

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO. 30  
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 10, 1996**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROHIBITION AGAINST  
“PUBLIC NUDITY” AS AUTHORIZED BY MCL 117.5h**

- I. “Public nudity” defined. “Public Nudity” as used in this ordinance means knowingly or intentionally displaying in a public place any individual’s genitals or anus with less than a fully opaque covering, or any female individual’s breast with less than a fully opaque covering of the nipple and areola, for payment or promise of payment.
- II. “Public Place” defined. “Public place” as used in this ordinance means any premises within the Township used or controlled in whole or in part for the purpose of displaying an individual’s genitals, anus, or female breast for payment or promise of payment, and which is open to the general public as a business, club, or association.
- III. Public nudity prohibited.
- (A) No person, corporation, business, club, or association shall knowingly or intentionally cause, promote, invite, employ, or encourage any person to knowingly or intentionally display in a public place for payment or promise of payment his or her genitals or anus with less than a fully opaque covering, or her female with less than a fully opaque covering of the nipple and areola.
  - (B) No person shall knowingly or intentionally display his or her genitals or anus in a public place for payment or promise or payment with less than a fully opaque covering.
  - (C) No female shall knowingly or intentionally display her breast in a public place for payment or promise of payment with less than a fully opaque covering of the nipple and areola. A woman’s breast-feeding of a baby does not under any circumstances constitute public nudity within the purview of this ordinance.
  - (D) Violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section IV.
- IV. Public nuisance. Any premises, building, dwelling, or other structure in which public nudity as defined in this ordinance is offered, promoted, allowed or encouraged shall constitute a public nuisance, and shall be subject to civil abatement proceedings initiated by the Township before the circuit court.

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on September 10, 1996.