

**CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP
SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

The Board of Trustees of Carrollton Township, Saginaw County, Michigan ordains that the Carrollton Township Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

SECTION I: PURPOSE.

CHAPTER 30, OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE V. OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER, **ADDING SEC. 30-160 SPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT DURING RECREATIONAL EVENTS**, OF THE CARROLLTON TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES is hereby created to read as follows:

Sec. 30-160. – Sportsmanlike Conduct during Recreational Events.

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Code of Conduct means a written specification of the behavior of parents, guardians, players, spectators, coaches and officials adopted and implemented by each sports organization which must at a minimum incorporate this Ordinance.

Sports Event means any competition, practice, clinic or instructional event involving one or more sports teams or organizations at a facility, sports field or other property owned, operated, maintained or used by the Carrollton Township Recreation Department.

Sports Organization means any sports association, league, charter club, or club involving one or more sports teams or organizations which is affiliated with, or receives monetary or other support from, the Carrollton Township Recreation Department or Carrollton Township.

- (b) *Proscribed Conduct, Acts and Behavior.* Parents and spectators are expected to display sportsmanlike behavior at all times. The following conduct, acts and behavior are prohibited:
- (1) Any parent, guardian, player, spectator, coach or official at any sports event who initiates a fight, scuffle, or any type of physical abuse or threats of abuse towards any player, coach, official, parent, or spectator.

- (2) Any parent, guardian, player, spectator, coach or official at any sports event who enters the field of play, court or rink during any sporting event for the purpose of physically or verbally abusing or confronting coaches, players or officials.
- (3) Any parent, guardian, player, spectator, coach or official at any sports event who verbally abuses coaches, officials, players or spectators including the use of obscene or vulgar language or gestures, heckling, taunting, threats of physical harm or disrespect, racial, ethnic or sexual slurs.
- (4) Any parent, guardian, player, spectator, coach or official at any sports event who throws or causes to be deposited any object on the field of play, court or rink during any sports event.
- (5) Any parent, guardian or signatory at any sports event who commits any act in violation of any contractual agreement with the sports organization.
- (6) Any parent, guardian, player, spectator, coach or official who smells strongly of alcohol or narcotics or appears to be intoxicated or under the influence.

(c) *Violations and Enforcement.*

- (1) Any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a public nuisance. The person shall receive a warning on the first offense. The person shall be required to leave the premises on the second offense.
- (2) Habitual violators will be subject to review by the Carrollton Township Recreation Department. The Department shall conduct a hearing, with notice to the violator, and determine whether the violator shall be banned from attending games for the remainder of the season.
- (3) Those violators that have been banned from attending and choose to remove their child from the recreation sport program forfeit any registration fees paid.
- (4) This ordinance shall be enforced by the officials at the sporting event. The Carrollton Township Police Department shall have the authority to remove the violator from the premises in cases where the violator refuses to comply with this ordinance and leave the premises.

(d) *Penalties.* A violation of this ordinance constitutes a municipal civil infraction.

SECTION II: REPEAL AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III: PUBLICATION

This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper circulated within the Township of Carrollton within ten (10) days following the adoption thereof.

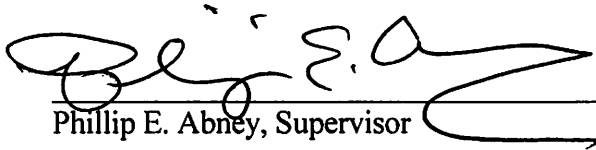
SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

Adopted: February 27, 2017

Published: March 10, 2017

Effective: April 10, 2017

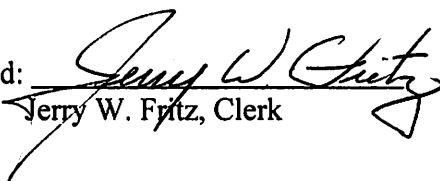

Phillip E. Abney, Supervisor


Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF SAGINAW

I, Jerry W. Fritz, the duly elected Clerk of Carrollton Township, do hereby declare that the foregoing is a complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 2017-04, which was adopted at a regular meeting of the Carrollton Township Board held February 27, 2017, the original of which proceedings is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given to and in compliance with Act 267, Public acts of Michigan, 1976.

Signed: 
Jerry W. Fritz, Clerk

Date: February 27, 2017