

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
CITY OF ROGERS CITY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY BY  
CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 9, TO BE TITLED PROTESTING AND PICKETING.

THE CITY OF ROGERS CITY ORDAINS:

- I. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Rogers City is hereby amended by creating a new Chapter 9, to be titled *Protesting and Picketing*, which shall read as follows:

**Chapter 9 – Protests and picketing**

**ARTICLE I – GENERAL**

**Sec. 9-1 – Right to protest peacefully**

**Sec. 9-2 – Regulations to protect the public health and safety**

**Sec. 9-3 – Permit required**

**Sec. 9-4 – Penalties & enforcement**

Sec. 9-1 – Right to peacefully protest

The right to peacefully protest is a constitutionally guaranteed right, subject to certain limited restrictions imposed by law and/or court order (injunction). The City of Rogers City and the Rogers City Police Department do not take sides in political or other protests but have sworn to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Michigan, as well as the laws of this state and city ordinances.

Sec. 9-2 – Regulations to protect the public health and safety

- 1) Protesters may not molest or interfere with anyone entering, leaving, or passing by an establishment. Threats, whether verbal, posturing, or by printed word, may constitute interference.
- 2) Loud noises, including the use of PA systems, radios, horns, yelling, etc., are prohibited.
- 3) Littering, breaking bottles, etc., is prohibited.
- 4) The posting of signs and the distribution of handbills to residences are controlled by ordinance and must be followed.
- 5) Protesters may not block driveways or walks with cars or picketers.
- 6) Protesters may not walk or demonstrate in the street.
- 7) Protesters may not park in any public area that is designated as a no-parking zone. Protesters who park in violation of public no-parking zones are subject to being towed in addition to the penalties described in Sec. 9-4.

- 8) Disorderly conduct violates state law and city ordinance and will not be tolerated. This includes drunkenness, improper conduct, improper noise, creating a disturbance, assaults, jostling, throwing stones or other objects.
- 9) Damaging the property of another is illegal. This includes damage to personal and real property.
- 10) Failure to comply with the lawful order of a police officer is a violation of state law and local ordinance.
- 11) If you believe an officer is wrong, it is the best to obey the officer's order and then contact the officer in charge for clarification or explanation.
- 12) Protests are prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**Sec. 9-3 – Permit required**

Protests in a public place that are attended by 50 or more people shall require a permit in advance from the Rogers City Police Department. The Rogers City Police Department may disperse any protest attended by more than 50 people if a permit has not been secured in advance. In addition, the organizers of the protest may be subject to the penalties described in Section 9-4.

**Sec. 9-4 – Penalties & enforcement**

Any person violating any of the provisions of Section 9-2 of this Chapter shall be responsible for a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of not more than \$500.00. The City police are authorized to enforce and issue citations.

**Secs. 9-5 through 9-10 reserved**

- II. This ordinance shall be published within 15 days after its adoption.
- III. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication.

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 SCOTT MCLENNAN, Mayor

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 TERRI KOSS, Clerk

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Published: \_\_\_\_\_