

ORDINANCE NO. 2486

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR DESIGNATING  
A RESIDENCE LOCATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS  
OF THE VILLAGE OF DENNISON, OHIO AS A “DISORDERLY HOUSE”,  
AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE OCCUPANTS OF SUCH A RESIDENCE  
DESIGNATED AS A “DISORDERLY HOUSE”

WHEREAS, the Village of Dennison, Ohio, has a substantial and compelling interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the chronic unlawful or nuisance activity of various kinds on and near disorderly properties diminishes the quality of life in neighborhoods where this activity occurs; and

WHEREAS, the processes available at the present time do not adequately control chronic unlawful or nuisance activity or its detrimental effects on citizens and neighborhoods where such activity occurs:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DENNISON, OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Dennison, Ohio by identifying as “disorderly houses” those residences that harbor occupants who disturb the peace and tranquility of their neighborhoods.

**SECTION 2. Definitions.**

**Building.** Any building, dwelling unit, rooming house, rooming unit, tent, trailer, recreational vehicle, camping site or other structure or place occupied either temporarily or permanently by human beings.

**Disorderly Activities.** Situations created within or in the immediate vicinity of a building by a building’s owner, occupants, or tenants, or the invitees of an owner, tenant or occupant, which would have a tendency to disturb unreasonably the community, the neighborhood or an ordinary individual occupying property in or near the disorderly activity, including but not limited to loud music, boisterous parties, excessively loud or unnecessary noises emanating from within or near the building which are audible outside the building, fights within the building or in its vicinity involving occupants of the building or their invitees, occupants of the building or their invitees being intoxicated outdoors in the vicinity of the building, and other similar activities in the building or in the vicinity of the building.

**Disorderly Event.** An activity to which the police department responds on the basis of a complaint and determines to be disorderly.

**Disorderly House.** Any building at which the police department has substantiated three (3) disorderly events within the period of sixty (60) days.

**SECTION 3. Documentation of Complaints.** The police department shall document all responses to complaints of disorderly activities and classify each complaint as either substantiated or unsubstantiated.

**SECTION 4. Notice of Disorderly House.** Whenever the police department responds to a disorderly event, and determines the complaint of disorderly activities to be substantiated, the owner and occupant shall be notified of such decision. At such time, the police department shall provide the occupant with a copy of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** Upon the happening of three (3) substantiated disorderly events within a sixty (60) day period, the occupant shall be assessed a fine of \$100.00. Each subsequent offense within the sixty (60) day period shall result in the occupant being assessed a fine of \$100.00.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

First Reading: September 1, 2011  
Second Reading: September 15, 2011  
Third Reading: October 6, 2011

PASSED: October 6, 2011

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Teri Edwards, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shannon Fawcett, Fiscal Officer

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James J. Ong, Solicitor