

**SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP,  
CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS ORDINANCE**

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**SECTION I: Short Title.** This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Sugar Island Park Ordinance.

**SECTION II: Public Use.**

- a. General public – any group or gathering of 25 or more persons may use certain areas with the public parks in Sugar Island Township to the exclusion of others by making application and being granted a permit by the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.
- b. The Sugar Island Township Board may assess fees and charges for the use of any facility, lands or area *owned by the Township*.

**SECTION III: Closing Hours.** No camper, vehicle, or park visitor is to enter or remain in any park, day use or parking area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

**SECTION IV: Disorderly Conduct Prohibited.** No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct; to disrupt or annoy other persons; or to lounge, sit or lie upon outdoor furniture, walks, paths or roads in such a manner as to obstruct the free use of other people.

**SECTION V: Excessive Noise Regulated.** No person shall use a loudspeaker, public address system or sound amplification system, of any kind, or operate a motor vehicle, radio, television, or any device in such a manner that produces excessive noise without proper written permission from the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.

**SECTION VI: Destruction of Property or Vegetation.** No person shall damage or remove any township property, picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, living tree or shrub, planted grass or other vegetation. This does not apply to the picking and removal of mushrooms, berries and other edible fruits and nuts, and those wildflowers and the removal of which is not made unlawful by state law or other ordinance.

**SECTION VII: Refuse and Waste Disposal.** No person shall deposit refuse material which has originated outside the park or recreation areas, in receptacles provided for on-site users, to set fire to the contents of a refuse container; or to place or burn garbage in a fire ring or stove. *No metal, glass or other non-biodegradable items or materials shall be deposited in a facility built exclusively for human or animal waste.*

**SECTION VIII: Storage or Abandonment of Personal Property.** No person shall leave a boat, fish shanty, trailer, camping equipment or any other personal property *on Township property* for more than fourteen (14) hours without proper written permission from the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.

**SECTION IX: Business or Commercial Uses; Permit Required.** No person shall use the facilities, lands, or areas *owned by the Township* for a business or commercial purpose without written permission from the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.

**SECTION X: Destruction of Signs or Markers.** No person shall move, remove, destroy, mutilate or deface posters, notices, signs or markers *owned by the Township*.

**SECTION XI: Advertising and Construction Activities; Permit Required.** *Including within the county right-of-way*, no person shall post, place or erect signs; place or distribute advertising material; erect a fence or barrier; construct or occupy improvements; enclose the lands *owned by the Township* without proper written permission of the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.

**SECTION XII: Weapons Restricted.** No person shall possess a firearm (except permit holders *and law enforcement*), air gun, spring-loaded gun, slingshots, bows, arrows, or fur trapping equipment *on Township property* without prior written permission of the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.

**SECTION XIII: Camping.** Camping *on Township property* is not permitted at any time unless there is proper written permission in hand from the Sugar Island Township Board or its designated representative.

**SECTION XIV: Fires.** No person shall build a fire *on Township property* except in a stove, grill, fire-ring or in a designated place assigned by a representative of the Sugar Island Township Board.

**SECTION XV: Animals.**

- a. *Unless authorized by federal or state statutes*, no person shall possess a dog or other animal on Township property unless it is under immediate and complete control of a leash *or lead*, not more than sixteen (16) feet long, *or is properly encaged in pet crate*.
- b. No animal shall be tied to any inanimate object, (i.e. –tree, car, table, post, etc.) *unless the object was designated for that specific purpose (e.g. horse hitching rail)*.
- c. No person shall leave any animal unattended for any period of time at any park, facility, land or area of owned by the Township *unless the animal is properly attached to an object or enclosed in a cage built specifically for that purpose*.

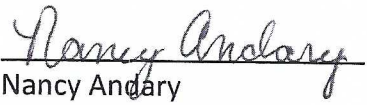
- d. No person shall in any way harass or attempt to do harm to any natural wildlife or domestic animals at any part, facility, land or area *owned by the Township*.
- e. *Removing animal waste is the responsibility of the animal's owner. Every effort should be made to remove animal waste from common use areas. Animal waste may be placed in waste receptacles or on-site facilities available for disposing of human waste.*

**SECTION XVI: Operation of Motorized Vehicles.**

- a. *Except as otherwise allowed by law, no person shall use or operate any wheeled or motorized vehicle on Township property where is no visible evidence of a designated parking area, forest road or trail.*
- b. No person shall operate an off-road vehicle such as a mini-bike, motorcycle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle (3, 4 & 6 wheel models), amphibious vehicle or any other motor vehicle except for the entrance to and exit from a park, facility, land or area *owned by the Township*.

**SECTION XVII: Obstruction of Access Ways.** No person shall obstruct any road, trail or driveway entrance in a manner that hinders public access to a park, facility, land or area *owned by the Township*.

**SECTION XVIII: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately. All Township ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this document are hereby repealed.

  
Nancy Angary  
Sugar Island Township Clerk

NOTE: This Ordinance shall be adopted with a public hearing on April 13, 2021 at a 6:30 p.m. prior to the regularly scheduled Sugar Island Township Board Meeting.

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**SUGAR ISLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD  
RESOLUTION # 8 of 2021  
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS ORDINANCE**

At a regular meeting of the Sugar Island Township Board held on April 13, 2021 where a quorum was present.

A copy of the PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS ORDINANCE of the State of Michigan, Chippewa County, and Sugar Island Township from June 10, 2008 is available for review, but the signed original is missing. Therefore, the Sugar Island Township Board would like to reaffirm the powers and duties of the Sugar Island Township Board officers and trustees in relation to the administration of the Ordinance; and to provide an updated policy for the procedure and processing applications for use of parks and recreation areas owned by Sugar Island Township.

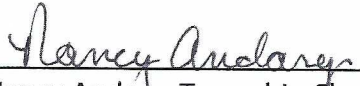
On Motion of Supervisor, Mark Eitrem, seconded by Trustee Ben Repa the Township Board of Sugar Island resolves to adopt the Sugar Island Township Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance as presented, to be updated and reaffirmed immediately.

After discussion, the Township Supervisor, Mark Eitrem, called for a vote, which was made as follows:

Nancy Andary, Clerk	<u>Aye</u>
Mark Eitrem, Supervisor	<u>Aye</u>
Ann Rosenbum, Treasurer	<u>Aye</u>
Ben Repa, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>
Kathy Noble, Trustee	<u>Aye</u>

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Therefore, be it resolved that the Sugar Island Township Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance is hereby reaffirmed and adopted as presented, effective immediately.

  
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Nancy Andary, Township Clerk