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.11 *No person shall erect or otherwise display, in a public area of property governed by the board, any sign or poster that advertises or otherwise calls attention to a person or activity, except on bulletin boards provided by Michigan State University.

.12 *No person shall efface, alter, tamper with, destroy or remove any sign or inscription on any property governed by the board.

.13 *It shall be unlawful for any person to attach any sign or poster to any property other than a bulletin board governed by said board.

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.21 *No person shall construct or otherwise erect or maintain any structure anywhere within the confines of property governed by the board unless they have received prior authorization from the Secretary to the Board of Trustees or the secretary's designee(s). It shall be a violation of this ordinance to construct, erect or maintain any structure without a permit.

.22 *Areas may be designated by University regulations and/or administrative rulings for the erection and/or maintenance of structures relating to authorized activities taking place on campus and for the erection and/or maintenance of symbolic structures representing constitutionally protected expression. Reasonable time, place and manner regulations which are consistent with preservation of the campus landscape and environment, protection of university activities, and protection of the health and safety of all users of the area may be enacted by University units and incorporated into approvals. No person shall violate the terms and conditions of an approval.

.23 Approval will be denied if: (a) it reasonably appears that granting the permit will result in interference with public health and/or public safety, (b) it reasonably appears that granting the permit will result in unreasonable interference with the operations or use of University buildings or grounds, and/or (c) the structure cannot reasonably be accommodated in the particular location considering such things as the number of structures the area can reasonably accommodate, the number of applications which are pending for use of the area and interference or impairment of the use of the area or surrounding area for normal University activities.

.24 Approval may be suspended or revoked under any of the conditions as listed in subsection .23 that constitute grounds for denial of a permit, or for violation of the terms and conditions of the permit. Such a revocation shall be made in writing, with the reasons for revocation set forth, except under emergency circumstances, when an immediate verbal revocation and suspension may be made to be followed by written confirmation within seventy-two (720) hours.

.25 No approval will be granted for a period in excess of fourteen (14) days, although pursuant to procedures established by the University, authorizations may be renewed for additional periods of fourteen (14) days if the reason for issuing the

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and/or there are no other applicants waiting to use the area.

.26 Any structure which is erected or maintained in violation of subsection .21 or in violation of any authorization granted under subsection .22 may be impounded by the University. The person who erected the structure and/or directed that the structure be erected is responsible and liable to the University for the costs of removal, storage, or other disposition of property. Property impounded pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be disposed of by the University if not claimed by the owner or an authorized representative thereof within thirty (30) days. The thirty (30) days shall begin to run when the rightful owner of the property has been notified, if the owner can be identified, or from the time the property was placed in the University's custody, if the owner cannot be identified.

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