

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA, ILLINOIS

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ORDINANCE NO. 1999

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 70.001 AND CREATING CHAPTER 74 WITHIN  
TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE

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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
VILLAGE OF SWANSEA

THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October 2025.

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Clair County, Illinois, this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2025.

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*WHEREAS*, the Village of Swansea is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

*WHEREAS*, public streets and rights-of-way are intended primarily for vehicular and pedestrian travel and must remain clear of obstructions to maintain safe passage and emergency access; and

*WHEREAS*, the placement of recreational equipment such as portable basketball hoops, soccer goals, hockey nets, and similar items within public streets or rights-of-way can obstruct traffic flows, pose hazards to motorists and pedestrians, and create unsafe conditions; and

*WHEREAS*, the Village seeks to balance the needs for recreation with the responsibility to protect public safety and preserve community standards; and

*WHEREAS*, the Village finds it necessary to regulate the use and placement of such equipment and activities within public rights-of-way to prevent injury, maintain order, and preserve the safe and intended use of public infrastructure;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SWANSEA, ILLINOIS:**

***SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS***

For the purpose of this Ordinance, section 70.001 of the Swansea Village Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following definitions:

**Recreational equipment:** Includes but is not limited to portable basketball hoops, soccer goals, hockey nets, skateboarding ramps, trampolines, and any similar devices or structures intended for play or recreation.

**Street Congregation:** The act of assembling or gathering in a group of two or more persons within the paved portion of a public street or roadway, other than for a lawful use such as crossing the street.

## **SECTION 2: CREATION OF CHAPTER 74 – RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND STREET USE RESTRICTIONS**

### **74.01 – Prohibited Acts**

- A. Basketball Hoops and Recreational Equipment:** No person shall place, install, maintain, or allow any recreational equipment, including but not limited to basketball hoops, which impedes the flow of vehicular traffic, creates a hazard or endangers themselves or others, in or upon any portion of a public street or right-of-way.
- B. Congregating in Public Streets:** No person shall loiter, congregate, or remain within the paved portion of any public street or roadway in such a manner that impedes the flow of vehicular traffic, creates a hazard, or endangers themselves or others.
- C. Recreational Activity in Streets:** No person shall engage in sports, games, or recreational activities, including but not limited to basketball, street hockey, skateboarding, or similar activities, within any public street or right-of-way that impedes the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, creates a hazard, or endangers themselves or others.

### **74.02 - Exceptions**

- A.** This ordinance shall not apply to officially authorized block parties, parades, or community events that have obtained the appropriate permit from the Village.
- B.** Temporary street closures for special events approved by the Village shall be exempt during the period of the closure.

### **74.03– Enforcement and Penalties**

- A. Enforcement Authority:** The provisions of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Swansea Police Department, Code Enforcement Officer, or other authorized Village officials.
- B. Removal of Equipment:** Any recreational equipment, including but not limited to basketball hoops, found placed or stored within a public street or right-of-way may be removed by the Village without prior notice. The Village of Swansea shall not be responsible for damage or loss resulting from the removal or storage of such equipment. Items removed shall be held at the Public Works Department or other designated facility for a period of fourteen (14) days. If unclaimed, the item may be disposed of in accordance with Village policy.

- C. **Fines and Violations:** Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall subject to minimum fine of \$75 and a maximum find of \$750 per offense, as established by the Village of Swansea Code of Ordinances and in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Code. Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.
- D. **Notice of Violation:** When feasible, the Village may issue a written warning or notice of violation prior to enforcement action, particularly for first-time offenses; however, the issuance of a warning is not required prior to the imposition of a fine or removal of items.

**SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

**SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

Passed this 20 day of October, 2025 by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Swansea, St. Clair County, Illinois

Gloria Collier By: Stephanie Ruffolo  
Gloria Collier, VILLAGE CLERK Deputy Clerk

LANTER aye LEWIS aye JABLONSKI aye THOUVENOT aye  
MCGUIRE aye POCHEK aye

Approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Swansea, St. Clair County, Illinois, this 20 day of October, 2025.

Jeff Parker  
JEFF PARKER, PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attest:

Gloria Collier By: Stephanie Ruffolo  
GLORIA COLLIER, VILLAGE CLERK Deputy Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS}

COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR}

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Gloria Collier, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Clerk in and for the Village of Swansea, Illinois.

I further certify that on October 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Swansea passed and approved Ordinance No. 1999 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 70.001 AND CREATING CHAPTER 74 WITHIN TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE**

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 1999, including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof was prepared and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

DATED at SWANSEA, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Gloria Collier By: Stephanie Proffitt  
GLORIA COLLIER, VILLAGE CLERK  
Village of Swansea, Illinois  
Deputy Clerk



STATE OF ILLINOIS }  
COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR }

AFFIDAVIT

I, Stefanie Proffitt, an employee of the Village of Swansea, St. Clair County, Illinois, do solemnly affirm that:

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was posted at the Swansea Government Center, 1444 Boul Avenue, Swansea, Illinois, commencing on

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock AM.

Stefanie Proffitt  
Written Signature

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

Amy Neutzling  
Notary Public

(Notary Seal)

