

**MARION TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 1996 - 37**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION,  
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE  
PRESENCE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES, AND UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES,  
AND FURTHER PERMITTING ENACTMENT OF  
REGULATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON  
PROPERTY MANAGED AND/OR OWNED BY MARION  
TOWNSHIP**

**SECTION 1. TITLE AND APPLICABILITY**

- A. This Ordinance shall be known as "THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY ORDINANCE."
- B. This Ordinance shall apply to all property owned and/or managed by Marion Township.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE**

It is the intent, purpose and scope of this ordinance to protect and promote safety, health and morals in the public use of property owned and/or managed by Marion Township. It is secondarily the purpose of this ordinance to limit liability of Marion Township by restricting activities of the public on said properties to those deemed to constitute safe and legitimate use.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section:

1. **Unlicensed Motor Vehicles:** Any motor vehicles which either lack a visible license registration number, bear such a number which has expired, or is a type of vehicle for which state registration and licensing is unavailable.
2. **Prohibited Motor Vehicles:** Three and four wheel all-terrain-vehicles, dirt bikes, and other vehicles creating a nuisance.
3. **Township:** The government of Marion Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

## SECTION 4. REGULATIONS

A. The Township may enact regulations for the maintenance of order on the grounds of any open space owned and/or managed by the Township. A copy of Township regulations shall be posted at prominent places on each property owned and/or managed by the Township.

B. The presence of unlicensed motor vehicles, illegal drugs or open containers of alcoholic beverages on any property owned or managed by the Township is strictly prohibited. There shall be no discharge of firearms on property posted against such discharge and owned or managed by the Township.

Any person found possessing such items within the confines of such property shall, in a civil proceeding be sentenced to pay a civil penalty of not more than \$300 and costs of prosecution. Each days violation shall constitute a separate violation. In addition, the Township may avail itself of remedies as provided by state law.

C. In the event of violations of the rules of order on open spaces:

1. The violator will receive a verbal warning (parents or guardians of minors caught violating the regulations of this Ordinance will be contacted). The incident will be recorded and dated by a Township official;
2. Second violations by the same violator will result in suspension from some or all Township properties for a period up to one week;
3. Subsequent violations will result in suspension for one calendar year;
4. These provisions are in addition to any other penalties imposed by this Ordinance and are further in addition to any other federal, state or county penalties.

## SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

This Ordinance and regulations may be enforced by any Township Supervisor, police officer having jurisdiction within the Township, or other Township Park and Recreation Board members.

## SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such finding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had all unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof not been included herein.

## SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 14th day of May, 1996.