

**A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION OF A COMMUNICATING  
PARK RULES POLICY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, to establish a Communicating Park Rules Policy applicable to the Department of Parks & Recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, Department of Parks & Recreation employees shall participate in educating and informing the public on laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, procedures and policies that apply to parks and recreation areas and facilities.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, that the Communicating Park Rules Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, that in the even any portion of this Resolution is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void it is in the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion or provision, and that the remainder of the Resolution shall be enforceable and valid.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, that this Resolution shall be effective upon recordation, without publication of a fair summary, and will stay in effect until amended or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland.

**DONE**, this 23rd day of March, 2021 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, sitting in regular session.

Aye: 5

Nay: 0

Absent/Abstain: 0

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

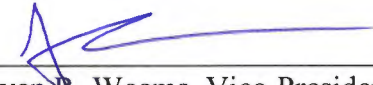


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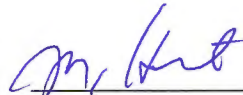


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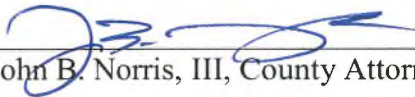
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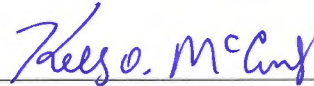
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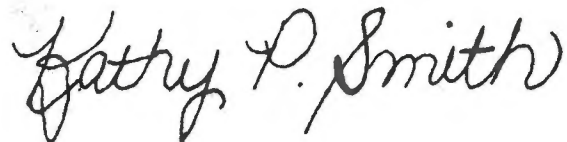
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**CALVERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
GUIDELINE/POLICY/PROCEDURE**

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| <b>TITLE:</b>             | <b>Communicating Park Rules Policy</b>  |                       |  |
| <b>ISSUED BY:</b>         | Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)  |                       |  |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE STAFF:</b> | Department of Parks & Recreation  |                       |  |
| <b>ISSUE DATE:</b>        | 03/23/2021  | <b>REVISION DATE:</b> |  |
| <b>PURPOSE:</b>           | To establish consistent guidelines for the enforcement of Department rules and regulations by CCPR employees. |                       |  |
| <b>APPLICABLE TO:</b>     | Department of Parks & Recreation (CCPR)   |                       |  |
| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>       |   |                       |  |

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**I. Purpose**

To establish consistent guidelines for the enforcement of Department rules and regulations by CCPR employees.

**II. Policy**

CCPR employees are charged with ensuring that the public's use of County parks and recreation facilities that fall under the auspices of CCPR conforms to CCPR standards, as approved and adopted by the BOCC. CCPR employees are also charged with ensuring that all rules and regulations applicable to these County parks and recreation facilities are enforced which include, but are not limited to, CCPR Rules and Regulations as well as, to the extent possible, all federal, state and local ordinances, statutes and codes.

**III. Procedure**

**A. RESPONSIBILITY**

1. It is the intent of CCPR to provide the public a pleasant experience in clean, safe and attractive parks and recreation facilities. Each CCPR employee is responsible for taking all reasonable precautions pursuant to CCPR policy to protect the public's property, safety and welfare while visiting the County's parks and recreation facilities.

2. Behavior or conditions at these parks and recreation facilities that are determined by CCPR to not be in the general public's best interest or do not conform to CCPR standards for parks and recreation facility usage will be addressed immediately.
3. The responsibility for determining what behavior or conditions are not in the general public's best interest or do not conform to CCPR standards for parks and recreation facility usage rests with onsite CCPR employees. Onsite CCPR employees are required to exercise their best judgment, based on County policy, to safeguard the public by obtaining compliance with the rules, regulations or County standards being violated.

#### B. COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT

1. CCPR employees do not issue citations or make arrests.
2. CCPR employees are to make every reasonable attempt through effective communications and pursuant to CCPR policy to obtain voluntary compliance. If voluntary compliance cannot be obtained, onsite CCPR employees are required to summon assistance from law enforcement or other appropriate authorities to obtain compliance when the situation is deemed sufficiently compelling.
3. When attempting to obtain voluntary compliance:
  - a. Advise the visitor they are violating a rule, regulation, standard, ordinance or other applicable law.
  - b. If compliance is not obtained, advise the visitor that if the violation continues, they are subject to removal from the park or citation or arrest, as appropriate, by the local law enforcement authorities.
  - c. If compliance is still not obtained, advise the visitor that you will summon law enforcement assistance if the violation continues.
  - d. If the visitor remains noncompliant, summon the appropriate law enforcement personnel.
  - e. In the event an individual is ejected from a park, or law enforcement is summoned, the incident shall be logged by following the standard operating procedures for incident reporting.

#### C. SUSPENSION OF PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY PRIVILEGES

1. CCPR employees must follow the standard operating procedures for disruptive patrons.
2. In extreme or repeated offenses requiring law enforcement assistance to remove non-compliant park patrons from any CCPR facility, a park patron may be banned from entering any CCPR facility for a certain period of time. Upon return to a CCPR facility, if non-compliance continues the park patron may be permanently banned from the premises and removed by appropriate law enforcement personnel.
3. The suspension of park privileges and ultimate banning of non-compliant park patrons is to be approved by the Director of CCPR before implementation of ban.