

**CHAPTER 28**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**ARTICLE I – GENERAL RULES**

**28-1-1            CAMPING.**

(A)            If you are camping at an authorized area in the Village, you must camp only in the space you are provided.

(B)            All vehicles, RVs, and trailers must be parked on your campsite. Driving or parking off road is not permitted.

(C)            Quiet hours are between **11:00 P.M.** and **6:00 A.M.** Please be considerate of others.

**28-1-2            SANITATION.** All garbage and litter must either be deposited in Village trash cans/dumpsters, or taken with you when you leave.

**28-1-3            CAMPFIRES.** No ground fires or fires of any kind unless in a fire pit.

**28-1-4            VEHICLE OPERATION.**

(A)            Drivers must obey all traffic signs and operate their vehicles in accordance with posted regulations, and applicable Federal, State and local laws.

(B)            Motorized vehicles are allowed on roadways only. Do no drive/park in grass. Abide by Village ordinance for operation of Golf Carts and UTV's. Four wheelers are not to be operated on Village streets, citations will be issued.

**28-1-5            PETS AND ANIMALS.**

(A)            Pets must be restrained or on a leash at all times.

(B)            You must clean up all dog waste.

**28-1-6            PUBLIC PROPERTY.**

(A)            Preserve and protect our Park. Leave natural areas the way you find them.

(B)            Do not carve, chop, cut and damage any live trees.

**ARTICLE II – SPECIFIC REGULATIONS**

**28-2-1**        **LOCATION.** Camping will be permitted only in designated areas located within the Village. Camping is prohibited in any other area.

**28-2-2**        **PURPOSE OF CAMPGROUND.** These camping sites are established for the convenience and enjoyment of outdoor recreation by the residents and visiting public. The campsites are not places for permanent or semi-permanent residences, bases for operations of a business, or facilities for non-camper residences. All campground amenities are for the sole purpose of the registered camping parties.

**28-2-3**        **CLASSIFICATION OF CAMPS BY EQUIPMENT USED - DEFINITIONS.**

(A)            Basic Campsite located within walking distance of the parking area, (no water, electric or sewer at sites).

                  (1)        Tent Camp – any camp using a fabric-type shelter erected on the ground, and not a part of a trailer unit as the basic unit that has been transported to the site by motor vehicle.

(B)            Folding and Tent Trailers - no water, electric or sewer at sites.

(C)            Travel Trailer – **fifty (50) foot** long or less and are being towed by vehicle, (no water, electric or sewer at sites).

                  (1)        Any camp which has a trailer, of not more than **twenty-five (25) feet** in total overall length including any extensions forward or backward beyond the living quarters, as the basic shelter unit. This includes tent trailer, the standard travel trailer, or boats mounted on a trailer and used as the basic shelter unit.

(D)            Motorhome, **twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) foot** long and self-propelled, (no water, electric or sewer at sites).

                  (1)        Any camp using a vehicle as the basic shelter unit. This includes converted buses, manufactured camper buses, and automobiles, of not more than **forty (40) feet** in total overall length, when used as the main sleeping and shelter unit of the camp.

(E)            Group Camp – any camp using any one or combination of the various types of shelter when the camping group qualifies as an organization camp, according to **Section 28-2-12.**

**28-2-4**        **DEFINITIONS.**

(A)            **"Camp"** means a single family or group occupying one site that is a designated individual site within a managed site, established and maintained for the sole purpose of camping, including the use of tents, trailers, or any other type of camping device.

(B)            A **"Single Family"** consists of either or both parents and unmarried children. Other family members will be considered as part of the family as long as they occupy the same shelter, but not to exceed a total of **four (4) adults, (eighteen (18) years** of age or older).

(C)            If more than one camp shelter is required for the single family or group, they shall occupy separate campsites. (Exceptions: Minor children (under **eighteen (18)**) sleeping in sleeping bags or in a tent outside the family shelter are considered occupants sharing the same shelter.

(D)            In no case will **two (2)** or more tent trailers, travel trailers, self-propelled mobile campers, pick-up campers, or any combination thereof be considered as a single camp.

(E)            Where campgrounds are laid out in defined sites, not more than one camp will be permitted on a site. Where campgrounds are not laid out in sites, the number of camps will be determined by the capacity of the existing parking areas, soil and turf conditions, potential social conflicts between campers due to crowding, and similar factors as determined by the Village.

**28-2-5            REGISTRATION.**

**(A)                Purchasing Permits.**

- (1)            Camping Permits are issued through the Village Hall. Reservations may be made in person, via email, or by phone.
  - (2)            Camping Permits must be received at Village Hall.
- (B)            A permit will be issued and fees, if applicable, collected at the time of the reservation. A responsible adult (**twenty-one (21) years** of age or older) from the camping party must register for the party and thereby acknowledges compliance with the rules and regulation of the park for the entire party.
- (C)            The Village has the authority to assign sites.
- (D)            No camping equipment shall be placed on any campground site while that site is occupied by another camping party.
- (E)            The Village may set minimum stay requirements and reservation cut-off dates for special events or activities.

**28-2-6            PERMITS, EXTENSIONS AND TIME LIMITS.**

- (A)            A camp permit may be issued for a period not to exceed **five (5) consecutive nights.**
- (B)            Exceptions to the above time limit may be made in the following instance: In bona fide emergency cases involving serious illness or accident which makes compliance with the rules impossible and only for the duration of the emergency-burden of proof is on the permittee and the Village should be satisfied by investigation or inquiry that the case warrants consideration before granting an extension.

**28-2-7            FEES AND CHARGES.** The Special Event Camping Fee shall be **Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)** per night. Special Events are approved and established by the Village Board of Trustees.

**28-2-8            REFUNDS.** No refunds will be made for camping fees unless the approved Special Event is cancelled by the Village Board of Trustees.

**28-2-9            CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT TIMES.**

- (A)            Check-in time is after **2:00 P.M.** unless preapproved at the time of reservation.
- (B)            Check-out time is **1:00 P.M.**
- (1)            A camper who has checked out and desire to remain in the park for other purposes after check-out time must break camp.
  - (2)            The camper shall remove all personally owned camping equipment from their campsite at the time they leave.
  - (3)            Failure to remove all equipment by **1:00 P.M.** on check out day without specific authorization by the Village shall obligate the camper to pay an additional night's fee(s). The camper may then elect to stay the additional night if such does not violate time limits and if site is available.
    - (a)            Camper may request a late check-out. If the site is not reserved it will be granted.
    - (b)            Camper may request an early check-in. No check-ins will be before **9:00 A.M.** If the site is available it will be granted.

**28-2-10          UNOCCUPIED CAMPS.**

(A) A camp is deemed to have been abandoned if a camper does not appear to remove his camping equipment within **twenty-four (24) hours** of the expiration of his camping permit.

(B) When a camp is abandoned, staff will inventory the abandoned items, with a police officer, and it will be held in storage for **thirty (30) days**. After **thirty (30) days** the unclaimed items will become the property of the Village and will be discarded or used as such.

**28-2-11 VEHICLES PER CAMP.**

- (A) All vehicles must be registered by license number.
- (B) Each permitted site may have:
  - (1) No more than **two (2)** standard cars, or
  - (2) No more than **two (2)** motorcycles, or
  - (3) No more than **one (1)** standard car, van or pick-up and **two (2)** motorcycles.
  - (4) No vehicles must be parked in designated areas only.
- (C) **Parking.** No motorized vehicles allowed on the grass (including golf carts and all-terrain vehicles).
- (D) Only licensed drivers may operate a motorized vehicle.
- (E) If operating a golf cart or UTV on Village streets, a permit must be obtained and all rules and regulations established by Village ordinance must be followed.

**28-2-12 YOUTH GROUP (BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, CHURCH GROUPS, OTHERS).**

- (A) A youth group/organization camp is a group of **ten (10)** or more minors up to **eighteen (18) years** of age who are members of an organization camping with its adult leaders.
- (B) An organized group camp is a group of **ten (10)** or more adults (**eighteen (18) years** of age or older) with or without children.
- (C) These camps will be placed in a special area set aside for such use, rather than in a regular camping site.
- (D) These camps must have **one (1)** responsible adult (**twenty-one (21) years** of age or older) for every **five (5)** campers.

**28-2-13 CAMPGROUND RULES.**

- (A) Campsites are provided for reasonably quiet outdoor recreational experiences. They are not provided as locations for large group gatherings or parties which are disruptive to the normal atmosphere of the campground. Such activities will not be permitted and violators who persist will be evicted.
- (B) The use of a motorized vehicle is only for use on the paved roadways.
- (C) Quiet hours shall prevail in the park between **11:00 P.M.** and **6:00 A.M.** During this time no noise of light shall be emitted beyond the individual's immediate campsite that would be disturbing to others. **EXCEPTION:** Village sponsored or sanctioned events being held.
- (D) Fires are allowed in stoves and fire pits owned by the camper. **NO GROUND FIRES PERMITTED.**
- (E) **Pets.**
  - (1) The registered camper is responsible for all dogs, cats or other small animals under his ownership/care or under the ownership/care of a guest at his campsite.
  - (2) All animals must be on a leash not to exceed **ten (10) feet**.
  - (3) All leashed animals shall be under the control of a responsible person at all times.
  - (4) Animals are not to be left unattended.
  - (5) Owners are responsible to make sure that their animals do not cause a nuisance to other campers as determined by the Village.

- (6) Owners are responsible for the clean-up and disposal of pet excrement from their campsite and other areas.

**28-2-14**      **VIOLATION OF RULES.**

(A)            A camper who violates any of these rules and regulations is subject to immediate eviction from the park. The camper, at the demand of the Village authorized personnel, shall immediately remove any and all equipment and personal property.

(B)            No refunds will be granted in such cases.

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