

**ANTI-FUNNELING ORDINANCE
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Section I - Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Sidney Township Anti-Funneling Ordinance.

Section II - Intent

The following restrictions are intended to limit the number of users of lake, river, or stream frontage in order to preserve the qualities of the waters, to promote safety, and to preserve the quality of recreation use of all water within the Township.

Section III- Regulations

- A. There shall be at least fifty (50) feet of lake, river, or stream frontage, as measured along the ordinary high-water mark of the lake, river, or stream for each single-family dwelling, each site condominium unit, each dwelling unit, or each apartment unit utilizing or accessing the lake, river, or stream frontage.
- B. The restrictions of this section shall apply to all lots and parcels on, adjoining, or abutting any lake, river, or stream regardless of whether access to the lake, river, or stream waters or shoreline shall be by easement, park, common-fee ownership, single-fee ownership, condominium arrangement, license, or lease.
- C. In addition to the above limitations, no easement, private park, common area, lot, or access property abutting or adjoining a lake, river, or stream shall be used to permit access to the lake, river, or stream for more than one single-family dwelling, one dwelling unit, one site condominium unit, one apartment unit or any other joint use unless such additional access use and common access arrangement is approved as a Special Use Permit as provided for in the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- D. No lake access, boat ramp, shore station, dock, boat launch, or shoreline abutting a lake, river, or stream shall be utilized for commercial, business, commercial outdoor recreation or entertainment facilities, institutional or non-residential or non-agricultural uses or purposes unless the property is properly zoned (or rezoned) for such uses or such use is approved as a Special Use Permit as provided for in the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- E. Any lawful use that becomes nonconforming due to the enactment of this Ordinance (or subsequent amendments thereof) and becomes nonconforming due to the regulations contained in this Ordinance shall retain its nonconforming use status pursuant to Chapter VII of the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- F. Any dredging, filling of water areas, or creation of channels or canals shall be permitted only after review and approval by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Montcalm County Drain Commission and the Sidney Township Board.