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RULES: PARKS AND CAMPING

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

The County's Parks Bylaw authorizes the establishment of rules governing access to, and conduct within, County Parks. All persons accessing County Parks are subject to the following rules and requirements.

Part I - Definitions

1 In these Rules:

(a) **"Camping Accommodation Unit"** means:

- (i) a tent;
- (ii) a camper trailer;
- (iii) a 5th wheel camper trailer;
- (iv) a tent trailer
- (v) a motor home;
- (vi) a van; or
- (vii) a truck camper;

intended to be used by a person as shelter while camping;

(b) **"Council"** means the council of the County;

(c) **"County"** means the municipal corporation of the County of St. Paul No. 19;

- (d) “**Director**” means the Director of the Community Services Department of the County, or his or her designate;
- (e) “**Motor Vehicle**” has the same meaning as in the *Traffic Safety Act*, as amended or repealed and replaces, from time to time;
- (f) “**Off-Highway Vehicle**” has the same meaning as in the *Traffic Safety Act*, as amended or repealed and replaces, from time to time;
- (g) “**Park**” means land designated as park, campground or recreation area by Council;
- (h) “**Park Caretaker**” means a person appointed as a Park Caretaker pursuant to the Parks Bylaw, as amended, or repealed and replaced, from time to time;
- (i) “**Registered Camper**” means a person that has reserved a campsite in accordance with these Rules; and
- (j) “**Weapon**” includes, but is not limited to, a rifle, shotgun, pistol, handgun, target pistol, air rifle, pellet gun, hunting bow, cross bow, sling shot, and paint ball gun.

Part II – Park Access and Camping Registration

Park Access and Hours

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- (1) A person shall, prior to entering a Park, stop at the on-site Park office and check in with the Park Caretaker.
- (2) A person may access portions of Parks that have been designated, by the County, as day use areas between the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm only.
- (3) No person shall be present in a Park between the hours of 9:00pm and 9:00am, unless that person is a Registered Camper, or is occupying a campsite with the permission of a Registered Camper.

- (4) Park gates will be closed between 11:00pm and 8:00am and, during this period, gates shall only be opened in the discretion of the Park Caretaker, in the case of emergency.

Camping Reservations

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- (1) No person shall camp in a Park unless that person has first made a reservation in the manner required by the County and paid any applicable fees and charges, or that person is residing on a camp site with the Registered Camper and the reservation made by the Registered Camper contemplates that person residing on the campsite.
- (2) When accepting a camping reservation, the County may impose any terms, conditions or requirements that the County considers necessary, and all persons camping pursuant to that reservation shall comply with such terms, conditions or requirements.
- (3) A Registered Camper shall always keep a copy of the receipt issued for a camping reservation with the Registered Camper while present in a Park and shall present that receipt to the Park Caretaker for inspection upon request.
- (4) No person shall camp in a portion of Park other than a campsite assigned to that person, unless he or she has first obtained the permission of the Park Caretaker.
- (5) Camping reservations may be made online through the County's camping reservation system, by phone call or in person at an on-site Park office or in any other manner that the County may advise. A reservation fee will be applied to all reservations.
- (6) A person wishing to make a camping reservation shall provide the County with:
 - (a) a valid credit card number;
 - (b) payment, in advance, of any camping fees and charges that have been imposed by the County, for each day and site reserved (as per the County's Fee Schedule Bylaw as amended from time-to-time);

- (c) the person's name;
 - (d) the number of guests accompanying that person;
 - (e) a contact telephone number;
 - (f) license plate numbers for any vehicles and Camping Accommodation Units to be brought into the Park;
 - (g) financial information required to make payment to the County;
 - (h) information regarding any animals that will be residing in the campsite(s) occupied by that person;
 - (i) if requested by the County, photograph identification enough to satisfy the County that the person in question is eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
 - (j) any other information that the County may request.
- (7) No person may make a camping reservation unless that person is eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- (8) On-line camping reservation for a given year will open as of March 1st of that year. By phone call or in-person reservations at an on-site Park Office for a given year will open during the month of May for that year. See the County's website for further details on specific dates and times. Designated Group Sites reservations for a given year will open as of January 1 of that year by phone to the Director of Community Services.
- (9) All reservations shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- (10) A camping reservation must be made for a minimum of one (1) day and may be made for a maximum of fourteen (14) days. For designated monthly sites, a camping reservation must be made for a minimum of twenty-eight (28) days.

- (11) A Registered Camper may, on the last day of his or her camping reservation, make a further reservation for an additional period referred to in subsection (10), though this shall be subject to availability of campsites.
- (12) Notwithstanding subsection (10), the Director may, at his or her discretion, allow a person to reserve a campsite for a period exceeding fourteen (14) days, on such terms and conditions as the Director considers appropriate.
- (13) The check-in time for persons camping in a Park is 3:00pm and check-out time is 1:00pm.
- (14) The Director may, in his or her discretion, allow a person to reserve a portion of a Park for a wedding or other event. A person making such a reservation must pay, in advance, all fees and charges imposed by the County. The cancellation requirements set out in subsections (15) and (16) apply to a reservation made under this subsection.
- (15) A Registered Camper must provide the County with at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice in order to cancel a camping reservation. An administrative fee equivalent to a one (1) night stay per site will be placed on the Registered Camper's credit card for any cancellations made with less than forty-eight (48) hours.
- (16) Cancellation fees described in subsection (15) may be waived at the discretion of the Director.
- (17) Anyone over the age of sixteen (16) staying in a tent on the same campsite as another Camping Accommodation Unit will be charged the non-powered fee. Only one tent will be permitted per site.
- (18) If two Camping Accommodation Units are on one campsite where only one power pedestal exists, one Camping Accommodation Unit will be charged the power rate and the other(s) will be charged the non-power rate.
- (19) The number of tents permitted in a tenting site will be at the discretion of the park caretaker.

Campsite Occupation

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- (1) The number of Motor Vehicles, Camping Accommodation Units and boats that will be permitted at a campsite is at the discretion of the Park Caretaker and will depend on the size of the campsite.
- (2) No Registered Camper shall bring onto, or permit to remain upon, a campsite more Motor Vehicles, Camping Accommodation Units or boats than have been permitted by the Park Caretaker.
- (3) No person that is attending a Park to visit a Registered Camper shall park a vehicle at the Registered Camper's campsite:
 - (a) after 11:00 PM;
 - (b) in a manner or at a location that impedes traffic; or
 - (c) in a location prohibited by a sign.

Part III – General Rules and Prohibitions

Nuisance and Noise

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- (1) A person present in a Park must remain quiet between the hours of 11:00pm and 8:00am.
- (2) No person shall, in any Park, cause or participate in any activity that, in the opinion of the Park Caretaker, constitutes a public nuisance.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), a person within a Park shall not cause or permit any noise that is reasonably likely to disturb the peace of another individual, which may include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, noise caused by dog or other animal that the person has caused or permitted to be present in the Park. For greater certainty, this prohibition also always applies, including when the quiet time referred to in subsection (1) is not in effect.

- (4) Without limiting subsections (1) to (3), no generators shall be used within a Park between the hours of 11:00pm and 7:00am, and the Park Caretaker may, at any time, require a person to turn off or relocate a generator being used within a Park.

Waste Disposal and Clean-up

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- (1) A person shall not leave any garbage, litter, liquid waste or other refuse within a Park, except in a receptacle designated by the County for that purpose.
- (2) Wastewater generated within a Camping Accommodation Unit shall only be discharged into an appropriate and sealed portable wastewater holding tank or into a wastewater dumping station designed and designated for such a purpose.
- (3) Where waste disposal receptacles have not been provided in a Park, or portion thereof, a person shall remove all garbage, litter, liquid waste or other refuse and properly dispose of it outside of the Park.
- (4) A person shall, prior to exiting a Park, restore any portion of the Park that the person has used or occupied, including a campsite, to the condition that it was in prior to the person's use or occupation, and, for greater certainty, the person shall leave the Park, or portion thereof, in a condition that is satisfactory to the Park Caretaker.
- (5) A person who fails to comply with this section 6 may, in addition to any other remedy contemplated by these Rules, or available at law, be charged for any costs incurred by the County to clean, repair or restore the portion of Park in question.
- (6) In the case of a campsite reserved by a Registered Camper, the costs referred to in subsection (5) may be charged to the Registered Camper if the Park Caretaker inspected the campsite in question within eight (8) hours of the time at which the campsite was vacated by the Registered Camper and that inspection reveals that, at the time of inspection, the campsite was left in a state that is contrary to the requirements of this section 6.

Water Use

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- (1) No person shall bathe, or wash clothing, fish, cooking or eating utensils, vehicles or other equipment at or near a drinking fountain, stand pipe, well or pump in any Park.
- (2) No person shall remove, from a Park, any water that has been provided by the County within that Park, other than water that is being held, for personal use, within that person's Camping Accommodation Unit, at the time that the person exits the Park.
- (3) No person, other than a Registered Camper, or persons camping with that Registered Camper in accordance with his or her camping reservation, shall utilize shower facilities within a Park.

Business and Advertising

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- (1) No person shall carry on any business or commercial activity within a Park, unless that person has first obtained the written permission of the Director.
- (2) No person shall display or post any sign, notice or advertisement within a Park, unless that person has first obtained the written permission of the Director.

Fire and Burning

- 9** No person shall light, or cause to be lit, any fire within a Park, except in accordance with the County's Fire Protection Services Bylaw, as amended or repealed and replaced, from time to time.

Vehicles

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- (1) No person shall operate a Motor Vehicle in a Park, except upon a designated roadway.
- (2) No person, other than the Park Caretaker, shall operate or ride an Off-Highway Vehicle in a Park.
- (3) No person shall park or leave, or permit to be parked or left, a Motor Vehicle, boat, trailer or Camping Accommodation Unit in any portion of a Park other

than in parking areas that have been designated for that purpose by the Director.

Animal Control

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- (1) A Park Caretaker may prohibit a person from bringing an animal into a Park, or may require an animal to be removed from a Park, if, in the opinion of the Park Caretaker, the animal is not under control, may constitute a nuisance or may pose a danger to the life, safety, health, property or comfort of any person in the Park.
- (2) A person who has the care, charge, custody, possession or control of an animal shall not allow the animal to be present in a Park unless the animal is restrained by a leash that is not greater than two (2) meters in length or confined within a secure enclosure.
- (3) A person who has the care, charge, custody, possession or control of an animal shall not bring the animal into, or allow the animal to enter, or remain in, or on, any area in a Park that is:
 - (a) a designated swimming area;
 - (b) a beach area adjacent to a designated swimming area;
 - (c) a public washroom, change house, concession, public shelter, or other public building or structure; or
 - (d) an area where signs are posted prohibiting animals.
- (4) No person shall bring into, or permit to enter a park, a horse, pony or donkey without having obtained the prior written approval of the Director.
- (5) No person occupying a campsite shall allow more than three (3) dogs to be present at, or reside upon, that campsite.

General Prohibitions

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- (a) contravene, or fail to comply with, any instruction, direction or rule communicated by the Park Caretaker or set out on a sign or notice posted by the County;
- (b) discharge fireworks;
- (c) cut, clear or remove trees or other vegetation;
- (d) damage, deface, injure or destroy any land, structure, sign or other improvement;
- (e) use or discharge a Weapon;
- (f) use or consume cannabis, use or consume alcohol, or possess open alcohol containers in any portion of a Park other than a campsite for which the person is the Registered Camper or a campsite that the person is occupying with the permission of the Registered Camper.

Part IV – Enforcement

Enforcement

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- (1) Without limiting any other legal remedy available to the County, a person who violates these Rules, or otherwise acts in a manner that is considered, by the County, to be dangerous or detrimental, may be required to leave the Park and/or be prohibited from accessing the Park for a specified period of time. In such a case, a camping reservation for that person may be cancelled or revoked by the County. Any refunds of camping fees will be considered on a case by case basis by the County.
- (2) A person required to leave pursuant to subsection (1) shall vacate the Park within one (1) hour of being instructed to do so, and shall remove all equipment, vehicles and other items that were brought into the Park by that person.
- (3) For the purposes of these Rules, a Registered Camper is responsible for the

conduct of both the Registered Camper and other persons present at his or her campsite with the permission of the Registered Camper.

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