

City of Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Parks and Recreation
Harbor Rules and Regulations

The rules and regulations set forth below are intended to govern the use, lease and occupancy of boat storage spaces at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park as well as the conduct of users, lessees and their invitees on the premises. Storage spaces are limited to boat wells, dry dock storage, and boat rack storage. These rules and regulations shall be incorporated by reference into every Boat Storage Application / Agreement and may be amended from time to time by the Department of Parks and Recreation or Administration.

I. Boat Storage Application and Permits

- A. No boat storage space may be occupied without the boat owner(s) having first secured a boat storage permit.
- B. If the holder of a boat storage permit ceases to be a resident, the permit automatically terminates without a refund.
- C. If the applicant is under age 18, the application must be endorsed by a parent or legal guardian of the applicant, and such parent or legal guardian must also be a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. The person endorsing the application shall undertake to be responsible for the conduct of the applicant and all persons visiting or occupying his boat.
- D. Fulltime employees eligible for park pass privileges may submit a watercraft storage application if the Recreation Supervisor determines that wells are available that residents have declined. Any permit issued to an employee after enactment of this ordinance is annual and any employee must re-submit a new application each year. Residents shall at all times have priority regarding the application process, priority on the waiting list, and consideration for well transfers subject to the provisions of any applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.

II. Boat Storage Fees

- A. Subletting, leasing, or temporary use of the boat well by other than the permit holder is strictly prohibited.
- B. Any pending applications with unpaid deposits as of 12:00 a.m. on December 16 will be canceled and will lose all rights to a storage space for the upcoming season. Likewise, any applications with unpaid balances as of 12:00 a.m. on April 2 will lose all rights to a storage space for the current season and will forfeit the prepaid deposit. The vacated space will be filled from the appropriate wait list.
- C. Failure to receive a bill for boat storage is not an exemption for payment.

III. Marina Rules

- A. The boat storage permit holder shall be responsible for the conduct of his guests, employees, invitees, and all persons using, visiting, or occupying the boat. The permit holder shall indemnify the city of Grosse Pointe Woods and its agents and employees against any claim by himself, the boat owner, his guests, or others for injuries, claims, or any damages arising as a consequence of the registered boat's presence in the boating facility or on account of the presence of the permit holder, boat owner or any of his guests or others in the boating facility.
- B. Any boat storage permit holder may bring in up to four guests per day without using a punch on his/her park pass as long as no other facilities in the park are used. The permit holder must show his/her own individual park pass to gain entry. Additionally, the permit holder must accompany the guest or arrive prior to the guest and complete the appropriate form. This privilege is only offered to permit holders, not co-owners or family members.
- C. The park hours from May 1 through October 31 are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; and 6 a.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday.
- D. Permit holders shall follow the park rules regarding hours of operation and plan accordingly to return before the close of the park, unless an overnight permit has been obtained. Violations will be issued if the permit holder docks his/her boat beyond the closing time of the park. Violations could result in the revocation of such permit.
- E. In the case of an overnight boat trip, the permit holder shall submit a float plan to the gate attendant on duty the evening of departure. If a float plan is not submitted, the attendant on duty will contact family members or emergency numbers listed on the application/agreement to notify them of a failure to return to the marina.

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- F. A permit holder shall respond to his submerged boat within twenty-four hours upon the holder's notification or actual knowledge thereof. Park employees may not attend to submerged boats unless the owner is present.
- G. A permit holder shall compensate the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for any damage done to city property caused by the permit holder.
- H. All boats, permit holders, boat owners and boat operators shall observe the rules of the waterway and marina and shall carry such lights at night as are prescribed by the regulations of the U.S. Coast Guard.
- I. The permit holder, boat owner and any boat operator shall at all times comply with all applicable municipal, county, and state, and U.S. Coast Guard laws and regulations.
- J. All boats shall be equipped with mooring lines of manila or hemp of one-half inch in diameter, or such other lines having equivalent strength and approved by Parks and Recreation Department. The owner of each boat shall provide sufficient mooring lines, which shall be maintained in good condition and shall keep such boat securely moored when not in use.
- K. Anchoring in the canal is prohibited.
- L. The marina shall not be used for commercial purpose or for taking on or discharging passengers for hire or for any public or freight carrying of any kind. The boat for which the permit is issued hereunder shall be used for strictly private recreational purposes and not for profit and such boat shall not be rented out or chartered.
- M. No permit holder, boat owner or operator will place or store gasoline in the boat or well or dock area except for that which may be contained in the boat's tank(s), and further no such person shall deliver or permit others to deliver gasoline or other fuel to the boat while the boat is in its well, dock, harbor or subject boating facilities. It is unlawful to dispense gasoline into marine craft from portable containers within the Lake Front Park.
- N. All boats shall be launched and removed by the owner or the owner's agent at the owner's own risk and responsibility, and no city employee shall assist in any such operations. It is unlawful for any person to change, alter, or damage boat dockage or boat mooring facilities or to provide extensions of any existing dock or the installation of any additional mooring piling.
- O. Any boat bumpers or dock equipment shall be of a type approved by the Parks and Recreation Department and installed in a manner approved by such department.
- P. No boat shall operate at a speed in excess of three miles per hour in and around the harbor or docking area.
- Q. No bilge cleaning or pumping, or repair or maintenance to boats or motor shall be permitted in the Lake Front Park and/or dock or harbor area.
- R. The owners of boats with an outboard motor shall leave the motor in the "down" position when moored to prevent damage to their watercraft and the watercraft of others.
- S. Animals
 1. The term "animal" shall be used to refer to dogs and cats.
 2. The animal must be licensed and a complete description of the animal must be returned with the application for a boat well. No other animals may be brought into Lake Front Park. A maximum of two animals per boat/resident.
 3. Animal owner must have current homeowner's liability insurance coverage with at least \$100,000 minimum coverage. The insurance must provide coverage for injury/damage caused by the animal. Owner must provide a current copy of proof of such insurance to the park office.
 4. Any animal brought into the park must be owned by the boat owner.
 5. The animal must wear a park access tag at all times for entry to park marina.
 6. The animal must be transported in a cage or must be on a short leash of no more than four feet in length when transferred to and from boat. The animal must be controlled by a person of at least 16 years of age at all times. Upon entry to the park, the animal must be taken directly from vehicle to boat and upon leaving the vessel; the animal must be taken directly to vehicle for exit from park.

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7. The animal owner is responsible to immediately clean up any defecation left by the animal in the park.
8. Animal owner is responsible to keep animal noise to a minimum. Excessive animal noise will not be permitted.
9. Animals brought into the park may not swim in the canal at any time.
10. Anyone in violation of these rules shall lose the privilege of bringing their animal into the park and/or may face revocation or suspension of the boat dockage permit.

T. Overnight sleeping on boats

1. The boat owner must complete an overnight registration form prior to closing of the night requested.
2. No owner may sleep overnight more than two consecutive nights.
3. The boat must have an enclosed sleeping area and bathroom facilities.
4. The number of people sleeping on the boat must not exceed the maximum number of sleeping berths as indicated by the owner's manual or as determined by the Park Supervisor.
5. The boat owner must be present for the entire night. Those sleeping on the boat must remain on board while the park is closed (Sunday – Thursday 11:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m.; Friday – Sunday 1:00 a.m. through 6:00 a.m.).
6. Any excessive noise (regardless of the time) may be cause to revoke the overnight sleeping permit.
7. Any resident sleeping on a boat for purposes of reserving a picnic area the following morning is required to wait in line at the front gate.
8. Any violations will result in a loss of overnight privileges and may result in the loss of boat well mooring privileges.

IV. Miscellaneous

- A. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods does not guarantee adequate depth of water in the Milk River other than that provided by the natural water level established by Lake St. Clair and in the Milk River. There will be no refunds due to the lake levels.
- B. Reports of vandalism, theft, etc. shall be made to the Lake Front Park Office (during office hours), the front gate, or St. Clair Shores Police Department (586-445-5300).
- C. These rules and regulations may be amended or supplemented at any time and from time to time by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Department of Parks and Recreation, and such amendment and supplement shall be effected upon its posting at the front gate and at the Lake Front Park office.
- D. The city shall in no way be responsible for loss or damage sustained by the applicant, by reason of the exercise of the privileges granted under the permit issued.
- E. The undertakings herein provided shall be binding upon the applicant, his/her heirs, administrator and/or executor.
- F. Park permits are separate and distinct from the boat storage permit to be issued hereunder and that the use of Lake Front Park by guests of the applicant are restricted by the controlling ordinances.
- G. The Parks and Recreation Department will schedule an employee to patrol the park and marina facility during the hours of closure from May 1 through October 31.

V. Termination of Permit

- A. Falsification in completing any portion of the boat storage agreement may result in cancellation of the permit.
- B. An application for a boat storage permit shall be rejected where the applicant has failed to comply with the ordinances and provisions of these rules and regulations, or does not qualify; or where the applicant's permit has been previously revoked. In the latter case, such application may be reinstated upon approval of the city council upon good cause shown.