Town of Medway
Medway Waterfront Ordinance

Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the conduct of persons using or occupying the waterfront and recreation areas of the Town in order to preserve these areas from misuse or destruction and to enhance their use for the members of the public who use the areas in a reasonable manner.

Hours of Operation

The Waterfront shall be closed to the public between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00a.m. Every day Presence prohibited. No person shall be present in the park during said periods of time without written permission of the Medway Board of Selectmen.

Hours may vary. The Board of Selectmen may vary the closure hours for special events.

Swimming Area

No person shall swim, bathe, or wade in any body of water in a park, except in those areas, which are specifically designated for swimming or bathing purposes, and in compliance with posted regulations.

Vehicle and Bicycles

No person shall operate, keep or maintain or permit to be operated, kept or maintained any vehicle of any kind or bicycle on the municipal beach.

Animals

No person shall permit any animal owned by him or within his custody or control to be on the municipal beach.

Special closures

Any section of waterfront may be declared closed to the public by the Medway Recreation Director, Public Works Director, Fire Chief or Chief of Police at any time and duration, for any either temporarily or at regular stated intervals, by posting suitable signs or other markings. No person shall remain in such a closed area.

Intoxicating Beverages

No person shall consume or possess alcoholic beverages at the Medway Waterfront complex.
Camping Prohibited

No person shall use any public place in the Town of Medway for the purpose of overnight accommodation or a temporary or permanent abode or habitation, except with the written permission of the Medway Board of Selectmen.

Fires and Grilling

Grilling will be allowed only on pits that have been erected by the Recreation Department.

No person shall build a fire in a park, except as authorized by the Medway Board of Selectmen as part of a special event.

Damage of Property

No person shall damage, move, or remove any building, structure, appurtenance, or personal property whatsoever.

Damage of Plants

A. No person shall climb, damage, remove, or pick the flowers or seeds of a tree or other plant.

B. No person shall dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.

Obey Signs

All persons must obey all signs posted in any park for the protection of property, or the promotion of the health, safety, or general welfare of the occupants of a park or the residents of the Town.

Violations

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a civil violation and upon conviction shall be fined not less than $50.00 and not more than $500.00 with each incident being considered a separate violation, which shall be recovered on complaint to the use of the Town of Medway.

Enforcement

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Medway police Department or their designee.

Attest: A true copy of an ordinance entitled “Medway Waterfront Ordinance” of the Town of Medway, as certified to me by the municipal officers of Medway on the Twenty-third day of May 2011.

Signature:  

Katherine Lee, Town Clerk