

RESTRICTED OVERNIGHT PARKING

DID YOU KNOW?

The Delta Township Board adopted an All-night Parking Ordinance that prohibits overnight parking between the hours of the 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Under Chapter 38, Article II, Section 26 the ordinance states:

(a) No person shall park any vehicle, including a vehicle used for commercial or recreational purposes, or any trailer on either side of any highway, freeway, street or roadway located within the township between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day.

(b) A person who violates this section is responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The civil fine associated with this section shall be set from time to time by the township board by resolution.

The fine for overnight parking civil infraction is \$15.

WHY IS OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED?

The Township receives numerous complaints related to overnight parking and deals with varying issues that arise with overnight parking. There are many reasons for restricting overnight parking, below are just a few outlining why this ordinance exists:

- 1) It ensures there will be enough room for Emergency Vehicles to pass when responding to time sensitive calls.
- 2) It keeps vehicles from impeding snow removal and emergency maintenance operations (downed electric wires, water main issues, fallen trees, etc.).
- 3) It would add to unnecessary sign clutter in areas where special parking restrictions would be necessary.
- 4) It reduces the presence of abandoned vehicles on roadways.
- 5) Overall safety for all in the Township.



HOW IS THIS ORDINANCE BEING ENFORCED?

The Eaton County Sheriff's Office – Delta Patrol systematically enforces the overnight parking ordinance throughout neighborhoods across the Township. With increased complaints, the consistent enforcement of the ordinance is necessary. Enforcement of the ordinance does not affect the response time for higher priority emergency calls.

HOW HAS THE PUBLIC BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE ORDINANCE?

Delta Township has taken great lengths to communicate with the public about the parking restrictions outlined in this ordinance. In addition to signs posted at Township Borders on major thoroughfares, it has appeared numerous times in the monthly e-Newsletter, *Talk of the Township*, has been printed in our semi-annual publication, *Delta Now!*, and has been featured in our quarterly magazine, *Delta Magazine*. Additionally, the ordinance is posted on the Township Website and has been posted to the Township Facebook page.

CAN I APPEAL A CIVIL FINE?

When issued a civil infraction, if you desire to deny responsibility an appeal to the Eaton County District Court will be submitted on your behalf by the Delta Township Accounting Department. A copy of the appeals application will then be mailed to you, as well as the Eaton County District Court. It is then your responsibility to contact the court, as outlined on the appeals application, to set up a time for a hearing with the Magistrate.

ARE THERE INSTANCES WHEN EXCEPTIONS ARE CONSIDERED?

If there are times when street parking cannot be avoided (ie: driveway repairs, occasional overnight guests, etc.) a resident may contact the Eaton County Sheriff's Office's - Delta Patrol in advance to request permission to park in the street for a short period of time. Contact the Delta Patrol at 517-323-8480.

To pay a civil infraction fine or to begin the appeals process please contact the Delta Township Accounting Office located at 7710 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917 | 517-323-8510

