

ORDINANCE NO.12

An Ordinance Relative to Religious and Other Public Meetings and the Disturbance Thereof.

THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

Sec. 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, or upon any other day or at any time, within the limits of said Decatur village, by rude or indecent behavior or talking when not asked so to do by the person in charge, or in any other way by making any noise or otherwise, disturb any assembly of people met for the purpose of worshipping God or any meeting held for any lawful purpose.

Sec. 2. Any person who on the first day of the week or at any other time shall willfully interrupt or disturb any assembly of people met for the purpose of worshipping God within the place of such meeting or outside of it but within hearing or in any way violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five or more than fifty dollars and costs of prosecution or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, and upon failure to pay such fine and costs of prosecution may be imprisoned for any time not exceeding thirty days unless payment thereof be sooner made and the person so convicted and imprisoned shall be kept at labor inside or outside such place of imprisonment under the direction of the Village Marshall of said village and if imprisonment be adjudged in any case it may be in the village prison or the county jail of Van Buren County or in any other place of confinement provided by said village for such person in the discretion of the court.

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