



Michigan State Police
Criminal Justice Information Center



Reporting Local Ordinance Violations

A major goal of the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR) program is to collect complete and accurate crime data from Michigan's law enforcement agencies. The Michigan Penal Code defines a crime as: "an act or omission forbidden by law which is not designated as a civil infraction...." When determining whether or not to report a local ordinance violation to MICR, the following rules should be adhered to:

- Local ordinance violations that are designated as civil infractions should not be reported to the MICR program.
- A local ordinance violation that substantially corresponds to a violation of state law that is designated as a misdemeanor or felony should be reported to MICR using the comparable Offense File Class.

Examples:

Scenario A: An individual is cited for a local ordinance violation for failing to remove snow from their sidewalk.

MICR Action: No offense should be reported to MICR, as there is no corresponding state law and the offense is a civil infraction.

Scenario B: An individual is arrested for a local ordinance violation for Resisting and Obstructing (R&O).

MICR Action: Report a 48000 "Obstructing Police," as the local ordinance corresponds to state law under MCL 750.81d and is designated as a felony.

Scenario C: An individual is cited for a local ordinance violation for Sale of Drug Paraphernalia.

MICR Action: Report a 35002 "Narcotic Equipment Violations," as the local ordinance corresponds to state law under MCL 333.7455 and is designated as a misdemeanor.

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