

**GIRARD TOWNSHIP  
ORDINANCE NO.24-01**

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE CODE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF GIRARD- CHAPTER 139 PARKS AND  
RECREATION AREAS BY THE ADDITION OF §139-7  
DEALING WITH FIREWOOD REMOVAL FROM LAKE ERIE  
COMMUNITY PARK PROPERTY, PROVIDING FOR THE  
ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR REMOVAL, PLACING  
RESTRICTIONS ON REMOVAL ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND ESTABLISHING  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The Code of the Township of Girard shall be modified to add the following provisions:

**§139-7 FIREWOOD REMOVAL**

**A. Permit required**

A resident may remove firewood from Lake Erie Community Park on upon issuance of a Firewood Removal Permit from the Girard Township Office- payment of the required permit fee and execution of the waiver and release of liability as modified from time to time. Application for a Firewood Removal Permit will require identification of the person or persons going upon Township Park property for the purpose of removing firewood, together with their address, telephone number and make and model of vehicle being used for firewood removal. The Firewood Removal Permit shall be prominently displayed upon the dashboard of any vehicle present during the removal or used to haul firewood from the park. The cost of a Firewood Removal Permit will be set from time to time by resolution of the Township Supervisors.

**B. Restrictions:**

- (1) No live trees may be cut.
- (2) Firewood cutting is permitted along any road that is open for motor vehicle use.
- (3) Firewood may only be taken within 150 feet of the edge of the open road.
- (4) Only dead and downed trees may be removed for firewood.
- (5) Timber sale areas.
  - (a) Prior to removing firewood from a timber sale area (normally marked with paint on the trees and having signs of active or recent cutting) permittees should contact the Township Office for locations within the timber sale area where firewood gathering can occur.

(b) The Township Office can also provide information about timber sale areas where logging slash generated by logging operations or by natural disturbances is available for firewood.

(c) Firewood gathering must be done without interfering with timber cutting or sale operations.

(6) No tree within 100 feet of beaver ponds, lakes or streams may be cut.

(7) Use of tractors, rubber tire skidders, ATVs and similar vehicles is not allowed.

(8) Maximum length of a firewood piece is 48 inches.

(9) Firewood volume is limited to a maximum of 12 cords per permittee per calendar year. (One cord equals 4' X 4' X 8')

C. §139-7. Violations and Penalties

§139-7 "Violations and Penalties" is hereby renumbered and restated as §139-8.

D. Effective Date

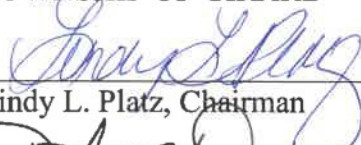
This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of its enactment.

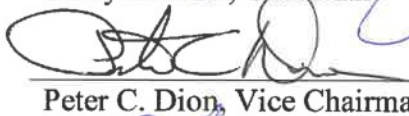
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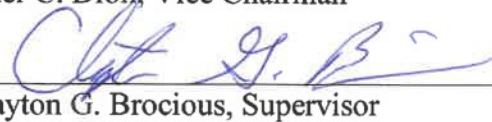
ATTEST:

  
Lindy Platz, Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF GIRARD

  
Lindy L. Platz, Chairman

  
Peter C. Dion, Vice Chairman

  
Clayton G. Brocious, Supervisor