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**PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS  
VANDALISM ORDINANCE  
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN  
ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984**

An Ordinance to prohibit vandalism, in Township parks and beaches and other public recreation areas and the public access areas to the beach within the South Haven Township, Van Buren County, Michigan: To provide penalties: And to provide recovery of damages: Enacted in accordance with Act 280 of the Public Acts of 1969, as amended.

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**Sec. 1. TITLE.**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the South Haven Township Public Parks and Recreation Areas Vandalism Ordinance, being South Haven Township Ordinance No. 15. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)

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**Sec. 2. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent vandalism in public parks; public areas; beach; and other public areas of South Haven Township. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)

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**Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

“Vandalism” includes, but is not limited by the following: destroy, damage or remove any tree, shrub, wildflower or other vegetation, improvement, building, facility or structure within such area; and/or to destroy, damage, deface or remove any State, Township or publicly owned property in any State, Township or public recreation area. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)

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**Sec. 4. PENALTIES.**

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, the person may be punished by a fine not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars plus

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comparable costs, or by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)

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**Sec. 5. REIMBURSEMENT.**

- (A) In addition to the penalties provided in this act for violating its provisions, any person convicted of an act of vandalism shall reimburse the public agency for up to three (3) times the amount of the damage as determined by the Court.
- (B) In every case of conviction for the offenses, the Court before whom such conviction is obtained shall enter judgment in favor of the Township of South Haven and against the Defendant for liquidated damages in the sum as provided in subsection (A). The Township of South Haven shall, with the assistance of the prosecuting Attorney, collect the award by execution or otherwise.
- (C) If two (2) or more Defendants are convicted of the vandalism, the judgment for damages shall be entered against them jointly.
- (D) If the Defendant is a minor, the judgment shall be entered against his parents. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)

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**Sec. 6. DISPOSITION OF REIMBURSEMENT.**

Upon collection of judgments issued in accordance with Section 5 [20.155], the sums shall be credited to the general fund of South Haven Township and shall be used for repairs and improvements of the public parks, beaches, access areas and other public areas. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)

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**Sec. 7. REPEAL CLAUSE.**

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. (ord. no. 15 eff. Apr. 20, 1984)