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**Polk County, WI**  
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In order to protect the parks, parkways, and recreational facilities within the Town of Garfield from injury, damage or desecration, and to promote the enjoyment of the parks, parkways, and recreational facilities for all users, the Town Board of the Town of Garfield hereby ordains that the following rules and regulations shall govern the use of Town parks:

**SECTION ONE:** Definitions.

*Park, Town Park, Boat Landing and Garfield Recreational Area* mean all grounds, structures and watercourses, which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public for use as a park, parkway or recreational facility in the Town of Garfield.

*Committee or Parks Committee* shall mean the Town of Garfield Park and Recreation Committee.

*Town* means Town of Garfield.

**SECTION TWO:** Closing Hours.

- (a) *Generally.* The parks are closed from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. – EXCEPTION Garfield Recreation Area is open for hunting per DNR regulations.
- (b) *Exception.* Boat launching is permitted at any hour.  
Garfield Recreation area is open 24 hours.

**SECTION THREE:** Park Use Season

- (a) Lake Wapogasset Park and Boating Facility is generally open from the first week in May to the last week in October each year. Sunrise Beach Public Access and Garfield Recreation Area are open year around.
- (b) Designated boat landings may be used at any time for access to lakes.

**SECTION FOUR:** Charges and Deposits

No person shall use any facility, shelter or boat launching area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Parks and Recreation Committee without payment of such fee or charge.

- (a) **Boat Launch Fees.** A launching fee shall be established by the Committee and approved by the Town Board. This fee may be payable per individual launch or a season permit (sticker) can be purchased from the Town Clerk - see website [www.townofgarfield.com](http://www.townofgarfield.com). The season sticker must be applied to a location on the boat trailer tongue. Said fee may be changed from time to time upon recommendation by the Committee and approval of the Town Board.

(b) Special Fees. A shelter rental fee shall be established by the Committee and approved by the Town Board. The shelter must be reserved and paid for in advance of use. Reserved permits can be purchased from the Town Clerk – see website [www.townofgarfield.com](http://www.townofgarfield.com) . Said fee may be changed from time to time upon recommendation of the Committee and approval by the Town Board.

**SECTION FIVE:** Rules and Regulations

(a) Authority of the Committee. Rules and regulations may be recommended by the committee and approved by the Town Board governing the use and enjoyment of parks, playgrounds, boat landings and the facilities thereof.

(b) Permittee to comply. Any person to whom a permit has been issued by the Town Clerk or other authorized park personnel shall be bound by all provisions of this ordinance and amendments thereto as fully as though the amendments were inserted in each permit.

**SECTION SIX:** Peddling and soliciting.

No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature post unauthorized signs or decorative matter on any lands, structures or property in any town park or use such lands, buildings, structures or property as a base of commercial operations for soliciting or conducting business.

**SECTION SEVEN:** *Personal Conduct and nuisances.*

(a) *Personal Conduct.* No person shall indulge in parties, violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud, or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance.

(b) *Destruction of Property.* No person shall destroy, disturb, molest or remove the property or personal effects of others.

(c) *Unnecessary Noises.* No person shall operate sound trucks, loud speakers, generators, motors, motor vehicles or any other mechanical devices that produce undue or unnecessary noises.

**SECTION EIGHT:** *Destruction, defacement or Removal of Property.*

No person shall disrupt, disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; remove timber of any kind, mark on any rocks, archeological or geographical and historical features, signs, walls or structures; drive nails in trees; or move, injure or deface in any manner any structure including buildings, signs, fences, bridges, benches, shelters, tables or other town property.

**SECTION NINE:** *Entry and Manipulation.*

No person shall enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be locked or closed to public use; nor shall they molest or manipulate any water control structure or dam; nor shall any person enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time.

**SECTION TEN:** *Cleaning and Refuse*

- (a) *Washing.* The washing of cars, persons, pets, cleaning utensils or clothing is prohibited in any of the lakes or streams, or picnic grounds, playgrounds, recreation areas, buildings, shelters, boat landings, parking lots or roadways or within 50 feet of any well fountain or drinking water outlet in any town park.
- (b) *Refuse disposal.* No person shall dispose of any garbage, sewage, bottles, tin cans, paper or any other waste material in any manner except by placing in receptacles provided for such purposes or dump any such refuse in any park. The throwing of bottles, tin cans, garbage, sewage or other refuse in or on the ice of any lake or stream or along roads in any town park is prohibited.
- (c) *Charcoal ashes.* Charcoal residue must be left in a grate until cool or placed in receptacles for such purposes.
- (d) *Sanitary Sewer.* No materials other than sanitary products furnished by the Town for the restroom facilities shall enter the sanitary sewer system through the toilets, sinks, urinals, floor drains, clean outs or other means.
- (e) No fish cleaning is allowed in the park.

**SECTION ELEVEN:** *Vehicular Traffic in Parks.*

- (a) *Speed Regulated.* No person shall operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour or contrary to official traffic signs in the town park.
- (b) *Off – Road Operation Prohibited.* No person shall operate or park any motor vehicle upon any hiking trail, playground, picnic area or any area other than established roads, parking areas, boat ramps and service areas, or contrary to posted notice, or within any park seasonally closed to vehicular traffic.
- (c) *Snowmobile Restricted Area.* Snow vehicles are permitted to be used in parks during winter to access the lake. Snow vehicles must remain on road only. Proper use of snow vehicles shall be in accord with WI. Stats. Chapter 350. Specific areas where snow vehicles are not to be used will be so signed by the parks committee.
- (d) *ATV Restricted.* ATVs are not allowed to be used in the town parks during seasonal opening. ATVs may be used during the winter to access the lake only. Specific areas where ATVs are not to be used will be so signed by the park committee.
- (e) *Parking, Where Prohibited.* No person shall park, stop, or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle, obstruction or water craft in any manner. Vehicles must be parked in areas provided for such purposes at all times. Vehicles parked in unauthorized locations shall be towed at owner's expense. Parking in unauthorized areas may be authorized by the Park Committee only. Vehicles used to transport water craft are permitted at boat landings and designated parking areas at any time.

**SECTION TWELVE:** *Fires, Fireworks, Firearms and Archery Equipment*

(a) *Fires Restricted.* No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire, or burn any refuse in the Town Parks. Charcoal grills are for charcoal use only.

(b) *Fireworks, and explosive devices.* No person shall possess, fire, discharge, explode or set off any cracker or other explosive or pyrotechnic device containing powder or other combustible or explosive material, within the limits of any Town Park, except that exhibitions of fireworks given under the direction or by the permission of the Town Board, upon review and recommendation by the Park Committee.

(c) *Firearms.* No person shall have in his possession or under his control in any Town Park, any uncased firearm, bow, air gun, paint gun or gas operated gun as defined in Wis. Stats. § 939.22.

EXCEPTION – Firearms and archery equipment are allowed at the Garfield Recreation Area during the hunting seasons.

**SECTION THIRTEEN:** *Animals Restricted.*

(a) *Pets.* No person shall allow pets to run at large at any time in Wapogasset Park & Boating Facility. In park areas where pets are permitted, dogs shall at all times be kept on a leash not more than 8 feet long. All other pets shall be effectively restrained or under the owners direct control at all times. No person shall allow his pet to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by others. Pet owners must clean up after pets. EXCEPTION – Dogs are permitted to run unleashed in Garfield Recreation Area.

(b) *Horses.* No person shall ride a horse or have a horse in any town park without authorization of the Park Committee, except that horses are permitted in the Garfield Recreation Area.

(c) *Hunting and Trapping.* No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds in any Town Park with the exception of the Garfield Recreation Area.

**SECTION FOURTEEN:** *Violations and Penalties.*

In addition to any other applicable penalty provided by law, any person who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction of such violation, be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00 plus penalty assessments and costs. The forfeiture for second and subsequent offenses shall be not less than \$35.00 nor more than \$150.

A. In addition to any penalty imposed for violation of this article, any person who shall cause physical damage to or destroy any public property shall be liable for the costs of replacing or repairing such damaged or destroyed property. The parent or parents of an unemancipated minor child may be held liable for the costs of replacing or repairing such damaged or destroyed property in accordance with Wis. Stat. 895.035.

**SECTION EIGHTEEN:** *Severability.* Each section of this ordinance is an independent section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

**SECTION NINETEEN:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as provided by Statute.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

**TOWN OF GARFIELD** by:

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Edward O. Gullickson, Town Chairman

ATTEST:

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Hazel M. Nelson, Clerk

Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Published: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed copy on file at Clerk's Office  
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