

**TOWNSHIP OF GANGES
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN
GANGES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 1
REGULATE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE**

Adopted: November 4, 1969

Effective: November 4, 1969

Ganges Township ordains:

Section 1. No person, firm, association or corporation shall conduct, promote, sell tickets for, or hold any entertainment for the public outside of an enclosure until a permit is secured from the Township Board as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Public entertainment shall include any music festival or other musical offering, any races by horses, dogs or motor propelled vehicles, including motorcycles, and any movies, plays or dramatic productions. An enclosure shall mean any building having a permanent roof thereon.

Section 3. Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to furnish public entertainment as herein defined shall file a written application with the Township Board, setting forth the names and addresses of all parties who propose to conduct the same, its proposed location, a description of the entertainment to be offered, an estimate of the number of patrons expected to attend, the sanitary provisions to be made for such persons attending, proposed food and lodging accommodations for such persons, the admission to be charged, and the arrangements to be made for policing the gathering. With each application there shall be paid to the Clerk of the Township Board a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of examining the application, said sum not to exceed \$100.00.

Section 4. The Township Board shall examine such application and may require the applicants to appear in person and testify under oath; the Township Board shall determine if the granting of such a license would be detrimental to the health and public safety of the Township; if not, the Board shall grant a license for such period as determined by the Board, the license to be granted upon the applicant=s filing with the Board a cash bond conditioned upon the applicant providing adequate sanitary facilities and employing sufficient personnel to police the patrons attending; the conditions contained in the bond shall be deemed a part of the license by reference; the amount of the bond to be required shall be determined by the Board based upon the estimated expenses in providing sanitary facilities and police protection; if applicants fail, after the granting of the license, to provide such sanitary facilities and policing, the Board may, in addition to any other action, declare the bond forfeited.

Section 5. Any person, firm, association or corporation which shall operate such an entertainment facility as herein described without a license, or shall violate any terms or conditions of such license, if the same is granted, shall be deemed guilty of a municipal civil infraction.

Section 6. Should any phrase, item, clause or section of this Ordinance be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidation shall not be deemed to invalidate any other part or section of this Ordinance, the remainder thereof to continue in full force and effect.

Section 7. The operation of any entertainment facility as herein described, in violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed a public and private nuisance and the Township Board, or any other interested party, may commence an action in the Circuit Court for said Allegan County to abate such nuisance.

Passed by the Township Board of the Township of Ganges, Allegan County, Michigan, this 4th day of November, 1969.

(Signed) Russell Sill
Supervisor

(Signed) Waldo E. Phelps
Clerk

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