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Portable Basketball Hoops

Spring is upon us, and along with it, folks eager to get outdoors and enjoy the warming weather, especially our youth!

Basketball is a wonderful team sport, popular among many Madison Township residents, especially during this time of year as the NBA season is entering its second half, and March Madness has us constantly updating our brackets. Basketball provides the opportunity to not only get outdoors but engage in physical exercise and make memories with friends.

Neighborhood roadways may be a tempting place to erect a backdrop and hoop to practice free throws or challenge your siblings to a friendly game of HORSE, but we must be mindful of our neighbors within earshot and motorists that need to pass through. Several ORC codes outline the rules for yielding the right-of-way to vehicles or obstructing roadways, including ORC 4511.50 and 5589.01, however, it is most important to consider the rules of being a good neighbor first. Please be kind and considerate of one another!

If hoops cannot be safely installed on private property, Brobst Park on Winchester Pike offers basketball courts for our residents to utilize on a first-come, first-serve basis. These courts are a great place to pick up a game and make new friends in the process.

Definition:

Basketball Hoop or Basketball Hoop Structure — Any pole or structure, whether permanent or temporary, upon which a backboard and hoop are attached.

Purpose:

The intent is to establish a complaint-based policy to regulate the placement of portable basketball hoops that are encroaching on the public right-of-way, including sidewalks and the areas between the sidewalk and the curb.

Guidelines:

- Basketball Hoops cannot be placed in roadways and/or right-of-ways.
- When a complaint is received or observed regarding a portable basketball hoop, a call for service will be generated.
- Officers will document and investigate the complaint to determine whether or not its placement constitutes a violation.



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- If it is determined that the placement is a violation, the resident will be directed to remove the hoop from the roadways and/or right-of-way.
- An officer will be directed to conduct a follow-up visit within 72 hours of the initial investigation to check on compliance.
- If compliant, the officer will document the follow-up investigation and the complaint will be closed.
- If not compliant, the officer will document the follow-up investigation and forward the written report to the Police Chief. The Police Chief, in turn, will send a certified letter to the resident the hoop is associated with.

The letter will inform the resident of the following:

1. The Township has received or initiated a complaint regarding the placement of their portable basketball hoop.
2. It has been determined that the placement is hazardous and conflicts with the needs of pedestrians, wheelchair traffic, motor vehicle traffic, refuse collection service vehicles, or street sweeping service vehicles.
3. Should the owner choose to continue using a portable hoop, they will need to place it in such a manner as to not constitute a hazard or inconvenience within seven (7) days of the date on the certified letter, otherwise, they risk having their hoop impounded by the Township.