



# *City of East Tawas* *Michigan*

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## *Good Visitor Guidelines*

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## ***Welcome to the City of East Tawas!***

We welcome visitors to the City of East Tawas, and we are glad that you have chosen our community as your place of vacation. The Good Visitor Guidelines information has been created to ensure enjoyment by both guests and residents. A couple of quick points:

- ◇ The short-term rental you are occupying may be located in a residential neighborhood with homes located in close proximity to one another. The majority of our homes are occupied by year-round residents who are living their day-to-day lives, including getting up early for school and work. We just ask you to respect their right to the quiet enjoyment of their property, as they will yours.
- ◇ Regarding the guidelines and ordinances that follow, please understand that if a violation occurs, the neighboring property owners may contact the designated local agent for your short-term rental, the City of East Tawas Police Department or the City Zoning Administrator to report any issues related to the property.

## ***Important Contact Numbers***

Non-Emergency Services **(989) 362-1430**

City of East Tawas City Hall **(989) 362-6161**

East Tawas Police Department **(989) 930-1526**

Emergency Services **Dial 911 for all emergencies**

## ***Ordinances***

Please review the following ordinances that may pertain to your stay with us. These regulations are enforced by the City of East Tawas. Failure to comply will result in a municipal civil infraction subject to a fine of up to \$500.00, with each day a violation occurs being considered a separate punishable offense.

## ***Parking***

Motorized vehicles are only allowed in designated parking spaces. Designated parking spaces may include driveways, carports, parking bays and garages. Parking of motorized vehicles associated with short-term rentals is prohibited on lawns or street right-of-way.

## ***Fireworks***

The use of fireworks in the City of East Tawas is regulated by the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act (PA 256 of 2011, as amended).

## ***Fire Prevention***

The use of fires within the City of East Tawas is regulated through the East Tawas Code of Ordinances (Sec. 14-70) in order to safeguard life and property from fire and explosion hazards. What does this mean for you?

- Open Burning: Open burning is expressly prohibited. This includes the burning of yard

waste, grass or wood debris and yard waste from clearing a lot for development improvements. These fires must be a minimum of 20 feet from a structure or adjoining property or any other potentially combustible items to which the fire could spread.

- **Recreational Fires:** Recreational fires in established fire rings, portable outdoor fireplaces and other containment devices are allowed without a permit so long as the fire is kept to a maximum size of 3 feet around and no higher than 2 feet of flame height. When maintaining a recreational fire, it is necessary to have adequate means for extinguishing the fire in an effective and timely manner readily available.

Keeping our guests and residents as well as our lands and properties safe from the threat of fire related accidents is our utmost importance. Your willing compliance with these regulations will help ensure safety for all.

### ***Refuse Collection***

GFL is the City of East Tawas' solid waste hauler, with weekly collections scheduled on Thursday morning. All refuse must be placed in designated containers. Designated refuse containers are to be placed near the curb on the day of collection only. Kindly complying with this regulation to ensure our community stays clean and helps keep the critters out of the garbage!

### ***Noise***

The City of East Tawas Noise Ordinance (Sec. 44-427) is in effect to maintain the quiet peaceful enjoyment of one's property, both as residents and guests.

More specifically, the following activities are declared as noise disturbances and therefore prohibited. Please note this is not an all-inclusive list:

- The playing of any radio, television, phonograph, or other sound reproduction device, or musical instrument in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to unreasonably annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity.
- The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall unreasonably disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.
- The use of any motor vehicle, including motorcycles, in such a manner as to create an unreasonably disturbing noise, including but not limited to, the screeching of tires and the discharge into the open air of exhaust from the engine without a sufficient muffler.
- Shouting, raucous or boisterous behavior for an unreasonable length of time.