

CHAPTER 1062
Village Harbor

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CROSS REFERENCES

Parks generally - see Mich. Const. Art. 7, Sec. 23
Municipal navigational facilities - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 281.541 et seq.
Harbor Development Act - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 281.1251 et seq.
Harbor Master - see ADM. Ch. 248
Village/Township Harbor Commission - see ADM. Ch. 294
Speed limits on Pigeon River - see TRAF. 470.01
Docking privileges on Pigeon River - see TRAF. 470.02
Destruction of water traffic devices - see GEN. OFF. 666.01(24)

1062.01 HARBOR LIMITS.

The Village Harbor shall include all the navigable waters in the Village and all lagoons, wing dams, wharves, docks, revetments and piers adjacent thereto.

1062.02 DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter, "vessel, craft and float" includes every kind of steam, sailing or other craft or vessel, and every barge, raft or scow, including all gasoline or hand-propelled craft.

1062.03 WATER TRAFFIC CONTROL.

The Village Harbor Master shall give such orders and directions relative to the location, change of place or station, manner of moving or use of the Harbor of or by every vessel, craft or float lying, moving, anchored or laid up in the Harbor as may be necessary to promote good order therein and the safety and equal convenience of such vessels, craft and floats, and to regulate the same so that the Harbor shall not be unnecessarily congested.

1062.04 DUMPING; GARBAGE AND RUBBISH.

No person shall throw, dump or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown, dumped or deposited, any garbage, refuse or other unwholesome substance, or any stone, timber, rubbish, junk or similar substance, upon the margin, within the limits or into the waters of the Harbor, or into the waters of Lake Huron or Saginaw Bay, except with a written permit from the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator and under the supervision of the Village Harbor Master.

1062.05 PILINGS.

No person shall drive any piles or deposit any timber, stone or other substance or structure so as to project above or below the surface of the waters of the Harbor or any part thereof, or beyond the established dock lines, without written permission of the Village Harbor Master. All pilings, timber, stone or other substance or structure so placed or laid is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

1062.06 OBSTRUCTIONS; PREVENTING FREE PASSAGE.

No vessel, craft or float shall be moored or anchored in the Harbor or laid up along side any dock or wharf in such a manner as to prevent the passage of other vessels, crafts or floats. The Village Harbor Master may remove, or order the removal of any vessel, craft or float so anchored, moored or laid up when it is necessary to do so to facilitate the passage of other vessels, crafts or floats.

1062.07 ABANDONING VESSELS/STRUCTURES.

(a) No person shall allow any vessel, craft, structure or vehicle to sink or remain in the Harbor. Any vessel, craft, structure or vehicle which shall be or allowed to sink or remain in the Harbor is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and may be removed at the expense of the owner or party leaving the craft or any of the abovementioned structures.

(b) All docks or structures, on or in the navigable section of the Pigeon River through the Village, shall be removed by November 15th of each year to prevent movement by ice flows. Docks or structures may be installed after March 15th of each year, after the river ice has melted, conditions permitting.

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1062.08 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

Every person owning, leasing or in possession of premises abutting on the Harbor shall at all times keep the wharves, docks and revetments of such premises in good repair and condition. No person owning, leasing or in possession of premises abutting on the Harbor shall encroach upon the Harbor lines as now established or as may hereafter be established.

1062.09 OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT.

Every person operating a vessel, craft or float shall do so in a manner that will not endanger the lives of property of other persons using the Harbor facilities. Every person shall, at all times, observe all laws and regulations governing the operation of such craft as enacted by the State.

1062.10 VIOLATIONS.

No master, owner or person in possession, charge or control of any vessel, craft or float, or any other person, shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, or refuse or otherwise fail to comply with any lawful order of the Village Harbor Master given under the authority of this chapter.

1062.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty is no specific penalty is provided.)