

## **ORDINANCE NO. 15**

An Ordinance to Prevent Incumbrances, Encroachments, Excavations or Obstructions being Placed upon Any of the Streets, Alleys, Lanes, Parks or Public Grounds of the Village of Decatur.

THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

Sec. 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to erect or place or cause to be erected or placed, any incumbrance, encroachment or obstructions of any name or nature, upon any street, lane, alley or park, public street or public ground in said Decatur village, which shall in any manner impede or obstruct the full and free passage of the entire space of such street, alley, park or public ground. And it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to dig or in any manner excavate or cause, aid or abet any other person or persons in digging or in any manner excavate any portion of any street, park or public ground within said village, without he, she or they shall first obtain permission so to do from the Council of said village, such permit to be in writing and to authorize the same to be done under the direction of the street commissioner.

Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to leave any horse, vehicle or any other object or thing whatever in such place as to in any way obstruct any street, alley, crosswalk or sidewalks, or to prevent the full, free enjoyment and passage of the entire space of such street, alley, crosswalk or sidewalk, except in the loading and unloading of vehicles necessary in the lawful carrying on of any and all lawful business and enjoyment and pleasure.

Sec. 3. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than three nor 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, together with the costs of prosecution. And upon failure of 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 Marshal 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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