Rules and Regulations
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The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing quality recreation experiences that encourage healthy lifestyles, support economic prosperity, and promote the protection of natural resources.

Please use the Oakland County Parks thoughtfully. It is important to appreciate and protect natural treasures and leave them for others to enjoy.

These rules and regulations have been established for the parks owned and operated by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. These rules are enforced in compliance with State of Michigan PA 1965, NO. 261.
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Pursuant to Act 261 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1965, as amended, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission herewith promulgates and publishes the following rules for use, protection, regulation and control of all of its services, facilities and parks, recreation, conservation, education, historic, and scenic areas and preserves and parkways.

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IMPORTANT -- VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THE PARK RULES MAY BE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL FROM THE PARK. VIOLATORS MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Section 1. HOURS
No person shall remain on Commission property between 30 minutes after sunset and 7 a.m., except at designated areas. Provided, however, that upon application to the Commission or its authorized agent said hours may be extended. No person shall enter Commission property that is closed to the public.

Section 2. FEES AND CHARGES
No person or entity shall use any Commission property for which a fee/charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such fee or charge, unless authorized in writing by the Commission or other written agreement or permit. Annual park passes must be permanently affixed to vehicle windshield; each vehicle is required to have a separate pass.

Section 3. USE/RESERVATION OF COMMISSION PROPERTY
1. Persons or entities may reserve, for exclusive use, Commission property open to the public. Application to reserve Commission property for exclusive use, e.g., to hold special events, tournaments, or races, shall be made upon forms furnished by the Commission. Persons reserving Commission property will be required to sign a Permit/Agreement. Permits/Agreements for more than seven days must be approved by the Commission. Permits/Agreements for seven days or less may be approved by the Commission Executive Officer, pursuant to Commission policies.
2. In the event more applications to reserve Commission property are received than space available, such applicants shall be considered in the chronological order received.
3. Users of reserved Commission property shall comply with all rules and policies of the Commission relating to use and conduct on Commission property.
4. Persons reserving Commission property may not erect or construct anything above, across or beneath the Commission property without first having obtained written permission from the Commission authorizing such erection or construction.

5. Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the Commission may, upon written application, grant specific permits/agreements for special uses when, in the opinion of the Commission, special consideration is warranted.

Section 4. EMERGENCY POWERS

Nothing in these rules shall:
1. Prohibit or hinder duly-authorized agents of the Commission or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the Commission or Park Supervisors from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare, and safety of park patrons, protect Commission property, and maintain order.

Section 5. SWIMMING, BATHING AND WADING

1. No person shall:
   a. Swim, bathe, wade, or scuba dive in any of the watercourses, lakes, ponds, or sloughs located within or upon Commission property, except at such times and places as may be provided or designated for such purpose. Persons must abide by posted swim rules.
   b. Carry any food or beverage of any kind or have in their possession any glass container on any beach or in the water adjacent thereto.
   c. Use any flotation devices, inflatable or otherwise, in any watercourses, lakes, ponds, or sloughs on Commission property, except in specifically designated areas where posted.

2. General Waterpark Rules
   a. Glass containers are prohibited inside the waterparks.
   b. Lifejackets, tubes, chairs, tables, shaded areas, and charcoal grills are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Tubes must remain in the pool area and may not be taken to picnic areas. Chairs and tables may be used by
waterpark patrons who are present in the waterparks. Chairs and tables may not be held for anticipated patrons.

d. Balls and/or Frisbees are not permitted inside the waterparks.

e. Only personal radios are allowed in the park and may only be listened to via headphones. Playing a stereo/radio with speakers is not allowed.

f. Swim attire worn by waterpark patrons must comply with all local and state laws, rules, and regulations.

g. Waterpark patrons must follow all other waterpark posted rules and procedures. (A full listing of waterpark rules may be found online at OaklandCountyParks.com.)

Section 6. CAMPING

FAMILY AND SINGLE CAMPS

1. Registration. Upon arrival at a park, the park patron shall register for and/or be checked in on a campsite. On a walk-in campsite, a park patron may register for up to 31 consecutive nights and the registration may be renewed. On a reservation campsite, a reservation may be made for up to 14 consecutive nights and reservations are allowed up to 11 months in advance of the arrival date.

2. Reservations. Campsites will be available on a “first-come, first-served” basis based upon registration activity. Select campsites are available for reservations.

3. Renewals. On walk-in campsites, park patrons may request the renewal of their campsite by the due out time on the day their registration expires. Once a campsite is vacated, the site may be rented out regardless of the time.

4. Camper Vehicle Pass. Every vehicle registered must display the vehicle pass on the driver’s side of the windshield while the vehicle is in the park. There is a limit of two vehicles per campsite.

5. Assignment of Sites. All campers are assigned to a campsite. Site changes must be approved by the Park Supervisor.
6. Parking of Trailers. The tongue of the camping trailer hitch must face the road. This allows for quick removal in case of fire or to prevent “boxing in” trailers.

7. Occupancy of Campsite
   a. Campsites are limited to an immediate family or up to four unrelated persons ages 18 years or older.
   b. Any child under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Children shall not be left unattended.
   c. Only one camping trailer and one tent OR only two tents and no trailer will be permitted per campsite.
   d. Campers shall not do any of the following: (1) allow other persons to use their campsites; (2) register a campsite for another person; (3) or transfer campsite or vehicle passes and equipment.

8. Visitors/Non-Campers. All non-campers must pay the day-use entrance fee per vehicle. Vehicles will be parked in the day-use lot or designated parking areas. No non-campers will be allowed in the campground between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

9. Quiet Hours. Observed 11 p.m.–7 a.m. All campers must stay at their own campsites after 11 p.m. No walking or driving through the campgrounds after 11 p.m. will be allowed, except directly to/from the restrooms. No power generators shall be operated 11 p.m.–7 a.m.

10. Water Outlets. Water outlets are available to obtain water for use at campsites only. Washing of vehicles, dishes, clothes, animals, or your person at these outlets is prohibited. No hose will be permanently attached to any water outlet.

11. Waste Water. All grey/waste water must be disposed of at the designated dump station(s).

12. Emergencies. If campers are expecting an emergency message, they should register their name and campsite number at the contact station.

13. Clotheslines. Clotheslines must be removed at sundown. At no time shall a clothesline or any other line be attached to any electrical or lot posts, trees, fences, etc.

14. Trash. Trash shall be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose. Campsites shall be kept clean.
15. **Large Electrical Appliances.** Refrigerators and other large electrical appliances are not permitted outside trailers.

**CABIN & YURT RENTAL**
1. Smoking is not allowed in any cabin or yurt.
2. Cooking is not permitted inside cabins or yurts.
3. Gas or electric portable heaters are not allowed inside or around the cabins or yurts.
4. Cabins and yurts must be cleaned before leaving and left in the same condition as found.
5. No tents allowed at cabins or yurts.
6. Occupancy is limited to cabin or yurt capacity.
7. All campers must follow all other camping rules contained in this section.
8. Except for service animals, no animals are allowed at or in cabins or yurts.

**ORGANIZED CLUB/GROUP CAMPING**
1. A group or organization will be assigned to designated group areas only through advance reservations.
2. Any club or group member wishing to stay longer than the club’s or group’s expiration day must first check with the Park Supervisor to be sure another club will not be coming into the area, then register individually at the contact station.
3. Non-campers must pay the day-use park fee per vehicle and must leave by 9 p.m.
4. Groups of campers may be required to share a pavilion with other groups or organizations in the same area.
5. All campers must follow all other camping rules contained in this section.

**YOUTH ORGANIZATION CAMP**
1. A youth organization camp is a group of youth ages 17 and younger, who are members of a legal entity/organization, camping with their adult (age 18 years or older) leaders.
2. Youth organization camp area must be reserved in advance.
3. Campers will be placed in an organized campground area. Each group must have one adult leader for every five youths.
4. Youth organization camp shall have tent camping only, unless a trailer or camper will be used as a first aid station or headquarters (Independence Oaks County Park only).

5. No trenching around tents. No ground fires are permitted except in designated fire circles.

6. All campers must follow all other camping rules contained in these rules and regulations.

CONTINUOUS WALKING OR CRUISING IN OR NEAR CAMPGROUNDS

It shall be unlawful to continuously walk or cruise in any motor-driven vehicle in, through, and around campgrounds for the purpose of attracting or distracting persons using campsites or for the purpose of using a boat ramp, beach building, or other camping facility, except registered campers/persons to a specific registered campsite.

Section 7. BOATING

1. No person shall launch any boat, yacht, canoe, raft, paddle board or other watercraft from any Commission property, except at such time or place as may be provided or designated for such purpose.

2. All watercraft shall comply with and be used in compliance with Public Act 451 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, of 1994 as amended, and such regulations as may be adopted.

3. Air mattresses, inner tubes, and other flotation devices are prohibited, except in designated swimming areas. Belly boats and other specialty flotation equipment may be used. United States Coast Guard approved individual flotation jacket or vest must be properly worn by all occupants.

4. No gasoline powered watercrafts shall be launched from any Commission property, unless authorized by the Commission. Watercrafts powered by electric motors that are launched from Commission property shall not exceed 24 foot pounds of thrust/24-volt system.

5. To prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species, when entering and exiting Commission waters, persons shall inspect their watercraft, trailers, motors, and accessory equipment and remove any aquatic plants and animals.
Section 8. MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES

1. No person shall:
   a. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature, including but not limited to, any motor driven sled, toboggan, snowmobile, bike, or all-terrain vehicle on Commission property, except on designated roads and parking areas.
   b. Operate off-road recreational vehicles on Commission property, except on designated roads and parking areas.
   c. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted.

2. The driver of any vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any person riding a horse on marked bridle paths where such bridle paths cross streets or roadways.

3. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its regulations, the Commission has authorized persons with mobility disabilities to use certain types of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) on park trails. To determine if any particular OPDMD is approved, visit OaklandCountyParks.com or call 1-888-OCPARKS.

Section 9. PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS

It shall be unlawful:

1. For a vehicle operator to stop, stand, or park a vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the unloading, delivery, pick-up, or loading of materials.

2. It shall be unlawful for a vehicle operator to stop, stand, or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.

3. It shall be unlawful for a vehicle operator to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any area not designated for such purposes.
Section 10. OPERATION OF BICYCLES
1. Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right-hand side of the path, trail, or roadway, as conditions will permit and not more than two bicycles shall be operated abreast.
2. It shall be unlawful for a bicyclist to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of the bicycle.
3. Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadways as may be posted allowing such use; provided, however, no such use shall be allowed between sunset and 7 a.m.
4. Bicyclists must yield to slower moving trail traffic, such as equestrians and pedestrians. Bicyclists must also verbally announce their presence, with a statement such as, “passing on your left!” before passing other trail users.

Section 11. SKATING, COASTING AND SKIING
1. No person shall use roller skates, in-line skates or skateboards within or upon Commission property, except at such times and at such places as may be designated or maintained.
2. The skateboarding area at Groveland Oaks County Park is open to children and persons of all ages. Parents shall be in attendance and supervise their children at all times. NO food or beverages are allowed inside the fenced area.
3. Users must be under control at all times in the skateboarding area at Groveland Oaks. Uncontrolled skating activities that endanger others will result in ejection from the skateboarding area. NO bicycles are allowed inside the skateboarding area. This area is for skateboarding only. All other uses prohibited.
4. No person shall, within or upon Commission property, skate, sled, snowshoe, ski, or go upon any ice, except at such times and at such places as may be designated or maintained.
5. No person shall, within or upon Commission property, coast with hand sleds, bob sleds, carts, or other vehicles on wheels or runners except at such times and at such places as may be designated or maintained.
Section 12. PERSONAL CONDUCT

1. It shall be unlawful for any persons while upon or within Commission property:
   a. To create a breach of or to disturb the peace or to be a disorderly person, as provided under state law.
   b. To conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance, except as permitted by state law and approved by the Commission.
   c. Make any open or indecent exposure of their person or of the person of another, as provided under state law.
   d. To consume or smoke marijuana. Marijuana means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, growing or not; the seeds of the plant; the resin extracted from any part of the plant; and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture, or preparation of the plant or its seeds or resin, including marijuana concentrate and marijuana-infused products.

2. Smoking or the use of any vapor-producing product, such as an e-cigarette or similar device, is strictly prohibited in all buildings, facilities, beaches, waterparks, and playgrounds located on Commission property. This prohibition shall extend a reasonable distance from said buildings, facilities, beaches, waterparks, and playgrounds.

3. A person who violates any Park Rule may be ejected from Commission property, without a refund or rain check, by Park personnel.

Section 13. METAL DETECTORS

Metal detectors will be allowed in the picnic, campground, and general park area. With permission from the Park Supervisor, metal detectors will be allowed in the beach area when the beach has been closed to the public. The use of metal detectors in the water will be done by a group of volunteers approved through the Commission’s Chief of Operations and Maintenance—North or South District.
Section 14. USE OF LOUDSPEAKER/EXCESSIVE NOISE
Sound-amplifying equipment, loudspeakers, or public-address systems are prohibited unless written permission is given by the Commission. It is also prohibited to operate a motor vehicle, radio, television, large electrical appliance, refrigerator, or any device in a manner that produces excessive noise.

Section 15. PUBLIC EXHIBITION
No person shall exhibit any machine, display, or animal; perform any acrobatic exhibitions; carry on any performance; or do anything whatsoever on Commission property that causes persons to congregate so as to interfere with the proper use of such property by the general public or to obstruct the passage of vehicles or persons, without first having obtained written permission from the Commission.

Section 16. HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING
1. No person shall hunt any animal in or upon any Commission property, unless authorized by the Commission.
   a. Firearms Hunting. The use of firearms for hunting is prohibited unless authorized by the Commission. All hunting will be in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and regulations promulgated by Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All hunters must also abide by any additional rules established by the Commission.
   b. Archery hunting. Archery hunting shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and regulations promulgated by Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Archery hunting for white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) is permitted at Rose Oaks, Highland Oaks, Independence Oaks North, Addison Oaks East, Orion Oaks, and Lyon Oaks (Day-use area only) during Michigan Department of Natural Resources archery seasons for Oakland County. Any additional archery hunting opportunities will be authorized by the Commission and posted on the OCPR website and within designated areas of specific parks.
c. Safety zones. 450-FOOT SAFETY ZONES FOR RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL AREAS ARE SIGNED AND STRICTLY ENFORCED ON COMMISSION PROPERTY.

2. Fishing. Fishing is permitted within or upon Commission property in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and regulations promulgated by Michigan Department of Natural Resources in such areas designated for such purposes. Ice fishing is permitted on Commission property, at your own risk. The Commission assumes no liability for injuries sustained while ice fishing. All shanties must comply with the laws of the State of Michigan and regulations promulgated by Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

   a. Upper Bushman Lake at Independence Oaks-North County Park has been designated as a Special Regulation Catch-and-Release-Only Fishery by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Fisheries order 244.

3. No person shall catch, wound, kill, or attempt to catch, wound, or kill any animal, unless authorized by the Commission or these Rules. No person shall steal any nest, lair, den, or burrow of any animal in or upon any Commission property, unless authorized by the Commission or these Rules.

   a. Trapping of animals is not permitted on Commission property, unless posted in specific areas at selected Parks. All trapping will be in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and regulations promulgated by Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All trappers must also abide by any additional rules established by the Commission.

   b. Beaver trapping occurs by invitation lottery only during nuisance conditions as determined by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Management Team.
4. Use of trail or game cameras is permitted only in areas open to archery hunting during hunting season for the purpose of observing wildlife for hunting. All cameras must be clearly marked with owner’s name, address, and telephone number visible from the ground. Cameras cannot be affixed to trees or shrubs in any manner that causes damage per Section 17. Cameras may not be used for the purpose of general wildlife observation or observation of staff or park patrons.

Section 17. DESTRUCTION OF PLANT LIFE AND NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

No person shall:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, shrub, fern, forb, grass, rush, sedge, or other plant, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim, or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub on Commission property, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any plant without the Commission’s written approval.

2. Remove or cause to be removed any seeds, sod, earth humus, peat, boulders, firewood, gravel or sand on Commission property without the Commission’s written permission.

3. Leave a designated trail or blaze new trails on park property without Commission’s written approval.

4. Gather mushrooms unless the mushrooms are gathered in accordance with the mushroom hunting guidelines listed at OaklandCountyParks.com.

The Commission does not assume responsibility for the identification of any plant, fungus, or berry species on Commission property and is not responsible for any illness which may result from the ingestion of the aforementioned species.
Section 18. LITTERING AND POLLUTION OF WATERS

It shall be unlawful:
1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the Commission property, except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
2. To throw, cast, lay, drop, or discharge into or leave on any Commission property any substance, matter of thing, liquid, or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said property or waters.

Section 19. FIRES

1. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brush land, grassland, or meadow upon any Commission property, unless authorized by the Commission.
2. No person shall build any fire upon Commission property, except within the fireplace, receptacles, or open spaces approved and designated by the Commission for such purposes.
3. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, paper, or other flammable material within or upon any Commission property, unless authorized by the Commission.
4. No pallets, treated wood, or other noxious materials are to be put in campfires.

Section 20. DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, MARKERS, MONUMENTS AND OTHER PROPERTIES

No person shall upon Commission property:
1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change, or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post, or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut breaks, mark upon, or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary.
4. Appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or any object of antiquity, without the Commission’s permission.
Section 21. CONTRABAND
All game animals, fowl, birds, fish, and other aquatic life hunted, killed, taken, destroyed, bought, sold, bartered or had in possession, contrary to any of the provisions hereof, shall be declared to be contraband and shall be turned over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for disposal.

Section 22. FIREARMS
The use, possession, and carrying of firearms on Commission property shall be governed by federal, state and local law.

Section 23. FIREWORKS
No person shall fire, discharge, or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecrackers, sparklers, torpedo, squib, floating sky lanterns, other fireworks, or any substance of an explosive or dangerous nature within or upon the Commission property, unless authorized by the Commission or its authorized agent through an agreement or permit. Any agreement/permit issued hereunder shall not relieve a person from obtaining the necessary permits as required by law from the local governing authority wherein the Park is located.

Section 24. PEDDLING AND SOLICITING
It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, to distribute handbills or other advertising material, or to post unauthorized signs on any Commission property, unless first authorized by the Commission in writing.

Section 25. ANIMALS AND BIRDS
1. It shall be unlawful for any persons while upon or within Commission property to:
   a. Bring, drive, or lead any animal onto Commission property, except as otherwise provided in these Park rules or except if prior written permission is received by the Park Supervisor;
   b. Feed any wildlife;
   c. Cause any animal to run at large;
   d. Torture, abuse, ill-treat, or neglect any animal;
e. Dispose of, release, or set free any wild or domestic animal upon Commission property unless authorized by the Commission or the Park Supervisor;
f. Bring animals in beach areas, waterparks, county market, concession areas, waterways, or in cabins or yurts; or
g. Leave pets unattended.

2. Turtles, frogs, and mudpuppies shall not be removed from Commission property.

3. **Snakes and Snake Bites.** Snakes shall not be harmed or killed. All snake bites must be reported immediately to 911. Snake bite victims must provide bite incident details to the Park Supervisor or Park Natural Resources Planner.

4. **Service Animals.** Notwithstanding any other Park rule, persons may bring their service animals upon or within any Commission property.

5. **Liability.** Owners or caretakers of animals assume full responsibility for all animals brought onto Commission property.

6. **Dogs.**
   a. Persons may bring dogs on Commission property if they are on a leash (not longer than six feet) or if they are confined to a tent or camping trailer, unless prohibited by posting or otherwise provided by these rules.
   b. All dogs must have a current license.
   c. Owners or caretakers must clean up all dog droppings.
   d. Unruly dogs are prohibited on Commission property. Unruly dogs are defined as dogs that are not controllable by their owners or caretakers, dogs which physically attack or bite another dog or human (when not provoked), or dogs which physically pin other dogs to the ground (when not provoked).
   e. All dog bites must be reported immediately to the park supervisor or an Oakland County Sheriff’s deputy, who will contact Oakland County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. The dog must then be confined until the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office or park personnel arrive at the scene.
7. **Dog Parks.** The Commission may designate areas for the purpose of exercising dogs off leash. While in the dog park areas, all dogs and their owners or caretakers must obey all Park rules, including:
   a. Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the dog park. Owners must carry leash with them at all times while in the dog park.
   b. Maximum of two dogs per patron.
   c. Dogs must have current license, up-to-date vaccinations, and respond to voice commands.
   d. Shock collars, metal pinch/choke collars or collars with metal links are not allowed in the dog park.
   e. No dogs under four months of age allowed in the dog park.
   f. Small dog area is for dogs 25 pounds or less.
   g. Owners or caretakers assume full responsibility for all dogs brought onto Commission property.
   h. Dogs must be accompanied and supervised by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times. Dogs must never be left unattended in the dog park.
   i. Children, ages 12 and under, must be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult present inside the dog park, at all times.
   j. No food, human or animal, is allowed in the dog park.
   k. Dogs in heat may not enter the dog park.
   l. Owners or caretakers must clean up dog droppings; bags are provided on site.
   m. Lake Sixteen Dog Dock access at Orion Oaks is for dogs only. Lake Sixteen Boat Launch is not part of the Dog Park.
   n. Dogs are not allowed to dig in the dog park. Owner must fill in any holes.
   o. Community bowls or pools may not be brought to or left at the dog park.

**Section 26. HORSES**

It shall be unlawful for any persons while upon or within Commission property:

1. To ride, lead or cause a horse to be upon any Commission property except on specifically designated and posted areas, bridle paths or by permit on field trail areas.
2. To ride a horse in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or persons of others.
Section 27. LIVESTOCK
No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across any Commission property unless approved by the Commission.

Section 28. UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS, HOT AIR BALLOONS, AIRPLANES AND PARACHUTES
1. No person shall make any ascent in any hot air balloon, airplane or ultralight, or any descent in or from any hot air balloon, airplane or parachute on any Commission property unless authorized in writing by the Commission.
2. Any person operating an unmanned, remote control aircraft shall do so in accordance with all federal and state, laws and regulations.

Section 29. UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION
No person shall by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing or by other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any Commission property.

Section 30. HINDERING EMPLOYEES
No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder, any Commission employees or agents while performing their official duties.

Section 31. RESISTING PARK EMPLOYEES
No person shall interfere with any Commission employees in the discharge of their duties or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any park employee.

Section 32. IMPERSONATION OF PARK EMPLOYEES
No person shall impersonate any Commission employee or agent for any reason whatsoever.

Section 33. FINES AND IMPRISONMENT
Except as otherwise provided by law, any person violating these Park Rules and Regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than $100 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the Oakland County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, for each offense.
Section 34. SPECIAL USE AREAS
Special use areas will have posted Commission rules and regulations specific to the area’s use and users’ conduct. Special use areas include, but are not limited to: beaches; waterparks; bicycle motocross track; bicycle skills course; skateboard parks; dog parks; disc golf course; golf; miniature (putt-putt) golf; driving range; cross-country ski trails; playgrounds; mountain biking trails; and any other designated areas with their own specific rules and regulations.

Section 35. FREE SPEECH
Parks are traditional public forums that citizens may use for purpose of assembly, communicating thoughts, discussing public questions and protests. Peaceful assemblies, public demonstrations and other types of protests are permissible except where such activity will do the following:

1. Disrupt scheduled events at or on Commission property;
2. Create a hazard to Commission property;
3. Physically interfere with other park patrons’ use of Commission property; or
4. Block traffic or block the path of others using Commission property.

“Disrupt,” as used above, does not include peacefully holding a protest sign at a public meeting or acting in a manner that does not prevent others from participating in a scheduled event at or on Commission property, or that does not create a hazard to the health, welfare and safety of park patrons, or that does not destroy or damage Commission property.

If a planned assembly or public demonstration on Commission property can be reasonably anticipated to disrupt, create a hazard, physically interfere or block traffic or the path of other patrons, as specified above in numbered paragraphs 1-4; organizers of such activities shall provide two business days’ notice to the Commission.

Speech may not be restricted based on content or views expressed, except that the speakers may not:

1. Use fighting words, which are words that their very utterance tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
2. Threaten to physically harm others; or

3. Engage in obscene speech or conduct as that term is defined by MCL 752.362(5).

4. Organizers must also comply with all other governmental requirements, including these Park rules, for conducting such assemblies or public demonstrations.

Section 36. PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING

Persons may take still photographs or video or audio recordings on Commission property without first obtaining a written permit from the Commission unless any of the following apply:

1. The photographs or recordings are being taken for the purpose of advertising a product or service;

2. The photographs or recordings involve professional or amateur casts, props, models, or crews, other than bona fide news media personnel covering a news event that cannot be covered at any other time or at any other location;

3. The project requires access to Commission property that is closed or restricted to the general public; and

4. The project carries substantial risk of damaging Commission property, disrupting park patrons, disrupting park operations, or compromising public health and safety regulations already covered by law.

Section 37. CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Commission property:
   Alcoholic beverages may be brought into and consumed on Commission property by park patrons subject to the following:

   a. Individuals who bring and consume alcoholic beverages on Commission property are responsible for their own actions as a result of consuming alcoholic beverages and must be in compliance with all laws and park rules and regulations.
b. No person under the age of 21 may consume or purchase alcoholic beverages on Commission property. In the event that any underage drinking is suspected, the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office and/or the local police department will be immediately notified.

c. No alcoholic beverages are permitted at park beaches, dog parks, waterparks, waterpark parking lots, and concession areas.

d. Park patrons shall not bring alcoholic beverages to Park golf courses (except for Red Oaks Golf Course), and Park banquet facilities, including the parking lots for these areas, where a license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to sell alcoholic beverages is in place.

e. Keg beer is not allowed at or on Commission property, unless served by a caterer or entity approved in writing by the Park Supervisor.

f. When a person or entity reserves and uses Commission property, the consumption of alcoholic beverages at such facility or property shall also be governed by the written agreement, which provides for the use of the Commission property.

### 2. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages on Commission property:

The sale of alcoholic beverages within or on Commission property is prohibited, subject to the following exceptions:

a. At formally established concession and banquet facilities operated by, or under contract with, the Commission. The contract with the Commission shall address all aspects of the sale of alcoholic beverages, including licenses, liability and insurance.

b. At events that meet all of the following requirements:

c. An application for such purpose shall have been submitted to and approved by the Commission, and
d. The applicant must be an established non-profit, charitable entity which meets the following requirements:

1. Has actively functioned in Oakland County for at least two years
2. Is recognized as having provided substantial benefit in the interest of the public in Oakland County, and
3. The Commission has determined in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, based on the available evidence, that the proceeds from the approved sale of alcohol will be used primarily to serve the interests of the public in Oakland County; and

e. The applicant has secured licensure from the MLCC and has provided written evidence of such licensure; and

f. The applicant has secured all insurance for the event as required by the Oakland County Department of Risk Management; and

g. The event will be short term; and

h. The event is primarily expected to be attended by adults, and any minors expected to attend will, for the most part, be in the presence of their parents or affiliated adults.
DEFINITIONS

“Commission” shall mean the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission or its Executive Officer.

“Commission property” shall mean all lands, waters and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

“Person” or “persons” shall mean individuals, firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.

“Camping” means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons in a tent, trailer–coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises within any park or recreation area administered by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

“Rules” shall mean the rules adopted by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said Commission and all amendments thereto. These rules are enforced in compliance with State of Michigan Public Act 261.

“Alcoholic Beverages” refers to products of distillation of any fermented liquid whether or not rectified or diluted with water or other liquid, including beer, wine and liquor, but does not mean ethyl or industrial alcohol, diluted or not, that has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for beverage purposes. (based on the definition contained in the Michigan Liquor Control Act, Act 58 of 1998; MCL 436.1105(1))
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