

144.000 – VILLAGE PARKS PARK REGULATIONS

Article I- Park Regulations

144.001 - Injury to Park Property. Prohibited Uses and Acts.

Sec. 1.

- A. **Structures; equipment:** No person shall obstruct any walk or drive in any public park or playground and no person shall injure, mar or damage in any manner, any monument, ornament, fence, bridge, seat, tree, fountain, shrub, flower, playground equipment, fireplaces, or other public property within or pertaining to said parks.
- B. **Peace; disorderly conduct:** No person shall perform any unlawful act, make or excite any disturbance or contention in any village park.
- C. **Intoxicating liquors prohibited; exceptions:** No person shall bring into or drink in any Village Park any alcoholic beverage. Provided however, this provision shall not prohibit an organization to obtain approval in advance of the event from the Village Council and contingent on the organization obtaining all required permits through the Michigan Liquor License Control Commission.
- D. **Dumping articles in park:** Deposit any rubbish, garbage or refuse matter, break glass or bottles in or upon any part of the park other than such refuse accumulated from organized and acceptable activities within the park; and such refuse must be deposited in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- E. **Controlled Substances:** No person under the influence of a controlled substance or visibly intoxicated shall enter, be or remain in any village park. Any such person so found may be ejected.
- F. **Ball Games:** No person shall engage in baseball, football or softball throwing, or other violent or rough exercises or play in any public park or other public place, except in areas designated therefor by order of the Village Council.

144.002 Camping.

Sec. 2.

- A. **Definitions.** The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
 - a. **Camp** means to reside, sleep overnight, inhabit and/or dwell temporarily or longer with or without shelter.
 - b. **Reside or dwell** means but is not limited to, activities such as eating, sleeping and/or the storage of personal property.
- B. **Public Property.** It shall be unlawful and constitute a nuisance for any person to camp or establish shelter upon a public park without the express written consent of the Village Council.

~~144.002 – Intoxicating Liquors Prohibited; exceptions.~~

~~Sec. 2. No person shall bring into or drink in any Village Park any alcoholic beverage. Provided however, this provision shall not prohibit the operation of a single beer or alcoholic beverage tent in Bachmayer Park during the River Raisin Festival so long as festival organizers annually obtain a permit in advance of from the Village Council.~~

~~144.003 – Waste Containers.~~

~~Sec. 3. No person shall place or deposit any garbage, glass, tin cans, paper or miscellaneous waste in any park or playground except in containers provided for that purpose.~~

~~144.004 – Ball Games.~~

~~Sec. 4. No person shall engage in baseball, football or softball throwing, or other violent or rough exercises or play in any public park or other public place, except in areas designated therefor by order of the Village Council.~~

144.005 - Additional Rules.

Sec. 5. The Village Council may, by resolution, prescribe additional rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct and use of parks and public grounds as it shall deem necessary to administer the same and to protect public property and the safety, health, morals and welfare of the public, and no person shall fail to comply with such rules and regulations.

144.006 - Bridge Restrictions.

Sec. 6. No person shall jump, leap or dive off or from the footbridge which crosses the River Raisin from Ellis Playgrounds/Park to Bachmayer Park, or the Train/Highway/Foot Bridge, known as the US-223 Train/Car/Foot Bridge.

144.007 – Violation of Chapter.

~~Sec. 7. 6a. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil infraction. The maximum civil penalty for a violation of this Section shall be \$100.00 plus the costs of prosecution and Court costs.~~

A person who violates any provision of Article I or Article II of this chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction or a misdemeanor, subject to payment of a civil fine as adopted within the fee schedule, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation. Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines as adopted within the fee schedule.

~~Sec. 6b. Effective date. This Amendment to Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its publication.~~

~~144.010 – Bicycles, Unicycles, Motorized or Non-Motorized Scooters.~~

~~Sec. 10. No bicycles, unicycles, motorized scooters or non-motorized scooters are allowed within the confines of the fenced area of the Village of Blissfield Skate Park.~~

144.011(a) – Dog Park.

Individuals using the Village of Blissfield dog park shall comply with all rules and regulations to the use/occupancy of the Village of Blissfield dog park.

~~This Amendment to Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its publication.~~

~~144.011 – [Violation.]~~

~~A violation of this Ordinance shall be a civil infraction punishable by a fine of ONE HUNDRED (\$100.00) DOLLARS plus the costs of prosecution.~~

144.012 - Severability.

Sec. 12. Should any portion of this Ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

144.013 - Effective Date.

Sec. 13. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its publication.

Article II- Park Hours

144.201 - Policy of the Village of Blissfield.

Sec. 1. It shall be the policy of the Village of Blissfield to provide municipal parks for the general public to use in a reasonable and orderly manner, without exclusion of anyone from a park during the hours' said parks are open, but in order to protect parks and park equipment from vandalism, to exclude all unauthorized persons therefrom during the time said parks are closed.

144.202 - Time of Opening and Closing.

Sec. 2. Village parks owned or operated by the Village of Blissfield shall be opened each day, including Sunday and holidays at 6:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 11:30 p.m. All Village parks shall be closed between 11:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

144.203 - Permits Required.

Sec. 3. Any person desiring to use any Village Park at a time other than that provided for in Section 2 hereof, shall file **a request** ~~n application~~ with the Village Clerk ~~on forms to be furnished by said Village Clerk~~ and shall not use said park until said permit is granted **pursuant to 114.204**.

144.204 - Granting of permits is a Privilege and Not a Right.

Sec. 4. The granting of any special permits shall be at the sole discretion of the Village Council, and a permit may be granted for only a proper reason and the Village Council shall be the sole judge thereof.

144.205 - Violation.

Sec. 5. No person other than police officers on official duty and Village employees on park duty shall enter said park or remain therein during the time said park shall close.

~~145.006 - Penalties.~~

~~Sec. 6. Anyone violating any of the provisions hereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10.00 or more than ten days in jail for a first offense, if no damage is done to the park. For the second and each subsequent offense, or, if damage is done in the park, while the offender is in violation, he shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100.00 or up to 90 days in jail.~~

144.207 - Civil Liability.

Sec. 7. All persons violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages done to said parks which said person is so in violation. Any damage found in a park after apprehending a violator, which was unknown prior thereto, is presumed to have been done while said offender was so violating this Ordinance.

144.208 - Effective date.

Sec. 8. This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after its adoption.