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10.01 LAKE USE PERMIT; DAILY FEE

A. PERMIT OR DAILY FEE REQUIRED: Every Village resident fishing from the shore, boat, or swimming on any lake property, including without limitation the lakes, easements, Rights of Way adjoining the lake, or beaches within the Village shall have a current Lake Use Permit or shall pay a daily fee as provided herein. Lake Use Permit may be used at Woods Creek Lake, Goose Lake, Willow Lake, Lake Scott, Larsen Pond, and Turtle Pond and Fen Lake at Barbara Key Park. Every non-resident using any such lake property shall pay a daily fee or have a current Lake Use Permit as provided herein.

B. PERMIT AND DAILY USE FEES: The annual fee for a Lake Use Permit shall be $40.00 per household, $30.00 for households with seniors 55 years and older, and $60 per non-resident household. The annual fee shall be due and payable on or after May 1st of each year unless combined with a Boat Use Permit renewal. Issued permits shall expire on the 30th day of April of the following year.

The daily lake use fee for lake usage shall be:

- Resident daily fee: $2.00 per person
- Non-resident daily fee: $5.00 per person
- Children under age 5 accompanied by a paid resident or non-resident: No Charge

The daily lake use fee shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on the day issued. Boat operators shall pay an additional fee as provided in Section 10.05 of this chapter.

C. LOST LAKE USE PERMIT: Replacement Lake Use Permits may be obtained at the Village Hall by filing a lost tag affidavit and paying of a replacement fee of $2.00 per tag.
D. GUESTS OF LAKE USE PERMIT HOLDERS: Up to six guests may accompany a Lake Use Permit Holder on lake property upon presentation of a current Lake Use Permit by the Lake Use Permit Holder and payment of a $2.00 fee per person for guests age 5 or older.

E. REVOCATION: Annual Lake Use Permits are non-transferable and may be revoked when used by someone living outside of the family. No portion of the fee will be refunded when a Lake Use Permit is revoked.

10.02 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess any alcoholic beverage on any beach or lake property; provided, however, that the Village President may issue a one-day permit as provided for in Section 33.07C of this Code. Such function must be regulated so as not to interfere with or inhibit the use of the facility by the general public.

10.03 EARTHEN DAM, SPILLWAY

Access to Woods Creek Lake property is prohibited from the earthen dam and spillway. Trespassing is prohibited on earthen dam and spillway properties (except the Barbara Key Park earthen dam).

10.04 SWIMMING AND BEACH AREAS

A. AREAS AND TIMES: Swimming is prohibited from all public areas other than Indian Trail Beach and Butch Hagele Beach. Swimming is permitted by persons designated in Subsection B of this Section herein from said beaches during dates and times as approved by the Village Board.

B. PERSONS ALLOWED TO USE BEACHES; ACCESS: Any person who presents a Lake Use Permit or pays the daily fee provided for in Section 10.01 may enter and use the beaches. Access to any beach shall be by the front gate or via boat in which case Lake Use Permit must be presented at the front gate.

C. CHILDREN: Persons less than 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years of age or older when entering or using any beach area.

D. SWIMMING: In accordance with Chapter 10.01A of the Lake in the Hills Municipal Code, all swimmers must obtain a Lake Use Permit. There are two designated public beaches in the Village, Indian Trail and Butch Hagele. Swimming is allowed at each of these
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public beaches, but is restricted to the areas designated by buoys. Village sponsored events are exempt from this provision. Lakefront property owners may swim from their property at their own risk.

E. PETS PROHIBITED: All pets of every kind are prohibited at all lakes, beaches, and island areas at all times.

F. FISHING PROHIBITED: Fishing is prohibited from the beach areas at all times.

G. LITTERING PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, place, or locate garbage or other refuse in anything other than refuse containers placed by the Village on beach areas.

H. WATER GAMES PROHIBITED: It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any game of catch by using a ball, frisbee, or similar item while in the water or at the discretion of beach personnel.

I. FLOTATION DEVICES: All flotation devices used on beach areas must be approved by beach personnel. The Village reserves the right to disapprove the use of any flotation device.

J. USE OF BEACH AREAS REGULATED: No person shall use any beach or lake area in the Village for other than the designated purposes. Beach personnel shall have authority to regulate the activities in such beach areas and the lake when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort, safety, and convenience of all persons. All users of the beach and lake areas shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end.

10.05 BOATS

A. MOTORS PROHIBITED: Except as provided in Subsection B of this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized boat or vehicle on any lake in the Village; provided, however, that this Subsection shall not prohibit a motorized boat or watercraft propelled by an electric motor.

B. EMERGENCY BOATS: The Police Department may operate any motorized boat for police patrol and emergency services on the lake.

C. BOAT USE PERMIT REQUIRED: Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any resident to operate a boat on any lake within the Village without first obtaining a Lake Use Permit as
provided in Section 10.01 of this Chapter and paying a $10.00 boat use fee. The Boat Use Permit fee for seniors 55 years and older is $7.00. Two current Boat Use stickers are provided by the Village and must be affixed to the front of each boat, one sticker on the port side and one sticker on the starboard side. Early renewal for current Boat Use Permit holders will be made available prior to May 1. Lake Use Permits will be issued at the same time.

Except as provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any non-resident to operate a boat on any lake within the Village without first paying the daily Lake Use fee or displaying the Lake Use Permit provided in Section 10.01 of this Chapter and paying a $15.00 daily boat launching fee. Fees are collected at the Village Hall during regular business hours, Indian Trail Beach during summer beach hours, and the Police Department during non-business hours.

All Not for Profit organizations that regularly use the lake for boating shall obtain Lake Use Permits and Boat Use Permits but shall be exempt from the Lake Use Permit and Boat Use Permit fee requirements of this Section.

D. WAIVER REQUIRED: No person shall operate any boat on any Village lake without first agreeing to waive and release the Village from all liability related thereto by signing a release form provided by the Village.

E. STORAGE ON VILLAGE PROPERTY: No boat shall be stored on Village property except only if proper authorization has been granted, an annual fee of $20.00 ($15.00 for seniors 55 years and older) has been paid by the registered owner of the boat in addition to the boat use fee provided for in Section 10.05C and proper stickers are displayed. Failure to display current stickers will deem a boat a public nuisance. Early renewal for current boat storage renters will be made available prior to May 1, in conjunction with the renewal of Boat Use Permits and Lake Use Permits, which will be issued at the same time.

F. FLOATING PLATFORMS: It shall be unlawful for any person to place or maintain a floating-type platform on any lake within the Village without first securing written permission from the Community Development Department. The Community Development Department shall grant a permit for said platform only if the person seeking said permit can show that the platform will be secured and anchored in a reasonably sound engineering manner.
ICE FISHING

Ice fishing and related activities shall be permitted on the lakes of the Village only pursuant to the following regulations:

A. LAKE USE PERMIT OR DAILY FEE REQUIRED: All persons ice fishing shall have a current Lake Use Permit or shall pay the daily fee as provided in Section 10.01 of this Chapter.

B. BURNING LIMITED: The burning of charcoal, wood, or white gas on any lake within the Village shall be prohibited. Only devices fueled with propane shall be used for warming or cooking purposes on any lake.

C. COMPLIANCE REQUIRED: All persons using a lake within the Village shall comply with all ordinances of the Village including, but not limited to, those applicable to prohibition of animals, alcoholic beverages, and littering.

D. POWER AUGERS: Power augers shall only be used on the lake in accordance with Subsection 43.9-A-7 of this Code.

E. ICE FISHING SHELTERS: Ice fishing shelters shall be permitted on the lake pursuant to the following regulations:

1. All persons placing an ice fishing shelter upon the lake may leave said shelter unattended on the lake overnight between Friday and Sunday, as long as the owner has a valid Lake Use Permit and the owner’s name and address is visibly affixed on the shelter.

2. Ice fishing shelters shall be commercially manufactured of lightweight materials, excluding wood. Ice fishing shelters shall be portable and classified as being capable of housing not more than three persons.

3. Except as provided in Section 10.06E-1 herein shelters shall not be left unattended at any time; all such shelters shall have the owner’s name and address visibly affixed.

F. PRIORITY FOR ICE SKATING: No person shall commence ice fishing on a section of any lake that has been, or is in the process of being, cleared and/or set up for ice skating purposes.
G. SPECIAL PENALTIES:

1. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this Section 10.06 shall be fined not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for each violation and shall be responsible for the cost of the Village’s prosecution.

2. Any person having a Daily Lake Use Permit who is cited for violating any provision of this Section 10.06, may have his or her lake use privileges revoked.

3. If an ice fishing shelter is placed upon any lake in violation of any provision of this Section 10.06 and said shelter is unattended, said shelter shall be removed from the lake and held by the Police Department, or its designated agent, until after payment of any applicable fees and penalties and until the shelter can be returned to its owner.

10.07 PENALTIES

Any person who violates this Chapter 10 shall be fined not less than $50.00 nor more than $500.00 for each offense. Each violation of this Chapter 10 is hereby declared to be a public nuisance to be abated in the manner provided by law.