

**City of Cohasset
Ordinance 5 - Amended**

**Concerning Regulations for all
Park and Access Areas**

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

1.1 Statutory Authorization

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to authorization contained in Minnesota Statutes 368.01 subdivision 1a, 19 and 24.

1.2 Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of this ordinance shall include all park and access areas which are under the management of the City of Cohasset.

1.3 Interpretation

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements, and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any powers or rights granted by Minnesota Statutes.

1.4 Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable, and the invalidity of any paragraph, subparagraph, or subdivision thereof shall not make void any other paragraph, subparagraph, subdivision or any other part.

1.5 Definitions

“City” shall mean the City of Cohasset. “City Attorney” shall mean the City of Cohasset Attorney or his authorized representatives. “City Council” shall mean the City of Cohasset Councilors or their authorized representatives. “Access” shall mean lands dedicated to the public in any subdivision or plat or lands maintained by the City of Cohasset which provide ingress and egress to public waters. “Sheriff” shall mean the Sheriff of Itasca County or his authorized representatives.

2. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

2.1 City Council

The City of Cohasset Councilors and its authorized representatives shall:

- a) manage all park and access areas located on city or county leased land
 - b) control the establishment, alteration or abandonment of all park and access areas maintained by the city
 - c) work in cooperation with the Itasca County Sheriff's Department to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- 2.2 Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, or who shall fail to comply with any of the provisions thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, may be punished by a fine consistent with the maximum misdemeanor fine imposed by State law or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or both.
- 2.3 Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

3. BUILDINGS ON PARK AND ACCESS AREAS

- 3.1 No private building shall be built on park and access areas.
- 3.2 If any private buildings exist on park and access areas, the City of Cohasset Councilors, or their authorized representatives are authorized to have the owners remove them within a reasonable period of time.
- 3.3 If the owner fails to remove said building after notice, the City Councilors or any member thereof, may institute appropriate action or proceedings to prevent, restrain, correct or abate such violation or threatened violations, and it shall be the duty of the City Attorney to initiate such action. The remedy afforded under this section shall be a civil action.
- 3.4 No trailerhouse, camper trailer or fish house shall be placed on park and access areas, or remain on said access sites for a period not to exceed ten (10) days in any thirty day period. Violations of any of the provisions of this section by any person, firm or corporation shall also constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days or both. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- 3.5 No person shall leave, store, abandon or otherwise cause to remain on any park or access area, any fish house, shelter or dark house.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules shall govern the use of all park and access areas.

- 4.1 No vehicle shall be parked in such a manner as to obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress to the area, except for the purpose of unloading and loading boats or other equipment.
- 4.2 No person shall molest, harass, pursue, capture or kill any wild life species within any park or access area.
- 4.3 No person shall permit livestock in any park or access area, except for horseback riding on any approved horse trails which may be established.
- 4.4 Debris or refuse in the nature of tin cans, bottles, boxes, cartons, paper, food, garbage and other foreign materials shall not be left within the area, nor shall they be dumped in the vicinity thereof to deface the land or pollute the water; household garbage cannot be deposited on the public waters or the ice thereon or public lands, or in such containers unless containers are clearly marked for the deposit of same.
- 4.5 No person shall destroy signs, posts, fences, birdhouses, tables, benches or other city property.
- 4.6 No person shall leave any boat, pontoon, or watercraft directly in front of any city public access launch area after such person has left the lake area.
- 4.7 While within any park or access area, no person shall possess or use drugs except in accordance with state law.
- 4.8 No person shall swim in the launching area.
- 4.9 Hours for use shall be determined by City Council resolution.
- 4.10 No motorized vehicles are permitted, except in the parking lot. No boat traffic permitted in swimming area. No possession of guns, air rifles, sling-shots, bows and arrows, or other weapons permitted in area. No domestic animals permitted in area.
- 4.11 No digging or cutting of wild flowers, plants, shrubs or trees permitted in park or access areas
- 4.12 Fires will be permitted only in grills.
- 4.13 No camping at any time.

4.14 Boats and houseboats may dock at the area designated for boats at Tioga Beach during the hours when the Park is open to the public. Any docking of a houseboat at any other site Tioga Beach Park overnight or longer without permission from the City Council will be considered a violation of this Ordinance. After notification to the owner, a houseboat will be declared abandoned after five days and subject to removal by the City council of Cohasset with costs of such removal to be the responsibility of the houseboat owner.

4.15 Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on park property or access areas without authorization of the City Council with the exception of Tioga Beach.

5. AMENDMENTS

5.1 This ordinance may be amended whenever the public necessity and the general welfare requires such amendment by following the procedure specified in this sections.

5.2 Requests for amendment of this ordinance shall be by the public, Sheriff or by action of the City of Cohasset.

5.3 All amendments to this ordinance shall become in force and effective on the date of publication.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of publication:

1st day of September.

Marian G. Barcus
City of Cohasset, Mayor

Attest:

Debra Sakrison
Debra Sakrison, City Clerk