

ERIE TOWNSHIP (MONROE COUNTY)

BRIDGE FISHING ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 130

At a meeting of the Township Board of Erie Township, Monroe County, Michigan, held at the Erie Township Hall on the 12th day of August, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., Township Board Member K. Cousino moved to adopt the following Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Township Board Member C. Wisbon:

An Ordinance to regulate fishing from public bridges within Erie Township under MCL 41.181 et. seq., among other applicable legal authorities, for the public, health, safety, and general welfare.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ERIE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Name: This Ordinance shall be referred to as Ordinance No. 130 of Erie Township or the “Bridge Fishing Ordinance.”

Section 2. Definitions: The following terms shall be defined and mean the following as used within this Ordinance.

“Fishing” shall mean the activity of catching or attempting to catch fish including with devices such as fishing rods, nets, and/or spears.

“Public bridge” shall mean any public thoroughfare (whether for vehicles, pedestrians, or other traffic) spanning over a body of water.

Section 3. Prohibition of Fishing on Public Bridges: It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in fishing on any public bridge where a sign is posted on behalf of Erie Township prohibiting fishing.

Section 4. Violations and Enforcement: Any person or other entity who violates this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan law and is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.00, plus costs, which may include all direct or indirect expenses to which the Township has incurred in connection with the violation. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions, remedies, and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan law, including without limitation injunctions against such violations. Each day a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist constitutes a separate violation. Any individual, department, or entity authorized by the Erie Township Board to enforce this Ordinance may enforce it, including by issuing municipal civil infraction citations.

Section 5. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are declared severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, that

declaration does not impact or impair the validity of all other provisions that are not subject to that declaration.

Section 6. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the publication of a notice of adoption of this Ordinance.

YEAS: C. Wisbon, M. Evola, M. Grodi, K. Cousino

NAYS: S. Mishka

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Michael Grodi, Erie Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

1. The above is a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Erie Township Board at a duly scheduled and noticed meeting of that Township Board held on August 12, 2025, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.
2. A summary of the above Ordinance was duly published in the Monroe News newspaper, a newspaper that circulates within Erie Township, on August 18, 2025.
3. Within one (1) week after such publication, I recorded the above Ordinance in a book of ordinances kept by me for that purpose, including the date of passage of the ordinance, the names of the members of the township board voting, and how each member voted.

ATTESTED:

Kimberly Cousino, Erie Township Clerk

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BRIDGE FISHING ORDINANCE**

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Please take notice that on August 12, 2025, the Township Board of Erie Township adopted Ordinance No. 130, which prohibits fishing on public bridges where posted as no fishing within Erie Township under MCL 41.181 et. seq., among other applicable legal authorities, for the public, health, safety, and general welfare. Copies of the Ordinance may be obtained from the Erie Township Clerk, at 2065 Erie Rd., Erie, MI 48133 during ordinary business hours or upon request.

The Ordinance has the following sections and catch lines: Section 1: Name; Section 2: Definitions; Section 3: Prohibition of Fishing on Public Bridges; Section 4: Violations and Enforcement; Section 5: Severability; and Section 6: Effective Date; which is 30 days after publication of this Notice of Adoption. See MCL 41.184(2)(a).

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