

ORDINANCE # 1-2024 HELIPAD EMERGENCY USE ONLY
TOWN OF DRAPER, SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

The title of this ordinance is the Town of Draper Helipad Emergency Use Only Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish that the helipad and landing zone adjacent to the fire department on Park Lane is authorized for “Emergency Use” only.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The town board has the authority under its village powers under s. 60.22, Wis. stats., and the specific authority under s. 60.23 (30), and chapters 173 and 174, Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the regulation of the helipad and landing zone adjacent to the fire department on Park Lane.

SECTION IV – DEFINITIONS

In this ordinance:

- A. “Helipad” means the 50’ x 50’ concrete helipad and 8’ x 32’ concrete walkway
- B. “Landing Zone” means the grass field surrounding the helipad and Park Lane
- C. “Emergency Use” means **for the purpose of medical transport or other Emergency Services use**, as authorized by Sawyer County Dispatch, DNR, FEMA, or the Town of Draper board.
- D. “Law enforcement officer” means any person who is authorized to issue citations or make arrests for violations of this or other laws or ordinances.
- E. “Town” means the Town of Draper in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.
- F. “Town board” means the board of supervisors for the Town of Draper, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, and includes designees of the town board authorized to act for the town board.
- G. “Town clerk” means the clerk of the Town of Draper, Sawyer County, Wisconsin.
- H. “Wis. stats” means the Wisconsin Statutes, including successor provisions of cited statutes.

SECTION V - SUBDIVISION AND NUMBERING OF THIS ORDINANCE

This ordinance is divided into sections designated by uppercase Roman numerals. Sections may be divided into subsections designated by uppercase letters. Subsections may be divided into paragraphs designated by numbers. Paragraphs may be divided into subdivisions designated by lowercase letters. Subdivisions may be divided into subdivision paragraphs designated by lowercase Roman numerals. Reference to a “section,” “subsection,” “paragraph,” or “subdivision” includes all divisions of the referenced section, subsection, paragraph, or subdivision.

SECTION VI – REGULATION OF HELIPAD AND LANDING ZONE

No person may trespass on the Helipad or Landing Zone except for authorized “Emergency Use” to include:

- A. Approach the helicopter or landing zone area or enter any vehicle onto Park Lane during an emergency operation except for authorized emergency personnel.
- B. Park a private vehicle within the Landing Zone, including Park Lane.
- C. Fly or land a helicopter on the helipad or landing zone, except under “Emergency Use” authorization
- D. Fly or land a kite, drone, or any other airborne device, except under “Emergency Use” authorization
- E. Drive a vehicle, ATV, snowmobile or other conveyance on the helipad or in the landing zone.
- F. Use a bicycle, roller skates, skateboard, or other activity on the helipad or in the landing zone, except for the basketball court.
- G. Deface or otherwise mark the surface of the helipad, or disturb the grade or grass or signage in the Landing Zone.

SECTION VIII – TOWN AUTHORITY

Any person, including town officers and employees, may report unauthorized use of the helipad and landing zone to the town board, town clerk, or a law enforcement officer for enforcement of this ordinance.

SECTION IX – PENALTY PROVISIONS

Any person, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture of \$500.00 plus the applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation. Each day a violation exists or continues constitutes a separate offense under this ordinance. In addition, the town board may seek injunctive relief from a court of record to enjoin further violations.

Criminal activity will be referred to the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Department and prosecuted under Wisconsin law.

SECTION X – SEVERABILITY CLAUSE


If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION XI – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective upon publication or posting.


The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. [60.80](#), Wis. stats.

Adopted this 11th day of March, 2024

 Richard Burt, Chairman

 Timothy Kelley, First Supervisor
per E. Klein

 Steve Beining, Second Supervisor

 Attested by Elizabeth Klein, Clerk