

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS – PARKS FACILITIES**

(Amended November 2019)

### **SECTION I**

The following Rules and Regulations are established pursuant to Sec. 78-1 of the Bay City Code of Ordinance. These Rules and Regulations, unless so designated by specific reference, shall apply to all parks and recreational areas owned by the City of Bay City.

### **SECTION II**

1. No person shall:
  - A. Enter, use or occupy any park or recreational area for any purpose when the park or recreational area is posted prohibiting such entry, use or occupancy;
  - B. Injure, remove or otherwise mutilate or disturb any plant or wildlife;
  - C. Deface, mar or in any way damage any building structure, sign, equipment or other physical feature;
  - D. Build an open fire except in the places or facilities provided for that purpose;
  - E. Dispose of garbage, rubbish or refuse on park lands or adjacent city boulevard's or in adjoining waters other than in the appropriate receptacles provided for the same. No refuse shall be disposed of except that normally generated by direct use of the park facilities. No accumulated household or business refuse shall be deposited in receptacles provided for park refuse;
  - F. Use profane or obscene language;
  - G. Conduct themselves in a disorderly or indecent manner;
  - H. Fail to keep any animal in their possession under control. The following acts, among other, are deemed to be in violation of this subsection, but said enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:
    - 1) As used in the subsection, "animal" includes, but is not limited to reptiles, amphibians, insects, fish, birds and mammals. "Animal" does not include human beings.
      - (a) With the exclusion of service animals, no person shall bring or permit any animal owned by him or her, or under his or her control, upon any city park, when prohibited and so posted or when it is being used for an organized event pursuant to the authorization of the City.
      - (b) No person shall bring or permit any animal owned by him or her, or under his or her control upon any park at any time, unless the animal is restricted by enclosure in a cage or other enclosure of adequate strength. This provision does not apply to dogs which may be

brought upon any park, except as prohibited by subsection (b) hereof or any other provision of the Code of Ordinances, provided that they are restrained by a leash of adequate strength, which leash is not longer than six feet.

- (c) No person shall bring or permit any animal owned by him or her or under his or her control into any park at any time without possessing at all times a container of sufficient size to collect and remove the animal droppings. The person shall exhibit the container upon the request of any City of Bay City Employee.
- (d) Any person who owns, harbors, keeps, is in charge of or is in control of any animal while in a park shall immediately remove all droppings deposited by such animal in a park by placing the droppings in a container being carried for such purpose. The droppings shall be removed by the person owning, harboring, keeping, in charge of or in control of the animal in the park by a sanitary method to the property of the person owning, harboring, keeping, in charge of, or in control of such animal.

2) The prohibitions of subsections (b) through (d) above shall not apply to:

- (a) Service Animals
- (b) Horses, dogs or other animals being used by the Public Safety Department or by any other governmental agency in the course of its duties.

- I. Enter, wade or swim in any pond, pool, fountain or other water adjacent to a park or recreational area, unless such pond or water is specifically authorized for such purpose by sign or general notification;
- J. Discharge any firearm, including air rifles and pellet guns, or use a bow and arrow, slingshot or other dangerous weapon;
- K. Have in their possession or consume any intoxicating beverage while in any park or recreational area owned by the City of Bay City, except between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no person shall have in their possession or consume any intoxicating beverage in Wenonah Park, Carroll Park and Birney Park at any times;
- L. Drive or park a vehicle anywhere except on established drives or parking area;
- M. Use a park drive for the purpose of demonstrating, teaching, or learning to drive a motor vehicle;
- N. Use or possess any fireworks unless otherwise authorized.

### SECTION III Park Hours

1. The hours for public use of the following parks shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

Battery Park	Defoe Park	Ramsey Park
Bi-Centennial Park	Hewitt Field	Rexer-Jablonski Park
Bigelow Park	Maplewood Park	Roosevelt Park
Birney Park	Nate Doan Park	Smith St. Park
Carroll Park	Pershing Park	Wenonah Park

2. The hours for public use of the following park areas shall be from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.:

Cass Avenue Boat Launch  
Edward M. Golson Boat Launch and Nature Area  
Veterans' Memorial Park\*

\* an automatic extension until 10:30 p.m. in Veterans' Memorial Park on those evenings of scheduled softball games

A. Boat Launch Ramps: The boat launch ramps of Veterans' Memorial Park, the Cass Avenue Boat Launch, and the Edward M. Golson Boat Launch will remain open until midnight specifically to facilitate the launching and removal of watercraft by owners/operators.

3. The hours for public use of the Third Street Waterfall Park shall be 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
4. Additional park-specific rules as indicated on properly posted signs will be considered to fall under these Rules and Regulations for enforcement by the City of Bay City Employees.

### SECTION IV Activities Requiring a Permit

1. Interested persons shall make written application to the City when the reserved or special use of city facilities is being requested.
2. Any person or organization to whom a written permit is issued shall exhibit same upon request by a City of Bay City Employee.
3. Any person or organization to whom a written permit is issued shall be subject to the provisions of the Bay City Code of Ordinances, these Rules and Regulations, the Special Events Policies and Procedures, and shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury caused during the activity.

A. **Park Rental:**

Any activity that requests the use of a Park facility and / or pavilion (excludes Wenonah Park).

The Parks Department manages and administers reservation and use of Park Facilities.

- 1) To make a reservation or for list of available facilities go to [www.baycitymi.org/Facilities](http://www.baycitymi.org/Facilities)
- 2) Reservations can only be accepted for the current year.
- 3) After receipt and review of a facility rental request; a confirmation email will be sent with instructions for payment, rules of use, and any additional details.
- 4) Rental Reservation Fees must be paid in full within two business days to ensure a reservation. A Damage Deposit, included in rental fee, may be returned so long as responsible use and care of the facility has been verified by City staff.

#### B. Special Events

A Special Event is considered any activities conducted upon or involving the use of City-owned streets, sidewalks, halls, buildings, grounds and other property, which is different from or greater than that involving the usual use by the general public. They include but are not limited to, any enterprise, temporary gathering or any similar event, such as: a theatrical exhibition, musical performance, public show, entertainment, parades, races, amusement or other exhibition conducted in or on any City property.

Any activities falling under this definition will be processed under the Special Events Policies and Procedures which can be found at [www.baycitymi.org/Special-Events-Planning](http://www.baycitymi.org/Special-Events-Planning) or in the City Clerk's Office.

Any activity being issued a special event permit per this policy shall be bound by the issued permit and the Special Event Policies and Procedures.