



# CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

## Park Rules

*(Last Revised Feb 2021)*

The following rules govern the use of the City of Hagerstown park properties and facilities by members of the public. These rules define the general privilege of use relating to the parks and recreation facilities and do not create rights of use. The Parks and Recreation Division retains the authority to modify these rules at any time, and the Parks management is at their discretion to revoke, suspend, or modify any person's privileges of use upon good cause.

1. Pets are permitted in designated areas only and must be on a lead and in full compliance with the Washington County animal control laws. Pets are not allowed in pavilions, on athletic fields, courts or playgrounds.
2. The use of any tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or vaping is prohibited in all of the parks of the City of Hagerstown.
3. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and weapons are prohibited.
4. The sale of goods or services or the solicitation of donations in exchange for goods or services is prohibited unless such activity is approved by the City in advance or as part of a City-approved event.
5. Any motorized vehicles, motorized scooters, mopeds or any other like recreational motorized devices are prohibited.
6. Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc, are only permitted in designated areas.
7. Noise level restrictions will be enforced. No form of amplified sound is permitted except in Band Shells, University Plaza, or approved stages.
8. Inappropriate or indecent conduct, harassment and/or language that can create a public nuisance are prohibited.
9. Only the use of City provided grills is acceptable. All other grills or fires are prohibited.
10. Swimming is prohibited in any body of water except Antietam Creek.
11. Fishing is prohibited in any body of water except at Pangborn Park and Antietam Creek. Boating is only permitted on the Antietam Creek. State laws must be adhered to.
12. Tents, pop-up canopies and tarps are prohibited unless authorized in advance by the City. Inflatables are prohibited.
13. Metal detectors are prohibited.
14. Glass containers, gambling, and overnight camping are all prohibited.
15. Operation of hot air balloons, model aircraft, rockets and drones, remote controlled vehicles and all watercraft, etc, are prohibited unless approved by Mayor and Council.
16. Litter and refuse are to be placed in proper receptacles by the User. Confetti is prohibited.
17. Firearms, bows and arrows, devices creating a fire hazard, hunting, trapping, disturbing the wildlife, etc, are prohibited. Paintball activities are prohibited.
18. Interference with employee and/or volunteer duties is prohibited.
19. Parking or driving on turf or unauthorized areas is prohibited.
20. Alteration or installation of equipment (volleyball nets, etc) is prohibited.
21. Defacing of property (indoors or outdoors) is prohibited. Staples, nails, etc are prohibited.
22. Any other conduct that may jeopardize the safety of others is prohibited.
23. Being present on park property other than during the posted hours of operation of "sunrise to one-half hour after sunset" is prohibited unless such activity is approved by the City in advance or as part of a City-approved event.

**In addition to facing any applicable civil or criminal penalties, any person who violates any of the foregoing rules may be issued a Letter of No Trespass and be prohibited from entering onto City of Hagerstown park properties.**

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