

DEXTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NUMBER 16

HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY PARKS

ADOPTED: JULY 1, 1986

EFFECTIVE: AUGUST 8, 1986

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE USE OF THE HURON-CLINTON METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY PARKS WITHIN DEXTER TOWNSHIP BY ESTABLISHING RULES TO CONTROL WATERCRAFT, SWIMMING AND WADING, DANGEROUS OR OBNOXIOUS MATERIALS OR EQUIPMENT, UNLAWFUL FIRES, THE CLOSING OF THE PARK, HORSES, DOGS, AND PETS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, SIGNS AND HANDBILLS, THE PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, RADIOS, RECORDS OR TAPE PLAYERS AND SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES, SERVICE, PRIVILEGE OR LICENSE FEES, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, LARGE GROUP EVENTS, OFF THE ROAD VEHICLES; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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SECTION I

1. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Ordinance:
 - A. "Authority" means the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and its agents, offices, employees, ranger and ranger aids.
 - B. "Beach Area" means an area set aside for the purpose of swimming, including the marked water area, land adjacent to the water area, including any buildings or parking area directly serving persons swimming.
 - C. "Facility" means any building, room, area, or equipment that has been built or purchased by the Authority.
 - D. "Foot Path" shall mean a path provided for foot travel only.
 - E. "Launch" means the act of putting into or taking out of the water any water craft.
 - F. "Nature Trail" means footpaths provided and developed for use in nature interpretive programs.
 - G. "Swim" means moving the body through the water by movement of the arms, legs, or attached equipment.
 - H. "Wade" means to walk in or through the water.
 - I. "Water Craft" means any boat, raft, canoe, or sailing vessel.

SECTION II

1. **CONTROL OF WATER CRAFT.** The launching and operation of water craft from Authority lands shall be restricted as follows:

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- A. No motor boat shall be launched or operated unless such motor boat is registered and marked in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.
- B. No person shall launch a water craft without a permit issued by the Authority.
- C. No person shall launch any water craft except as designated launching sites.
- D. No person shall have or allow a water craft on Authority lands between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and sunrise, except by written permission of the Authority.

SECTION III

1. CONTROL OF SWIMMING AND WADING.

- A. Swimming or bathing is prohibited within the boundaries of the Authority lands, except in specially constructed swimming pool facilities or in areas marked as swimming areas. No person shall use any swimming pool facility or marked swimming area except in accordance with posted rules, and regulations, governing such use, and when the Authority life guards are on duty.
- B. Wading is prohibited in any water under the control of the Authority, except by fishermen actually engaged in fishing.

SECTION IV

1. DANGEROUS OR OBNOXIOUS MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT.

- A. No person shall deposit or abandon any garbage, sewage, bottles, cans, refuse, trash, waste or other obnoxious material in or upon any lands or water areas under the control of the Authority, except in receptacles or pits provided for such purpose.
- B. No person shall have in his possession or control any glass bottle or container in or on any pool area, beach area, or baseball diamond in Authority lands, where possession of glass bottles or containers is prohibited by posted notices.
- C. No person shall have in his possession or control any rifle, shotgun, pistol or other firearm, slingshot, bow, arrow, crossbow, pellet gun, air rifle, noxious gas ejecting devices, fireworks, explosives or other dangerous devices or materials within the boundaries of Authority lands; provided, that a law enforcement officer duly appointed by the United States, the State of Michigan or by a political subdivision thereof may carry a firearm as required for the performance of his or her official duties, and may have such possession of other dangerous devices and materials referred to herein as is necessary for confiscation or removal; and provided, further, that bows and arrows may be used as specifically permitted by the Authority.

SECTION V

1. UNLAWFUL FIRES.

- A. No person shall start or maintain a fire on Authority lands except in picnic stoves, fireplaces, or spaces approved for such purpose.

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- B. No person shall dump any burning material or hot ashes into any trash containers or elsewhere within the boundaries of Authority lands unless such container or locality shall be marked as a receptacle for such material.

SECTION VI

1. CLOSING OF PARK.

- A. No person shall use the facilities of the Authority between the posted closed hours, except by written permission of the Authority.
- B. No person shall use or occupy any area or facility in Authority lands when such area or facility is closed to the use of the public by order of the Authority and such order has been announced to occupants of such area or facility orally or by posted notice, or by the closing of an entire area or park by the closing of entrances.

SECTION VII

1. CONTROL OF HORSES, DOGS AND PETS.

- A. No person shall bring into, or have in his possession or control within the boundaries of Authority lands any dog or pet unless such dog or pet shall be kept on a leash not over six (6) feet in length and under the immediate control of a responsible person.
- B. Dogs (except for seeing eye dogs) and pets are prohibited on Authority Lands, in any building, on the sand portion of beach areas, in any wildlife sanctuary, nature trail, or wildlife feeding area.
- C. No person shall ride or lead any horse on any Nature Trail, Foot Path, Walkway, Picnic Area, Camp Grounds, or Beach Area on Authority land.
- D. No person shall herd or drive, or permit or allow the running at large or grazing of any livestock of any kind on Authority land.

SECTION VIII

1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

- A. It shall be unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 years to purchase, or knowingly possess, transport or have under his control any beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages on Authority lands.
- B. It shall be unlawful to sell or furnish beer, wine, or alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 years on Authority lands.
- C. No person shall have in his possession on Authority lands any alcoholic beverage stronger than 16% alcohol proof by volume.
- D. No person shall have in his possession within the boundaries of the Metropark any alcoholic beverage during times when the same is prohibited by posted notices.
- E. No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage on Authority lands except in picnic areas.

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- F. No person shall have in his possession on Authority lands any marijuana or other controlled substance as defined by applicable state law.

SECTION IX

1. **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.** No person or organization, other than the Authority, its hirees and licensees shall, advertise, offer for hire, vend or sell any service, food, beverage, merchandise or other personal property or advertise, carry on or conduct any other business or commercial activity, nor shall any person or organization beg or solicit contributions of donations thereon.

SECTION X

1. **SIGNS AND HANDBILLS.**
- A. Handbills, newspapers or other circulars not precluded by Section 9 may be offered or distributed on Authority lands only by passing them hand-to-hand; such distribution will be allowed only in automobile parking lots, unless other areas for such distribution are designated by the Authority.
- B. No person shall post, fasten, paint or affix any placard, bill, notice or sign upon any structure, tree or automobile on Authority lands, except that temporary directional signs for group picnics or events may be placed on sign posts designated for such purposes by the Authority and must be removed at the conclusion of the event.

SECTION XI

1. **PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES.**
- A. No person shall injure, deface, disturb, befoul or in any manner destroy or cause to be destroyed any facility, building, sign, structure, equipment, utility or other property found on Authority lands.
- B. No person shall dig for, remove, injure or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, plant or growing thing or any wildlife, except as otherwise provided by law, or any rock, mineral, artifact or other material on Authority lands without written permission from the Authority.

SECTION XII

1. **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, RADIOS, RECORDS OR TAPE PLAYERS AND SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES.** No person shall without written permit issued by the Authority operate or play any musical instrument, radio, mechanical record, or tape player, loudspeaker, public address system or sound amplifying equipment of any kind on Authority lands in such a manner as to cause the sound emanating therefrom to exceed a loudness of 75 decibels when measured on the 70 dB scale at a distance of 15 feet from the sound source.

SECTION XIII

1. **RECEIPT OF SERVICE, PRIVILEGE OR LICENSE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF FEE.** Where a fee or charge is requested for any service, privilege or license offered by the Authority or its licensees on Authority lands including vehicle entry, no person

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shall obtain, or attempt to obtain such service, privilege or license without payment of such fee or charge and compliance with all requirements of any permit pertaining to such service, privilege or license; provided that requirements of vehicle entry permits shall include permanent affixation to the vehicle in accordance with instructions.

SECTION XIV

1. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

- A. No person or group of persons shall engage in any drunken loud, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, nor shall any person or group or persons commit or engage in any assault or other activity which shall endanger or annoy other persons or disturb the peace or good order on Authority lands.
- B. No person shall on Authority lands:
 - 1) Intentionally expose the male or female buttocks or genital areas or female breasts; or
 - 2) Observe or attempt to observe persons of the opposite sex while occupying a bathhouse or restroom facility
- C. No person shall on Authority lands:
 - 1) Obstruct, resist, hinder, assault or oppose any ranger, ranger aide, ordinance officer, township officer or sheriff's deputy in the performance of his or her official duties; or
 - 2) Provide or furnish false identification concerning himself or herself to any ranger, ranger aide, ordinance officer, township officer or sheriff's deputy engaged in the performance of his or her official duties; or
 - 3) Remain on Authority lands after being requested by a ranger, ranger aide, ordinance officer, township officer or sheriff deputy in the performance of his or her official duties to leave said lands for violation of a rule or regulation of the Authority.

SECTION XV

- 1. LARGE GROUP EVENTS. No person or group of persons shall hold or conduct any organized picnic or activity, field day, carnival, concert, address, rally, dramatic presentation or the like at which more than 50 persons are in attendance on Authority lands unless a permit for such event has first been granted by the Authority and the event is conducted in compliance with the conditions of such permit.

SECTION XVI

- 1. OFF-THE-ROAD VEHICLES. No person shall operate, or have in his possession on Authority lands any bicycle or off-the-road motor-driven vehicle, including, by way of example but not by way of limitation, any minibike, moped, motorcycle, dunemobile, snowmobile, converted snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, amphibious vehicle or similar motorized device; provided, that bicycles, motorcycles and other motor-driven vehicles lawful for operation under the Uniform Traffic Code may be used to provide transportation if promptly parked in a designated parking lot upon

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arrival or if operated on the surfaced area of a roadway excluding any roadway posted for use of authorized vehicles only; and provided, further, that bicycles may be used on designated bicycle paths.

SECTION XVII

1. **PENALTY**. Each and every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than ONE HUNDRED (\$100) DOLLARS, by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or by both, or any portion of such fine and imprisonment, together with the costs of prosecution.

SECTION XVIII

1. **SEVERABILITY**. If any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION XIX

1. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION XX

1. **EFFECTIVE DATE**. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after adoption.

Township Clerk