

**TOWNSHIP OF ALPINE
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE #06-05
(03/20/2006)
AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 81-5**

PROHIBITED FIRE LANE PARKING

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PARKING OF ALL BUT EMERGENCY VEHICLES
IN FIRE LANES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALPINE.**

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALPINE ORDAINS;

Section 1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Fire Lane. A Fire Lane is any means of access, public or private, improved or unimproved, that is designated as a Fire Lane for use by emergency vehicles of the Fire Department.

Section 2.0 Designation of Fire Lanes

- 2.1 Designation of Fire Lanes shall be made by posting signs, which read substantially as "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" or "FIRE LANE NO PARKING TOW AWAY ZONE". The Alpine Township Fire Chief, or his designee shall be authorized to designate and require signage for Fire Lanes. All signs shall be posted and maintained by the property owner.

Section 3.0 Required Signs

- 3.1 Required signs shall not be less than one hundred (100) square inches in area. All lettering of signs shall be red letters placed on a white background. The words "FIRE LANE" shall not be less than two (2) inches in height per letter.

Section 4.0 Placement of Signs

- 4.1 Signs shall be placed at both ends of a Fire Lane and at intervals along said Fire Lane not to exceed one hundred (100) feet. Sign height shall not be less than four (4) feet and not more than six (6) feet.

Section 5.0 Enforcement

- 5.1 The Alpine Township Fire Chief or his designee, Officers of the Kent County Sheriff Department, or any duly sworn law enforcement officer are authorized to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 6.0 General Provisions

- 6.1 Parking of all non-emergency vehicles is prohibited in all designated Fire Lanes.

Section 7.0 Violations and Penalties

- 7.1 Any person, firm, corporation, trust, partnership or other legal entity which violates or refuses to comply with, or resists enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any amendment thereof, shall be responsible for a Municipal Civil Infraction and shall be punishable by a civil fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- 7.2 Means of complaint shall be made by;
1. Placing a municipal civil infraction citation on said vehicle which shall plainly state the nature of the violation or;
 2. In areas so designated "FIRE LANE NO PARKING TOW AWAY ZONE" by placing a municipal civil infraction citation on said vehicle, and when removal of a vehicle is deemed necessary in the interest of public safety due to fire, the Fire Chief or his designee, under the authority of a police agency, may remove or cause to be removed said vehicle to a place of vehicle impoundment.
- 7.3 Whenever a municipal civil infraction citation is placed on a vehicle, a copy of such citation shall be transmitted to the Alpine Township Violations Bureau where a record shall be made and kept of said violation.
- 7.4 The owner or operator of any vehicle upon which a municipal civil infraction citation has been placed, and which has been removed to a place of vehicle impoundment, may have said vehicle released by paying all charges, which are due against said vehicle by reason of impoundment to the towing agent or agency of the Township of Alpine. Any lien holder may claim an impounded vehicle by entering into an indemnity agreement with the Township of Alpine to hold harmless the Township from any and all liability the Township may incur at the hand of the registered owner for releasing said vehicle to said lien holder, and upon paying all charges due against said vehicle.

Section 8.0 Presumption of Ownership

- 8.1 In all cases of parking violations, either the registered owner or the operator of said vehicle may be proceeded against. Ownership of the vehicle shall be presumed based on records of the Michigan Secretary of State.

Section 9.0 Effective Date

9.1 This Ordinance will become effective thirty (30) days after adoption and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

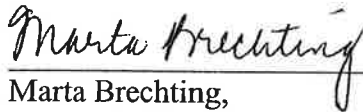
At a regular meeting held on Monday, March 20, 2006, a motion was offered by Steffens, with support from May, to approve the foregoing Ordinance #06-05. The motion carried unanimously as follows in a roll call vote.

AYE: J. Brechting, M. Brechting, Cordes, May, Steffens, Wahlfield, and Wallace.

NAY: None.

ABSENT: None.

ORDINANCE #06-05 WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

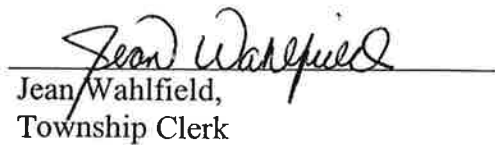


Marta Brechting,
Township Supervisor



Jean Wahlfield,
Township Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Alpine Township Board held on March 20, 2006, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.



Jean Wahlfield,
Township Clerk