

CHAPTER 2

LIQUOR CONTROL

Regulations to secure the public peace, health and safety of the residents and property owners of the Township of Rives, Jackson County, Michigan, a municipal corporation, for the regulation of alcoholic liquor traffic within said township, through the enforcement of the Michigan Liquor Control Act of the State of Michigan within said township; to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

(Ord. no. 2 eff. July 22, 1960)

SECTION 2.00 - TITLE

The provisions of this Chapter shall be known and cited as the Rives Township Liquor Control Ordinance, first adopted as Ordinance No. 2, July 22, 1960.

SECTION 2.01 - LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

All alcoholic liquor traffic, including among other things, the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, storage for sale, possession and/or transportation thereof within Rives Township, Jackson County, Michigan, shall comply with the provisions of the Michigan Liquor Control Act, being Act No. 58 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1998, as amended, MCL 436.1101, *et. seq.*

SECTION 2.02 - ENFORCEMENT

For the purpose of the enforcement of said Michigan Liquor Control Act within said township, there is hereby established a Liquor Control Enforcement Department with full power, authority, and duty to see that the provisions of said Act and the rules and regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, adopted pursuant to said Act, are enforced within said township. Such Department shall consist of not less than one Constable or Deputy Sheriff appointed by the Township Board and such other personnel as the Township Board may, in its discretion, appoint. The personnel in such Department shall be entitled to such compensation as the Township Board may determine. Such Department or a member thereof shall be available at all times to investigate complaints received under this ordinance, and enforce the provisions hereof.

SECTION 2.03 - INSPECTION

The Township Liquor Control Enforcement Department shall inspect not less than monthly, all liquor establishments licensed under the Liquor Control Act of the State of Michigan and report the results of all inspections promptly to the Township Board. The Township Liquor Control Enforcement Department shall further promptly investigate all complaints received by it concerning violations of the Michigan Liquor Control Act, or improper operations and practices concerning alcoholic liquor traffic within the township, and report the same to the Township Board and, where appropriate under the Michigan Liquor Control Act, to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for appropriate proceedings against the violator.

All Inspectors shall carry appropriate cards issued by the Township Clerk, clearly identifying them as Township Liquor Control Inspectors and shall present said cards to the owner or manager of every place inspected by them when making an inspection, upon demand for identification by such owner or manager.

Inspectors shall have the right to inspect any place in the township where alcoholic liquor is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, kept for sale, possessed or transported, or where the Inspector suspects the same is being thus manufactured, sold, offered for sale, kept for sale, possessed, or transported. Whenever possible, all inspection reports shall be made on Liquor Law Enforcement Inspection forms furnished by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission or on similar forms otherwise obtained by the Township Liquor Control Enforcement Department.

SECTION 2.04 - PENALTIES

Any person, other than persons required to be licensed under the Michigan Liquor Control Act, who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any licensee who shall violate any of the provisions of the Michigan Liquor Control Act or any rule or regulation of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission promulgated thereunder, or who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter, and any person who shall prohibit or interfere with the authorized inspection of a member of the Township Liquor Control Enforcement Department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in the County Jail not more than 90 days or by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or both, in the discretion of the Court. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

It is the intent of the Township Board that the Court, in imposing punishment under the provisions of this Chapter, should discriminate between casual or slight violations and habitual sales of alcoholic liquor or attempts to commercialize violations of this Chapter or any of the rules or regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission promulgated under the Michigan Liquor Control Act.

SECTION 2.05 – ADOPTION HISTORY

The regulations of this Chapter were first made effective by adoption of Ordinance No. 2 on the 22nd day of July, 1960, and have been ever since, as amended.