

**OTSEGO LAKE STATE PARK
NO PARKING ORDINANCE
Otsego Lake Township, Otsego County, Michigan
Ordinance No. 2025-2
August 21, 2025**

An ordinance recognizing that there is a danger to pedestrians from vehicles parked along Old US Highway 27 South near the entrance to Otsego Lake State Park; prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles in that area; providing for penalties for the violation of the terms of the ordinance; and repealing all prior ordinances in conflict with the provision of this ordinance.

THE TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO LAKE ORDAINS:

1. Purpose. This ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Otsego Lake Township by prohibiting the parking of motor vehicles within the right-of-way of Old US Highway 27 South within the area established in this ordinance, pursuant to its authority under Art. VII, § 29 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and MCL 257.726.

2. Definitions. The terms used in this ordinance shall have the same meaning as those as Decline in the Michigan Vehicle Code, MCL 257.1 *et seq.*

3. No Parking. It is a violation of this ordinance to park a motor vehicle in the right-of-way of Old US Highway 27 South within 550 feet of the entrance to Otsego Lake State Park, unless expressly permitted to do so under this ordinance.

4. Exceptions. The following vehicles are permitted to park in the area described in Section 3:

- a. A local, state, or federal emergency vehicle, including but not limited to an ambulance, Fire truck, or law enforcement vehicle.
- b. A vehicle necessary in response to an emergency declared by public official or public act.
- c. A public utility vehicle.
- d. A vehicle operated by a county, state, or federal department.

5. Posting of Restrictions. Signs shall be posted stating “No Parking per Local Ordinance – Vehicles Will Be Towed at Owner’s Expense” or a substantially similar warning. Signs shall be posted at locations as determined by the Township Supervisor.

6. Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance is responsible for a civil infraction. Consistent with the Michigan Vehicle Code, a police officer may remove a vehicle in violation of this ordinance or require the driver or person in charge of the vehicle to move it into compliance. If a police officer finds the vehicle unattended in violation of this ordinance, the police officer may provide for the removal of that vehicle to the nearest garage, storage facility, or other place of safety. The necessary costs for removal under this section are a lien on the vehicle and the person into whose custody the vehicle is given may retain the vehicle until the expenses involved are paid.

7. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect.

8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on September 28, 2025.

Rollcall vote: Matelski: Yes; J. Brown: Yes; Pallarito: Yes; M. Brown: Yes; Bergel: Yes

CLERK’S CERTIFICATE

I, Mary Brown, Clerk of Otsego Lake Township, certify that the above Ordinance No. 2025-2 titled “Otsego Lake State Park No Parking Ordinance” was adopted by the Otsego Lake Township Board at a regular meeting held on August 21, 2025, and that the vote was as follows:

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

A copy of this ordinance was given publication in the Weekly Choice paper on the following date: August 28, 2025.

Mary Brown
Otsego Lake Township Clerk

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