

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 12 CHAPTER 1 RELATING TO PARKS AND
RECREATION AND SPECIFICALLY PARK REGULATIONS AND TO REPEAL
TITLE 12 CHAPTER 2 RELATING TO THE EAST SIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, do ordain as follows:

1. That Title 12 Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Caledonia entitled “Park Regulations” be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 1

Park Regulations

<i>Section Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Ordinance Number</i>	<i>Date of Ordinance</i>
12-1-1	Definitions		
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SEC. 12-1-1 DEFINITIONS.

The following definitions shall apply in this Chapter.

- (a) **Committee.** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.
- (b) **Park.** Any park property, wildlife or nature preserve, playground or other area in the Village owned, designated and utilized by the Village for recreation activities. This definition includes both the singular and plural versions.
- (c) **Board.** The Caledonia Village Board of Trustees
- (d) **Amenity.** Any building, shelter, structure, play field, court, or facility designed for the use of passive or active recreation in a Village Owned Park.
- (e) **Park Use Agreement.** An agreement between the Village of Caledonia Board of Trustees and an athletic or recreational organization for use exclusive use of a Village Park or Park Amenity for a duration set forth in the approved documents.
- (f) **Reservation.** A permitted use of a Park Amenity.

SEC. 12-1-2 PARK HOURS.

- (a) Hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at all Parks every day of the year unless otherwise posted for special events, specific activities, or sports with Park Use Agreements in place. It shall be unlawful to enter in or be upon any Park after the designated hour.

- (b) The Village Board and Committee will have full authority to open and close any Park, swimming area, recreational facility or other area because of season, condition, construction, or, when in the interest of public safety, it is deemed necessary.

SEC. 12-1-3 CONDITIONS PERMITTING DOGS IN PARKS.

- (a) **Dogs Permitted.** Dogs are permitted in Parks during Park Hours, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) All dogs shall always be on a leash.
 - (2) All dogs shall be under the immediate physical control of an adult at all times.
 - (3) All dogs shall be licensed and must have an up-to-date rabies vaccination.
 - (4) All waste from a dog shall be immediately picked up and disposed of. Bags, scoops, or other appropriate implements for the removal of waste shall be carried by any person bringing a dog into a Park.
 - (5) Dogs are not permitted to be in any Park or playground structure, or any other locations as posted by order of Village.
 - (6) Dogs shall not dig, chase, or harm wildlife, damage park property, or interfere with other Park users.

SEC. 12-1-4 PARK PROPERTY & GROUNDS.

- (a) **Buildings and Shelters.**
- (1) **Damage.** No person shall mark, deface, disfigure, damage, displace, or remove any structures, equipment, facilities, amenities, or other park property, either real or personal from any Park.
 - (2) **Concessions and Restrooms.** All users of the concession and restroom facilities shall maintain them in neat and sanitary condition.
 - (3) **Erection of Structures.** No person may construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon, or across such lands except on a special written permit issued hereunder.
 - (4) **Fishing and Fish Cleaning.** Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilets facilities or picnic areas is prohibited in all Parks. Fishing is only authorized at Gorney Park Pond as set forth under Sec. 12-1-8.
- (b) **Grounds and Natural Resources; Damage.**
- No person shall climb any tree or remove flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, or other property within any Park. The use of metal detectors and digging for buried objects is prohibited in Parks.
- (1) **Animals.** No person shall feed, kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any Park, except as permitted by this Chapter. No person shall bring or harbor any horses or other animals in or upon any Park at any time except when required for activities or amusements authorized by the Committee.
 - (2) **Pollution.** No person shall discharge or place any substance, which may result in the pollution of any natural or manmade body of water or land. This includes storm sewer systems, drainage channels, or any tributary stream or creek.
 - (3) **Refuse.** No person shall scatter, litter, bring in, dump, deposit or place any waste, rubbish, garbage, refuse or other recyclable material such as glass, paper, or bottles in a Park or body of water in or contiguous to a Park. All refuse and recycling shall

be placed in the proper receptacle provided by the Village. Where receptacles are not provided, the refuse or recycling material shall be hauled off-site and disposed of in an appropriate place.

- (4) **Weapons.** Except for duly appointed law enforcement officers or person(s) authorized by law, no person shall have in his possession or under his control or discharge any weapon, explosives, or dangerous weapon as defined under Title 11, Chapter 2 of the Village Code of Ordinances.
 - (5) **Advertising.** No person shall expose, offer for sale, or advertise an article, service, or thing in any Village Park unless authorized by the Committee and Village Board.
 - (6) **Offenses; Noise; Public nuisances.** Offenses, including for public nuisance and noise are as regulated under Title 11 of this Code of Ordinances.
- (c) **Traffic & Parking.**
- (1) **Speed Limit.** No person shall operate any vehicle in a Park more than 15 mph unless otherwise posted.
 - (2) **Reckless Driving.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any Park.
 - (3) **Parking.** No person shall park a motor vehicle in any Park outside of Park hours unless otherwise designated or authorized. Parking is restricted to designated parking areas during Park hours. Traffic signs posted along Park roads indicating where parking is not authorized shall be followed unless designated otherwise for a special event.
 - (4) **Authorized Vehicles.** Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas or paths/trails except vehicles which have Village authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading. Snowmobiles, minibikes, golf carts, and all other unlicensed vehicles are prohibited in Parks and public recreational areas at all times.

SEC. 12-1-5 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

- (a) **Camping.** No person shall camp in the Parks at any time.
- (b) **Games.** No games shall be played involving the throwing of stones, missiles, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes. Baseball, softball, football, basketball, soccer, pickleball, and other court sports or ball games are authorized on areas specifically designated for those activities.
- (c) **Remote Controlled Toys and Drones.** Remote controlled aircraft, boats, and drones are not authorized anywhere in the Parks unless except for areas designated for such activity.
- (d) **Ultralight Aircraft.** No person shall operate any paramotor, hang glider, or ultralight aircraft in any Park as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, 14 C.F.R Sec 103.1, and Sec 114.195 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.
- (e) **Horse Riding.** No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any Park unless otherwise designated or authorization by the Committee and Village Board has been obtained.
- (f) **Golfing.** No golfing or practicing golf is allowed in Parks.
- (g) **Fireworks and Explosives.** No person shall possess, use, discharge, or explode any fireworks or explosive in any Park unless specifically permitted by Village ordinance. Fireworks are defined in Sec 167.10(1) of Wis. Stats.

- (h) **Swimming.** No person shall swim, bathe, or wade in any waters or waterways in any Park except as otherwise provided and permitted by the Committee and Village Board.
- (i) **Picnic Areas and Grilling.** No person shall picnic or grill out in a place other than those designated or authorized for such activities. These activities are typically designated to specific shelter and picnic areas to ensure comfort for all Park users. The Village and/or Park staff shall direct park users accordingly to achieve this. Areas designated for reservations shall acquire a permit from the Village.
- (j) **Ice Skating.** No person shall go onto any ice of any waterway or storm water pond except areas designated for such activities.

SEC. 12-1-6 RESERVATIONS; ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

- (a) **Reservation of Park Shelters, Playing Fields, and Courts.**
 - (1) The Committee may recommend to the Village Board fees and conditions for the exclusive use of Parks and designate area for reservations. The areas may be updated, changed, or modified as approved by the Village Board.
 - (2) All people or organizations looking to reserve a space, shelter, or court in the Parks designated for such use shall apply and obtain a permit from the Village.
 - (3) Facilities and grounds designated for reservation will be posted online with fees listed according to the Fee Schedule approved and updated from time to time by the Village Board.
 - (4) Reservation Hours shall follow the Park hours unless further restricted at the individual shelter by the Committee and posted as such.
- (b) **Application; Standards.** A Park shelter, court, or field may be reserved for the current calendar year only. Reserved uses shall have precedence over unreserved uses. Applications shall be in the form recommended and approved by the Committee and Village Board and shall include the following:
 - (1) Name and Address of the Applicant or Organization.
 - (2) Date and time for which the permit is desired.
 - (3) Location or facility for which the permit is desired.
 - (4) Estimated number of attendees for the reservation.
 - (5) The applicant, on his/her behalf or on behalf of the group, firm, organization, or corporation, must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the reservation and must be 21 if any alcoholic beverage is to be consumed.
 - (6) Any other pertinent information for Village staff that would be deemed reasonably necessary and appropriate for determining the validity of issuing a permit. This includes the use of amplified music, tents, or other structures.
- (c) **Permit Issuance Standards.**
 - (1) The proposed reservation and activity shall not interfere with the general public's ability to use and enjoy the Parks, except for those areas specifically reserved.
 - (2) The proposed reservation and activity shall not impact the public health, welfare and safety of users of the Parks.
 - (3) The proposed reservation and activity shall not conflict with other activities at the time requested.
 - (4) The proposed reservation and activity shall not incite violence, crime, disorderly conduct, or become a burdensome expense on police operations or other Village services.
 - (5) The use of amplified music, tents, or other structures must be approved by the Village in writing and shall comply with all Village Ordinance.

- (6) All Park rules and regulations apply to the permittee and associated attendees.
- (d) **Special Event Application.** Special Events as defined by Sec. 7-20-1 of this Code of Ordinances are subject to that section of Code and applicants shall apply through the Village Clerk's Office. Special Events shall include gatherings or activities that may interfere with the general public's use of the Park and may be subject to review by the Committee and/or Village Board.
- (e) **Alcoholic Beverage Possession and Consumption.**
- (1) Alcoholic beverage possession and consumption is prohibited in the Parks except for within reserved shelters for which a permit has been issued for such reservation.
 - (2) Sale of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited in the Parks unless a temporary class B license has been issued by the Village Clerk.
 - (3) Applicants who have received a permit to reserve a shelter or picnic area shall be 21 years of age or older to possess and/or consume alcohol and shall remain at the Park shelter with the permitted event for the entire time.
 - (4) Alcohol possession and consumption in areas designated and reserved with a permit shall be restricted to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- (f) **Liability & Indemnification.** Prior to granting any permit for exclusive use of a Park or Park space to a group, any permittee shall agree to indemnify the Village. The Village may require the permittee to file evidence of good and sufficient sureties, insurance in force or other evidence of adequate financial responsibility issued in favor of the Village and other third parties, , in an amount sufficient to protect against and pay for the injury or damage to the Park, or portion thereof, or to any person caused by or related to the actions of the permittee, its agents or participants.
- (g) **Cancellation of Reservation.** An applicant will not be issued a refund for any portion of the fees paid if the reservation is cancelled less than 14 days in advance of the reserved date. Cancellations 15 days or more from the rental date shall be refunded 75% the value of the reservation. No refunds will be made due to inclement weather.
- (h) **Permit Revocation.** The Village Board, Committee, or Village Staff reserves the right to revoke a permit already issued if it is deemed that such action is justified by an actual or potential emergency due to weather, fire, riot, other catastrophe, or likelihood of a breach of the peace or by a major change in the conditions forming the basis of the issuance of the permit.
- (i) **Variance.** The Committee and Village Board may grant a variance from the provisions of this ordinance for good and sufficient cause as determined by the Committee or Village Board based upon special circumstances of the particular case, but no variance shall be granted which is unjustly discriminatory in nature.

SEC. 12-1-7 PARK USE AGREEMENTS.

- (a) **Standards.** Applicants seeking to reserve a Park structure, field(s) or court(s) for an extended duration will be required to enter into a Park Use Agreement which will govern the use of the Park by the User.
- (1) Park Use Agreements shall be reviewed and approved by the Committee and approved by the Village Board via resolution.

- (2) Applicant/User shall provide the necessary insurance requirements as listed in the Park Use Agreement.
- (3) Applicant/User shall provide the necessary fees and deposits as provided in the Fee Schedule and/or set by Village Staff for the extended reservation, access, and maintenance of the facility and grounds.
- (4) Applicant/User shall be bound by all rules and regulations of this Chapter, this Code of Ordinances, and the Park Use Agreement.
- (5) Park Use Agreements may cover multiple leagues within one organization provided the Applicant/User submits that information to Village Staff with the request and is subject to the fee per league as provided in the Fee Schedule.

SEC. 12-1-8 GORNEY PARK POND.

- (a) **Definitions.** The following definitions shall apply in this Section.
 - (1) **Motorboat.** Any boat equipped with propulsion machinery, whether the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.
 - (2) **Nonmotorized Boat.** Any boat which is not a Motorboat, but which is designed and constructed to be used as a boat for transportation of a person or persons on water; including, but not limited to, any canoe, sailboat, inflatable boat or similar device, rowboat, raft and dinghy, which is not a motorboat.
- (b) **State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted.** Sections 30.50 through 30.71 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and any amendments thereto are adopted and incorporated by reference
- (c) **Motorboat Prohibition.** No person shall operate a Motorboat on the waters of Gorney Park Pond; only Nonmotorized Boats shall be allowed on the pond.
- (d) **Hours of Operation.** No person shall operate a Nonmotorized Boat upon the waters of Gorney Park Pond outside the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., local time.
- (e) **Swimming Prohibition.** Swimming shall not be permitted at Gorney Park Pond.
- (f) **Parking.** Vehicles transporting boats shall only park in those spaces designated for boat users.
- (g) **Posting Requirements.** The Village shall place and maintain a copy of this section at all public access points to Gorney Park Pond.

SEC. 12-1-9 SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Village Board would have passed the other provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

SEC. 12-1-10 VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES, ENFORCEMENT.

- (a) **Officials.** Village Staff, Committee, Village Board, and the Police Department shall diligently enforce the provisions of this chapter in connection with their duties imposed by law.
- (b) **Penalties.** Any person violating any provision of this section/chapter shall be subject to the penalties in 1-1-6 of the Village of Caledonia Code of Ordinances.”

2. That Title 12 Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Caledonia entitled "East Side Community Center" shall be, and hereby is, repealed and said Chapter number shall be noted as reserved for future use in the Code.

3. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 9 day of December, 2025.

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

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