

**Roscommon Township Ordinance #18**  
**Dock Ordinance**

Adopted at a regular meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1970; effective date May 14, 1970  
Amended at a regular meeting May 2, 1989  
Amended at a regular meeting December 7, 1999; effective January 15, 2000  
Ordinance #54 -Municipal Civil Infraction fee schedule-  
Amended by Resolution #2007-3-6d

ROSCOMMON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #18, an ordinance to limit and govern erection and regulate the use of docks at the ends of public streets, leading to lakes in the Township of Roscommon and to regulate parking on streets approaching such docks.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSCOMMON ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** No more than one dock shall be allowed at the end of any public street leading to any lake in the Township of Roscommon.

**Section 2.** No dock more than four feet (4') in width or more than one hundred feet (100') in length shall be allowed at the end of any public street, leading to any lake in the Township of Roscommon.

**Section 3.** No dock shall be permitted to extend from the end of any public street, leading to any lake in the Township of Roscommon, unless the same bears the name and address of the owner thereof and of the party responsible for its erection and use.

**Section 4.** All such docks shall be so aligned as to remain within the area of the street extended, and with respect to street improved by launching ramps, such docks may be located only on one side or the other so as not to interfere with use of the launching ramp; otherwise, such docks may be extended from the middle of the street.

**Section 5.** All such docks shall be required to be structurally sound; in the event the same are affixed to steel posts driven into the lake bottom, such posts shall be capped so as to cover or eliminate points and rough edges.

**Section 6.** All such docks shall be maintained free of any restriction or prohibition against use by the general public; such signs as "Keep Off" or "Private Dock" are prohibited thereon.

**Section 7.** Docks shall not be enlarged with a "T" larger than twenty feet (20') in length, and shall in no way interfere or restrict the launching of boats, or infringe on the riparian rights of the adjacent property owners.

**Section 8.** Mooring to such docks or anchoring of boats within the area of the street shall in no way interfere or restrict the transient launching of boats, or infringe on the riparian rights of the adjacent property owners.

**Section 9.** Any individual or group of individuals erecting a dock according to this ordinance, hereby assumes any liability for its erection and public use, and agrees by the erection of this non-exclusive private dock to hold Roscommon Township harmless from any liability for its erection and private use.

**Section 10.** Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine. (as authorized by Section 21 of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, and the Roscommon Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance.)

**PENALTIES**

First violation within a 3 year period: \$75.

Second violation within a 3 year period: \$150.

Third violation within a 3 year period: \$300.

Fourth violation within a 3 year period: \$450.

In addition to the above prescribed civil fines, cost in the amount of \$20 may be assessed by the bureau if the fine is not paid within 10 days of date of service of the municipal ordinance violation notice.

Each day on which any violation of this Ordinance occurs or continues, constitutes a separate offense subject to separate sanctions.

A true and complete copy of these ordinances is available at Roscommon Township hall - 8555 Knapp Rd., Houghton Lake, MI 48629