

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**Town of Saint Germain, Vilas County**

**Code of Ordinances**  
**Chapter 15: Town Parks Rules**  
**(Revised 01/27/2022)**

**15.01 TITLE AND PURPOSE:** The title of this chapter is the Town of Saint Germain Town Park Rules. The purpose of this ordinance is to impose restrictions on the use of Town owned park facilities within the Town of Saint Germain, Vilas County, WI.

**15.02 AUTHORITY:** The town of Saint Germain has the authority to enact this ordinance under its village powers under §60.22, Wis. Stats. and specific authority under §349.16 and §125, Wis. Stats.

**15.03 DEFINITIONS:** The following words and phrases shall have the designated meaning unless a different meaning is expressly provided or the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alcoholic beverages: Fermented malt beverages and wine

Emergency Vehicle: Any vehicle designated and authorized to respond to a potentially life-threatening emergency situation.

Fireworks: Firecrackers, Roman candles, bottle rockets, mortars or any other device that explodes or leaves the ground as prescribed within §167.10, Wis. Stats.

Indirect charge: The cost of an alcoholic beverage is included in the ticket price, included in the cost of the meal, a donation is required, or any other consideration other than direct purchase.

Intoxicating liquor: Distilled liquor having an alcohol content equal to or greater than 0.05% by volume.

Motor Vehicle: A vehicle which, when in use, requires state registration; includes but not limited to any automobile, truck, bus, aircraft, motorcycle, moped, snowmobile, all terrain or utility terrain vehicles.

Parks: All grounds and structures located within any Town area dedicated to public use as a park or recreation facility, with the exception of:

- (A) The Community Center and associated parking lots
- (B) The St. Germain Golf Club
- (C) Motorized and non-motorized recreation trails when being used as intended

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**15.04 PARK HOURS:**

- (A) No person shall be permitted in any Town park between the hours of 10:00p.m. and 5:00a.m.
- (B) Duly authorized religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans, educational, municipal and civic organizations, or private groups, may, with the permission of the Town Board or its designated agent, be permitted to hold scheduled functions and events for its members, guests or the general public irrespective of the hours as outlined in this section.

**15.05 MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** Except as noted herein,

- (A) Occupied motor vehicles are prohibited in Town parks between the hours of 10:00pm and 5:00am.
- (B) No vehicles shall exceed the speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour within any Town Park.
- (C) Exceptions to the above include:
  - (1) Emergency vehicles responding to incidents or while conducting training.
  - (2) Town Department of Public Works vehicles performing routine or special activities authorized by the Town Board.
  - (3) Persons associated with specific organizations having authorization of the Town Board, or its designated agent, to operate motor vehicles within a Town park when otherwise prohibited.
  - (4) Vendors at summer Flea Market events shall be permitted to arrive or remain in the park between 10:00pm and 5:00am, but must display on the interior of their windshields a parking pass issued by the St. Germain Firefighters Association, Inc. Said vendors shall also have access to park bathroom facilities as specified by the Firefighters Association. All other conditions of this chapter remain applicable to Flea Market vendors..
  - (5) Contractors, or agents of contractors, performing special work authorized by the Town Board.
  - (6) School buses while providing services under contract with Northland Pines School District.

**15.06 CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

- (A) Only alcoholic beverages consisting of fermented malt beverages and wine shall be permitted to be consumed in Town Parks (consumption of intoxicating liquor is prohibited) and then only by individuals within a group holding a Town issued Temporary/Picnic Class B License.
- (B) A person with an Operator's License, commonly called a Bartender's License, must immediately supervise those individuals serving or selling alcoholic beverages. The Town may issue a Temporary Operator's License to persons donating their services to nonprofit organizations.
- (C) Private gatherings by invitation which are held on Town property do not require a license if the event is closed to the public, and there is no charge (direct or indirect)

for the alcoholic beverages. The Town shall be exempt from liability for alcoholic beverages consumed at private gatherings.

- (D) A copy of this Chapter shall be issued to any group or individual reserving the use of Town property and the responsible party shall sign for receipt of such.
- (E) In addition to the provisions of §15.14 of this Chapter, any group or individual violating these provisions shall forfeit their right to serve or sell alcoholic beverages, any existing permit shall be null and void, and no further permits or licenses required by this Chapter, or Chapter 14 – Alcohol Control, Town of Saint Germain Code of Ordinances, shall be issued to that group or individual for a period of one year. A second violation shall require Town Board of Supervisors review prior to granting any further licenses. Any deposits paid for the use of Town facilities shall also be forfeit.

**15.07 LITTERING:** No person shall litter, dump, or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park, other than park generated trash, in containers provided for such purpose.

**15.08 BURNING:**

- (A) Except as provided in paragraph B of this section, no person shall start, tend or maintain any fires except in personal grills or in designated fireplaces. Personal grills shall be allowed other than within pavilion structures, provided lawns and vegetation are not disturbed or destroyed. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to park property.
- (B) When one or more inches of snow covers the ground, campfires shall be allowed in only the following locations:
  - (1) Town Park at Highways 70 / 155:
    - (a) Burning shall be restricted to sites specified and maintained by the Town.
    - (b) Enforcement of public safety practices shall be overseen by on-site St. Germain Fire Department personnel.
    - (b) Clean-up of the burn site shall be accomplished within 24 hours of the event ending.
  - (2) Fern Ridge Recreation Area and Awassa Trails:
    - (a) Burning shall be restricted to sites specified and maintained by the Town
    - (b) Oversight of burning shall be the responsibility of the Non-motorized Trails Committee.

**15.09 DOGS:** All restrictions pertaining to dogs in the Town are contained in St. Germain Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 - Licensing and Control of Dogs.

**15.10 FIREARMS / HUNTING:** The discharge of firearms, bows or crossbows is prohibited in any Town Park. Hunting and the use of any trapping device for the capture of wild animals is also prohibited. This section or any part thereof may be waived when authorized by the Town Board.

**15.11 FIREWORKS:** Use of fireworks as defined herein is prohibited without a permit issued by the Town in accordance with §167.10(3), Wis. Stats.

**15.12 PROTECTION OF PARK PROPERTY:** No person shall in any manner deface, write upon, or remove any building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official sign, notice or other property within any park.

**15.13 FEES:** The Town Board shall have the authority to establish fees or deposits as deemed necessary for use of any Town Park facility, shelter or public land area. It shall be unlawful for any group or organization to use such facilities without payment of said fees or charge when required. It shall also be the responsibility of said group or organization to reimburse the Town for labor and/or material expenses related to cleanup of facilities or repair of damages resulting from said use.

**15.14 FORFEITURE:** Any person, firm or corporation, including those doing work for others, who violates any provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of \$100.00 plus court costs for the first violation, \$150.00 plus court costs for the second violation and \$200.00 plus court costs for all subsequent violations. Each instance of violation shall constitute a distinct and separate violation and forfeitures shall apply accordingly.

**15.15 SEVERABILITY**

The provision of this chapter shall be deemed severable, and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this chapter irrespective of whether one or more provision may be declared invalid. If any provisions of this chapter is invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid or unconstitutional provisions or applications.

**15.16 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance **repeals and replaces Town of Saint Germain Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15 – Town Park Rules** adopted August 19, 2019, and is effective on publication or posting as required under §60.80, Wis. Stats.

Adopted this 27th day of January 2022

Attest:

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Tom Christensen  
Town Chairman

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June Vogel  
Town Clerk