

Ordinance Number 12

An ordinance relation to the Preservation of the Public Peace in the Village of Muir to be known as ordinance number twelve.

The Village of Muir ordains:

Section I It shall be unlawful for any person to be found lurking lying in wait or concealed in any house or other building or in any yard or other premises within the limits of the village of Muir with the intent to do any mischief or to pilfer or to commit any crime whatever.

Section II It shall be unlawful for any person to make, aid, countenance or assist in making any noise, riot, charivari, or to be engaged in any indecent, immoral, or insulting conduct or to speak any indecent, immoral, profane, or blasphemous or insulting language in any building in the streets, in any public place or elsewhere in said village. It shall be unlawful for any persons to collect in bodies or crowds in said village to the annoyance or disturbance of the citizens or travelers, or so as to impede the passage of any street or sidewalk in said village.

Section III It shall be unlawful for any person upon any street or alley in said village to ring any bell or make any other loud noise excepting duly licensed so to do, for the purpose of collecting crowds of people together within said village.

Section IV It shall be unlawful for any person to be found drunk within the limits of the village of Muir.

Section V No person shall either by himself or by his clerk, servant, agent, or employee keep or cause to be kept open his store, shop, saloon, restaurant, billiard room, ball alley or other place of business, pleasure resort or amusement now allow any persons to assemble therein upon the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday, nor shall any persons give, make or be present at or take any part in or in any manner engage in or permit any premises owned or occupied by him, any public

diversion, show, exhibition, theatrical representation, dance, game, play, or sport within said village upon the first day of the week commonly called Sunday.

Section VI Every such act which shall at any time after this ordinance shall take effect, be committed by any person in violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Section VII All saloons, restaurants, billiard halls, and all other places of public resorts and all other places occupied or resorted to by the people for any games or sports or for any amusements except as hereinafter provided for, shall be closed at ten o'clock at night upon every week day, and shall be kept closed thereafter until five o'clock the following morning. This ordinance shall not be construed as intended to prohibit any person from engaging in any business upon the first day of the week which shall be required to be performed upon the grounds of necessity or charity nor shall this ordinance apply to regular hotels except to the bar therein, which hotels shall be licensed as such nor to public lectures, meetings, and musical concerts, which the public shows or exhibitions that shall be duly licensed by the village authorities.

Section VIII Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished upon conviction thereof by a fine not less than three dollars nor more than fifty dollars with costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the county jail of Ionia County at hard labor not less than five days, nor exceeding sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court and in case any offenders under this ordinance being sentenced to pay a fine and costs, the court shall order that upon default of such payment such offender shall be imprisoned in the county jail of Ionia County at hard labor until such fine and costs shall be paid, providing that the imprisonment shall not exceed a period of sixty days, and in case both imprisonment and a fine and costs of prosecution is the penalty imposed, such

imprisonment may extend beyond the time of imprisonment designated in the sentence until such fine and costs are paid, not exceeding, however, a period of sixty days after the time of imprisonment imposed by the sentence shall have expired, but both periods of imprisonment shall not exceed ninety days.

Approved Feb. 9, 1897

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