

# Village of Sister Bay Code of Ordinances

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## Chapter 38

### Parks and Recreation

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### **Sec. 38.1 Park rules in general.**

- (a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this Chapter to enact provisions regulating activities in the Village parks in order to provide for the proper use and enjoyment of the park by its users and for their safety and protection;
- (b) Village Park shall mean all parkland or other property owned by the Village designated for open space or recreation purposes including the Village Marina.

### **Sec. 38.2 Regulation of parks and beaches.**

No person shall:

- (a) Throw or deposit any debris in or on the shores of any lake or body of water on parkland.
- (b) Operate or park any motor vehicle or trailer in any park, other than on the access street or in the established parking area or stalls, without the permission of the Village.
- (c) Dress or undress on any public land, except in a structure as may be provided for that purpose.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to spend the night or sleep in any Village Park.
- (e) Bring or operate any vessel, boat, or other watercraft, whether motor powered or not, within 25 feet of waters designated for bathing or swimming and so marked or identified.
- (f) Launch any boat, raft, or other watercraft, whether motor-powered or not, into any waters except at places designated for launching boats.
- (g) Operate a vessel in a negligent or reckless manner that causes danger to the life, limb, or property of any person.
- (h) Hunting and trapping is prohibited in all Village parks at all times.
- (i) Throw stones or sharp objects in the bathing or swimming area or carry glass containers into the water adjacent to the beach swim area or onto the sandy portion of the beach.
- (j) Conduct an activity, which creates a nuisance.
- (k) Fails to clean up after their pets.
- (l) Goes faster than slow no wake within 100 feet of designated swim area.
- (m) Quiet Hours in Waterfront Park, except for Sister Bay Advancement Association sponsored Movies in the Park and the Association's concerts, shall be from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. [Ord 305]
- (n) During Sister Bay Advancement Association's 'Movies in the Park' events, noise shall be limited to 85 decibels, as measured at the property lines, during the movie only. As soon as the movie has ended, noise shall be restricted to no more than 75 decibels, measured at the property line. [Ord 311]

### **Sec. 38.3 Regulation of group events.**

The following regulations shall apply to group activities or events in the Parks.

- (a) No person or group shall conduct any business of any kind unless the operation is approved by the Parks Committee of the Village of Sister Bay.
- (b) Any group, which organizes any activity, which is expected to be attended by more than twenty-five persons, shall obtain a permit application from the Village.
- (c) The application for permit shall be made to the Village in advance of the event.
- (d) The Village may require that a group provide for law enforcement.
- (e) The Village may require that a group provide for the removal of solid waste, and the Village may charge the group if the waste is beyond what is provided for by the group.
- (f) Any group using a park shall be responsible for cleanup of any litter, for restoring the park to its original condition, and for repair of damage caused by persons attending the activity.
- (g) The Village may charge a group for the cost of cleaning and restoring the park and for the repair of damage if the group fails to clean, restore, and/or repair, and the group shall not be given a permit to use a park for 12 months subsequent to the imposition of the costs.
- (h) The Parks Committee may establish other rules and regulations for group events or festival events.

### **Sec. 38.4 Pets in Village Parks.**

- (a) No Pet shall be allowed in any Village park except as noted below:
  - (1) The area designated by the Parks Committee North of the Village Hall.

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- 1 (2) The area designated by the Parks Committee as the Dog Park.  
2 (3) Service dogs when accompanied by their owners.  
3 (b) Pet means any animal regardless of age or sex.  
4 (Amended Ord 243)

### 5 **Sec. 38.5 Alcohol in the parks.**

- 6 (a) Alcohol beverages.  
7 (1) Alcoholic beverages may be consumed for personal use by any person in any Village Park  
8 except as modified by (2).  
9 (2) Subject to the approval of a facilities usage permit, the Parks Committee is authorized to ap-  
10 prove the consumption of alcoholic beverages at events in Village parks and Village buildings,  
11 if the permit holder has obtained the appropriate liquor license and shall provide evidence that  
12 the dispensing of alcohol is done by a bartender or other licensed individual(s).  
13 (b) Alcohol beverages mean fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquor as defined in Wis. Stats.  
14 CH. 125, which definitions are adopted herein by reference.

### 15 **Sec. 38.6 Prohibition on Removal of Beach Stones, Rocks and Pebbles from Pebble Beach.**

- 16 (a) Definitions.  
17 (1) “Beach stones”, “rocks” or “pebbles” as used herein shall include all stones, rocks, or  
18 pebbles of any size or shape which, prior to being moved, are or were located upon the  
19 property which is commonly referred to as Pebble Beach, which is owned by the Village  
20 of Sister Bay.  
21 (2) A “disturbance” of beach stones, rocks or pebbles as used herein is the movement or  
22 relocation of a sufficient quantity of beach stones, rocks or pebbles to cause a noticeable  
23 change in the aesthetic character of Pebble Beach.  
24 (b) Removal or Disturbance of Beach Stones, Rocks and Pebbles from Pebble Beach Prohibited.  
25 (1) No person shall take or carry away one or more beach stones, rocks or pebbles from  
26 Pebble Beach.  
27 (2) No person shall create a disturbance of the beach stones, rocks or pebbles on Pebble  
28 Beach.  
29 (3) No person shall be in possession of beach stones, rocks or pebbles that have been re-  
30 moved from Pebble Beach.  
31 (c) Penalties.  
32 Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be subject to a forfeiture  
33 of Three Hundred and 00/100 (\$300.00) Dollars for each violation.

### 34 **Sec. 38.7—38.9 Reserved**

### 35 **Sec. 38.10 Boating regulations.**

- 36 (a) Applicability and Intent. The provisions of this section shall apply to the waters of Green Bay. The  
37 intent of this section is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recrea-  
38 tion consistent with public rights and interests and the capability of the water resources.  
39 (b) State boating and safety laws adopted. State boating laws as found in Wis. Stats. §§ 30.50--30.71 are  
40 adopted by reference.  
41 (c) Restrictions. The Village Marina Committee shall promulgate slow-no-wake and other such re-  
42 strictions as required to protect the boaters and swimmers at the Village Beach.  
43 (d) Definitions. The following term, when used in this section, shall have the meaning ascribed to it in  
44 this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:  
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46 Slow-no-wake means that speed at which a boat moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining  
47 steering control.  
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Controlled area. No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the waters of Green Bay within the boundaries of the village marina and to a point 100 feet west of the entrance of the marina at any time.

Posting requirements. The Village shall place and maintain a copy of this section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Village.

Penalties. State boating penalties as found in Wis. Stats. § 30.80 are adopted by reference.

### **Sec. 38.11 Boat Launch Fee Payment.**

- (a) Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish launch fees at the Village of Sister Bay Marina, and to prescribe penalties for failure to pay the applicable launch fee.
- (b) Authority. This section is established in compliance with Wis. Stats., §61.34 to regulate the use and access to Village facilities.
- (c) Launching fees established. No person shall use the Village of Sister Bay Marina boat ramp facility without first paying a daily launch fee in an amount as adopted by the Village to the Dockmaster or by depositing it in the collection box provided. As an alternative to the daily launch fee, the Village of Sister Bay Marina boat ramp facility may be used by any person who has previously paid for and obtained a seasonal permit upon payment of the approved fee.
- (d) Applicability. This section shall apply to all trailered watercraft, which use the boat ramp facility. A separate fee shall be chargeable and due for each craft launched. There shall be no commercial ventures or watercraft rental at the Village of Sister Bay Marina without prior approval of the Village.
- (e) Owner Liable for Violation. The owner of a vehicle involved in a violation of this section shall be liable for the violation. It shall be no defense to a violation of this section that the owner was not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation.

### **Sec. 38.12—38.19 Reserved**

### **Sec. 38.20 Fires on Village property**

- (a) Open fires on public property prohibited. No person shall ignite or maintain an open fire on any property owned or controlled by the Village of Sister Bay within the Village except as specifically permitted herein. Open fire may be used upon Village property only as follows:
  - (1) For outdoor cooking when the fire is contained in a device designed and manufactured for outdoor cooking purposes.
  - (2) For Fire Department demonstrations or training exercises authorized by the Fire Chief.
  - (3) Other fires only as specifically permitted by the Village Parks Committee.
  - (4) No fire shall be left unattended on Village property.
  - (5) For the purposes of this section, public property shall be defined as all property owned by the Village, which would include Village Parks and Village Utility property.

### **Sec. 38.21—38.29 Reserved**

### **Sec. 38.30 Penalties**

- (a) Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall be subject to a forfeiture of Three Hundred and no/100 (\$300.00) Dollars plus court costs for each violation thereof.
- (b) Enforcement. This section may be enforced by the issuance of a citation to any violator of it by any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff of the County of Door, by any State of Wisconsin officer with police powers, Department of Natural Resources office, or any duly appointed law enforcement officer of the Village.