

# City of East Lansing One Pager Plus

## Important Ordinances

### Bulk Item Pickup

**Ord. 1300:** In an effort to create a cleaner and safer community, the East Lansing City Council approved an amended ordinance that allows for a shortened notification period for bulk item violations.

Bulk items include furniture, appliances, carpet, mattresses and other large rubbish items that exceed 40 pounds and/or do not fit in a 32-gallon yellow City trash bag. If these items are placed at the curb without a City sticker/scheduled pickup or on the wrong day, they are in violation of the City's amended litter/bulk item ordinance. Residents now have two hours to remove these items if they receive a face-to-face notification and eight hours to remove items if a violation notification is posted outside of their residence.

A citation can be issued if bulk items are not removed from the curb in these allotted time periods, resulting in fines (currently set by the court at \$220 for similar violations) and abatement costs (\$35 if removed during regular business hours or \$150 if removed after hours.) Removed items should be placed inside of the resident's house or garage until the appropriate scheduled pickup date. For more information, or to schedule a pickup, visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/DPW](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/DPW).

### Snow and Ice Removal

**Ord. 1326:** Snow that accumulates **before noon** on a sidewalk must be cleared by midnight the same day and snow that accumulates **after noon** on a sidewalk must be cleared by midnight of the following day. For snow showers that occur on more than one consecutive day, snow must be cleared by the above stated times or within 48 hours after the first snowfall began, whichever is sooner. Ice should be cleared or an abrasive (salt, sand, etc.) should be applied within 12 hours of formation. Warnings may not always be given.

**Keep these things in mind if you leave town around the winter holidays.** You are responsible for making sure the sidewalk next to your property is maintained and clear enough for everyone to use, including those in wheelchairs. **Please note:** this ordinance also applies to sidewalks that are cleared by the City. Residents may need to do additional cleanup to ensure compliance with the ordinance. Currently, the 54B District Court assesses \$85 in fines and costs. Please note, fines and costs are determined, in part, by legislative requirements. Contact the 54B District Court at (517) 351-4568 for updated information.

### Fireworks

**Ord. 1303:** Ordinance 1303 states that it is illegal to discharge consumer fireworks between the hours of 1-8 a.m. on the day before, the day of and the day after a national holiday. In addition, no person shall ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks **except** on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday during permitted hours. Igniting consumer fireworks during time periods not allowed by the ordinance is now a civil infraction. This means that a violation could result in up to a \$500 fine.

State Police have published a bulletin indicating that they are relying on a United States Code section to identify the national holidays as: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day,) Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.



## Important Ordinances (Continued)

### Yard Waste Disposal

**Ord. 1324:** No person shall place lawn clippings, leaves or other yard waste in any park. No person shall deposit yard waste in any alley, street, river or other public place except for collection by the City. No person shall deposit leaves in any street except when the City's fall bulk leaf collection is in effect. No person shall deposit any yard waste in any public drain. No person shall deposit yard waste in any public drain easement that will result in the waste entering the drain or otherwise interfering with the proper operation of the drain. In warmer months, the City offers special yard waste pickup days. For more information, visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/yardwaste).

### Trash

**Sec. 36-85:** Trash goes out at 8 p.m. the night before pickup. Trash containers should be brought in by 10 a.m. the following day. Trash containers must be stored at the rear of the house if stored outside.

### Parking

**Sec. 50-814:** No parking on any residential street from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. No parking on all other streets from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. No parking in yards. Parked cars must not overhang the sidewalk.

### Grass Height

**Sec. 302.4:** Maintain a presentable yard. Grass cannot exceed six inches.

### Outdoor Furniture

Do not leave indoor furniture outdoors.

### Swimming Pools

**Sec. 303.1:** No pool, swimming pool, hot tub or spa of any depth—permanent or temporary—shall be placed in the front yard or side yard (unless enclosed) of any one-family, two-family or multiple-family dwelling.

### Noise Ordinance

**Sec. 26-81:** Prohibits noise which may disturb neighbors. Examples are stereos played at loud levels and inappropriate shouting at any time. After 11 p.m., the noise violation will be written as a misdemeanor offense. ***For rental properties, your landlord will be notified of any noise violations.***

### Party Litter Ordinance

**Ord. 1260:** City Council adopted a revised party litter ordinance, which includes a provision that will allow Parking & Code Enforcement (PACE) officers to issue a ticket without issuing a prior warning.

A tiered fine system allows PACE to fine \$150 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, \$300 for the third offense and \$500 for the fourth. Terms and conditions can be imposed upon a rental license if there are five or more citations issued within a 12-month period no matter what the violation. Additional costs may be charged if the party is declared a nuisance gathering and intervention is required.



## Important Ordinances (Continued)

### Open Alcohol Ordinance

**Sec. 26-52:** Prohibits the possession of any alcoholic beverage in an open container or container with a broken seal in any public place or private area open to the public except a licensed liquor establishment or elsewhere as provided by ordinance.

### Disorderly Conduct Ordinance

**Sec 26-52:** Prohibits the following:

- **Remaining within 300 feet of a fire:** No person shall be or remain on public property or the unenclosed private property of another within 300 feet of a structure fire, vehicle fire or open fire, except persons attempting to put out or contain the fire.
- **Public Intoxication:** No person shall be intoxicated in a public place and be endangering directly the safety of another person or property.
- **Public Urination:** No person shall urinate, defecate or spit on any street, sidewalk, alley, park, parkway, parking lot or structure, public carrier or upon any public property.
- **Engaging in a Riot:** No person shall assemble or act in concert with four or more other persons for the purpose of engaging in conduct constituting the crime of riot, including the destruction of public or private property, throwing objects, starting a fire, etc.

### Minor in Possession (MIP) Ordinance

**Sec. 26-53:** It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to consume alcohol. Any person suspected of being a Minor in Possession of alcohol will be required to show proof of age and may be asked to take a breath alcohol test.

### Enhanced Party Noise Ordinance

The amendment defines enhanced party noise as a violation of the noise ordinance and two or more of the following conditions:

- A common source of alcohol used to serve the guests, such as a keg
- A live band or disc jockey or other live entertainment
- A charge to gain entrance into the residence or to consume alcohol
- Amplified sound emanating from speakers placed or directed outside of the building
- Outdoor drinking games where alcohol is involved

### Questions?

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