

CHAPTER 7 PARK REGULATIONS

An ordinance to establish rules and regulations for the use and maintenance of Rives Township parks, bathing beaches, and places of recreation, including the hours the same shall be open to the public, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

SECTION 7.00 – TITLE

The Provisions of this Chapter shall be known and cited as the Rives Township Park Regulation Ordinance.

(Ord. No. 11, Adopted January 8, 1976)

SECTION 7.01 - LIQUOR; PROHIBITION

No beer, wines or intoxicating liquors shall be brought onto, consumed within or about the township parks and places of recreation.

SECTION 7.02 - CAMPING; PERMIT REQUIRED

No tents, house trailers or camping shall be allowed within township parks or places of recreation unless permission in writing is granted by the township. The township may charge a reasonable fee for such a camping permit.

SECTION 7.03 - MOTORIZED VEHICLES PERMITTED IN PARKING AREAS ONLY

No motorized vehicles of any type shall be allowed upon township parks or places of recreation other than in parking areas designated by the township.

SECTION 7.04 - FIREARMS, WEAPONS; PROHIBITION

No firearms of any type, bow and arrows, slingshots or B-B guns shall be discharged or set off anywhere onto or within township parks or places of recreation without approval from the Township Board.

(Amended by Ord. No. 2014-03)

SECTION 7.05 - FOUL LANGUAGE; PROHIBITION

No abusive, obscene or foul language shall be permitted upon or within township parks or places of recreation.

SECTION 7.06 - GENERAL USE OF TOWNSHIP PARKS AND PLACES OF RECREATION; REGULATIONS

- (a) Any fires for cooking shall be within the grills or fire pits provided for the purpose or within other privately owned grills which are designed to retain the ashes and prevent their deposit upon the ground.
- (b) All trash and debris shall be deposited within containers provided for the purpose. Littering or dumping of any type of refuse is strictly forbidden and prohibited.

- (c) Township property shall not be damaged, destroyed or defaced and shall be treated with respect for the next user.
- (d) Township parks and places of recreation shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until one hour after sundown of each day and shall be closed to the public during the remainder of the day and night. Permission may be granted by the township permitting overnight camping.
- (e) No dogs or other animals shall be allowed within township parks and places of recreation unless the same are on a leash or kept within a secure container which prevents their release.
- (f) Clothing, including bathing suits, shall not be changed within the public toilets.
- (g) Township Parks and Places of recreation shall be open to all township residents and property owners and their guests, when such guests are accompanied by such resident or property owner and no others.

SECTION 7.07 - PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

A person who violates any provision of this Chapter is responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, plus costs, attorney fees and other sanctions as permitted under Chapter 87 of the Revised Judicature Act, P.A. 236 of 1961, being MCL 600.8701 et.seq., as amended. The authorized local official is hereby authorized to issue and process municipal civil infraction citations in accordance with the Rives Township Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance and as otherwise permitted by law. If a person is found responsible for a municipal civil infraction under this Chapter, a civil fine shall be assessed as follows:

1st offense - Minimum fine of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and maximum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, plus costs;

1st repeat offense - Minimum fine of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars and maximum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, plus costs;

2nd repeat offense - Minimum fine of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars and maximum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, plus costs.

For the purpose of this section, a “repeat offense” means a second or subsequent violation of the same requirement or provision of this Chapter. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as abrogating the Township’s right to proceed with an appropriate equitable action in the Jackson County Circuit Court to enjoin and/or abate any violation of the terms of this Chapter. Each day that a violation is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of any sentence shall not exempt the offender from compliance with the requirements of this Chapter. (Amended by Ord. No. 36, Adopted June 4, 2002)

SECTION 7.08 - ADOPTION HISTORY

The regulations of this Chapter were made effective by adoption of Ordinance No. 11 of 1976. Section 7.07 was amended by Ord. No. 36 of 2002 to provide municipal civil infraction penalties. Section 7.04 was amended by Ord. No. 2014-03.