

ORDINANCE NO. 2-1200

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT WILFUL AND MALICIOUS INJURY, DEFACING,
OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF ISHPEMING

THE CITY OF ISHPEMING ORDAINS:

Section 2-1201. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and maliciously destroy, injure or damage any house or other building or structure, or the appurtenances thereof or the attachments thereto, owned by another, or to destroy, injure, or damage any motor vehicle owned by another.

Section 2-1202. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and maliciously deface, disfigure, damage, or mar the appearance of any house, garage, barn or other building or structure or appurtenances thereof or the attachments thereto, owned by another.

Section 2-1203. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and maliciously deface, disfigure, or tamper with the property of another, by painting thereon or spraying paint thereon, by the waxing or soaping of windows, by the throwing of eggs, or by causing any foreign substance to become affixed or attached to the property of another, or by doing any other act commonly referred to or considered to be a "Halloween prank", where the result of such act is to in any way change or alter the appearance of the property of such other person.

Section 2-1204. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and maliciously destroy, injure, damage, deface, or mar the appearance of any lawn, tree, shrub, or garden of another.

Section 2-1205. It shall be unlawful for any person to wilfully and maliciously deface or mar the appearance of any sidewalk, public highway, or any other public property through the use of paint or spray paint, or the application of any other substance which in any way permanently changes the appearance of such sidewalk, public highway, or public property.

Section 2-1206. The prohibitions set forth hereinabove shall be deemed to apply equally to public property, both real and personal, and to private property, both real and personal.

Section 2-1207. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, plus court costs, or by imprisonment in the Marquette County Jail for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2-1208.

- (1) Any person who furnishes information to the City of Ishpeming which leads to the apprehension, arrest, or conviction of another for the doing of any act prohibited under this Ordinance may be eligible to receive a reward, in accordance with the terms of this Section.
- (2) The Chief of Police shall develop a procedure whereby citizen complaints or information concerning a violation of this Ordinance can be furnished to the Ishpeming Police Department, under conditions which assure the confidentiality or anonymity of the information and of the person who furnishes such information.

- (3) Upon completion of the investigation of the information furnished to the Ishpeming Police, and upon recommendation by at least a 2/3 vote of a Reward Panel to be comprised of the Chief of Police, City Manager and Mayor, the City Council may approve a reward to such person in an amount not to exceed one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.
- (4) If the person furnishing such information requests confidentiality or anonymity, such request shall be honored, and no member of the Ishpeming Police Department or the Reward Panel shall divulge the name of the person or the confidential information disclosed to the City.
- (5) No person shall be entitled to confidentiality or anonymity, or be entitled to receive a reward, if such person has participated in, counseled, aided or abetted the unlawful or illegal conduct being reported.

Section 2-1209. This Ordinance shall take effect upon legal publication.

Adopted: February 3, 1982
Amended: January 20, 1988
Amended: September 8, 2004