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CHAPTER I

General Provisions

This ordinance shall be known as, and may be cited and referred to as, “The St. Joseph County Parks Ordinance.” Whenever any reference is made to any portion of this ordinance, such reference applies to all amendments and additions hereafter made.

CHAPTER II

Park Rules

1. Parks are open daily from dawn until dusk.
2. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all county parks except in designated camping areas.
3. Fires are permitted only in grills or designated areas. Fireworks are prohibited.
4. It is unlawful to hunt, trap or kill any animal or bird, except fish on park grounds. Nuisance wildlife management practices permitted by the State of Michigan, including hunting and trapping, may be performed at County Parks by County Employees or licensed contractors as deemed necessary by the Parks Commission or the Director.
5. Solicitation is not allowed.
6. It is unlawful to litter or dump in any park area.
7. Pets must be on a leash, no more than 6 feet long and owners must clean up after their pets. Pets are prohibited at Rawson’s King Mill Park.
8. All hiking trails are designated for pedestrians only.
9. Swimming only in designated beach areas during posted hours. No lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.
10. Camping only in designated camping areas.
11. Persons displaying permit have priority usage of shelters.
12. Parking only in designated areas.
13. It is unlawful to destroy park property.
14. Vehicles are not to be driven at more than 15 M.P.H. and only on existing roads.
15. Removing any natural material from park property is prohibited.

CHAPTER III

Beach Rules

1. No lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.
2. Children under the age of 18 shall be accompanied by an adult.
3. Beach open from dawn to dusk.
4. No alcoholic beverages or glass containers on beach.
5. No pets allowed on beach.
6. Swim only in designated swimming areas.
7. Fires are permitted only in grills.

CHAPTER IV

Campground Rules

1. Camping only in designated areas.
2. Alcoholic beverages are permitted at registered campsites.
3. Do not set up campers/tents until a campsite is assigned and fees are paid.
4. Quiet time is 11:00PM-7:00AM and check out time is 2:00PM.
5. Anyone under the age of 18 shall be accompanied by an adult.
6. One camping unit, one small pup tent and 6 individuals permitted per site.
7. Fires are permitted only in fire pits and grills. Fireworks are prohibited.
8. A maximum of 14 days of camping in a 30 day period.
9. Camping fees are nonrefundable.
10. Discharging of wastewater is prohibited.

CHAPTER V

Enforcement

This ordinance shall be enforced by the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department or by the Michigan State Police or any other police or county agency having proper jurisdiction.

CHAPTER VI

Penalties

The penalty for violation of any provision of this ordinance shall not exceed a fine of \$500.00 and/or 90 days in jail.

Adopted by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners on _____ 2007.

Robin Baker, Chairman

St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners