

**ORDINANCE NO. 2453**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS BY HORSES  
AND A REQUIREMENT TO OBEY THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES  
AND OTHER ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF DENNISON, OHIO,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Council of the Village of Dennison, Ohio to regulate horse travel within the territorial limits of the Village of Dennison, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Dennison, Ohio as follows:

**SECTION 1.** No person shall ride or lead a horse, or drive a horse drawn vehicle, upon the sidewalks within the territory limits of the Village of Dennison, Ohio.

**SECTION 2.** No person, riding or leading a horse, or driving a horse drawn vehicle, through the territory limits of the Village of Dennison, Ohio shall disobey the instructions of any traffic control device or other ordinances of the Village of Dennison, Ohio, unless at the time otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

**SECTION 3.** A person, riding or leading a horse, or driving a horse drawn vehicle, in the territorial limits of the Village of Dennison, Ohio, shall take necessary steps to ensure that the horse does not create noxious or offensive odors or unsanitary conditions which are a menace to the health, comfort or safety of the public, nor shall such person allow to be dropped or thrown upon any street or other property within the Village of Dennison, Ohio any noxious, destructive or injurious material without immediately removing the same.

**SECTION 4.** No person shall be allowed to ride a horse or operate a horse drawn vehicle within the territorial limits of the Village of Dennison, Ohio from sunset to sunrise, and at any other time when there are unfavorable weather conditions, or when there is not sufficient natural light to render discernable persons, horses, vehicles and substantial objects on the street a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead.

**SECTION 5.** Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the riding, leading of horses or operations of a horse drawn vehicle upon the streets of the Village of Dennison, Ohio during parades, so long as the presence and participation of such horses are approved by the appropriate authority prior to the parade.

**SECTION 6.** No persons shall be allowed to tie a horse off at any area designated or reserved for the public parking of vehicles, or on or near any sidewalks, unless at the time otherwise directed by a Police Officer.

**SECTION 7.** Whoever violates any of the above sections is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. The punishment for such minor misdemeanor shall be a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense. A second offense within one (1) year shall have a punishment of a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). On each subsequent offense within one (1) year after the second offense, such person shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

**SECTION 8.** This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and its immediate passage is necessary in order to preserve, protect and maintain and health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Dennison, Ohio and for the further reason that immediate action is needed to regulate certain activities within the limits of the Village of Dennison, Ohio.

PASSED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2010.

**APPROVED:**

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MAYOR TERI EDWARDS

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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SHANNON FAWCETT, CLERK

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JAMES J. ONG, SOLICITOR