

# CITY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

## CITY COMMISSION POLICY

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Department: Parks & Recreation Public Works	

**SUBJECT: USE REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC PARKS & PUBLIC GROUNDS**

**PURPOSE:** To protect and conserve the natural resources of the city; provide and develop facilities for outdoor recreation; prevent the destruction of timber and other forest growth by fire or otherwise; promote the reforestation of forest lands belonging to the City; prevent and guard against the pollution of lakes and streams within the City and enforce all laws provided for that purpose with all authority granted by law.

**POLICY:**

In accordance with Section 66.06 of the Marquette City Code, The Marquette City Commission approved the following rules and regulations concerning the use of park lands and public grounds in the City of Marquette:

Rule 1: In a City Park or Recreation area:

- a. It is unlawful to enter, use or occupy City-owned land or waters for any purpose when the lands are posted against such entry, use or occupancy, as determined by the Parks & Recreation Superintendent.
- b. It is unlawful to destroy, damage or remove any tree, shrub, wild flower, mineral, or Indian artifact or to destroy, damage, deface, or remove any City property without proper written permission.
- c. It is unlawful to peddle or systematically solicit business of any nature, or to distribute handbills or other advertising matter, to post signs on any lands, waters, structures or property, or to use such areas as a base of commercial operations without proper written permission. In considering whether or not permission shall be granted, the following will be considered: Interference with the safety, health and welfare of the public; need for the service; and will the service be a duplication of services available?

- d. It is unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public address system or sound amplifying equipment of any kind without proper written permission. Permission will not be granted if such system is capable of interfering with the use and enjoyment of the park by others. It is unlawful to operate any motor, motor boat, motor vehicle, radio, television or any device in such a manner that it produces excessive noise.
- e. It is unlawful for any person to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace or to disturb or annoy others, or to lounge, sit or lie upon walks, passages, steps or porches which obstructs the free passage of others.
- f. It is unlawful to deposit refuse or waste material which has originated outside a park in receptacles provided for park users, to set fire to the contents of a refuse basket or trash container or to place or burn garbage in a fire ring or stove.
- g. It is unlawful for any person to have a glass container, or to deposit a metal pull-tab from a can within any land or water area designated as a bathing beach.
- h. It is unlawful to move, remove, destroy, mutilate or deface posters, notices, signs, markers or other park equipment.
- i. It is unlawful to use the lands for a business or commercial purpose without proper written permission.
- j. It is unlawful to obstruct any road or trail in a manner that hinders public access to the lands without proper written permission.
- k. It is unlawful to operate an off-the-road motor driven vehicle, such as a minibike, motorcycle, dunemobile, snowmobile, amphibious vehicle or any motorize device, except in designated areas.
- l. It is unlawful to possess a dog or other animal unless it is under immediate control on a leash not more than 6 feet long. All dogs are prohibited from Presque Isle Park with the exception of those dogs secured in closed automobiles and not parked in close proximity to the deer herd.
- m. It is unlawful to discharge firearms, air guns, gas guns, spring loaded guns, sling shots or archery equipment.

Any person who violates any rule or fails to perform any act set forth in these rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.