

RESOLUTION 2014-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2009-19 WHICH ESTABLISHED REGULATIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF ALL PUBLIC PARKS. THE AMENDMENT REMOVES THE PROHIBITION ON WEDDING CEREMONIES AND MEMORIAL SERVICES IN THE TOWN PARKS AND PROHIBITS THE ERECTION OF TENTS WITHIN THE GRASSED AREAS OF MUSKRAT PARK

WHEREAS, The Commissioners of St. Michaels (hereinafter the “Commissioners”) have determined that it is in the public interest to allow certain functions to be held in Public Parks, including St. Mary’s Square; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners have determined that the performance of wedding ceremonies and memorial services should be permitted in the Town Parks; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners have further determined that the allowance of such uses will provide a venue which may benefit the residents and visitors through the use of the Town Parks and encourage the use of parks for low impact events; and

WHEREAS, The Commissioners have further determined that such uses are permissible when such venues are conducted in accordance with the General Regulations for Groups and Individuals wishing to Use Any Public Park as set forth below and contained in Resolution 2009-19, adopted on October 28, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners understand the desire to erect a tent(s) as an event or function amenity, the Commissioners cannot support the placement of such tents on the grassed areas of Muskrat Park, in that such placement could permanently damage the irrigation system which serves that park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the existing regulations for the use of Town Parks and St. Mary’s Square are hereby amended and the following regulations shall be effective immediately upon the adoption of this resolution by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners.

SECTION 1:

**General Regulations for Groups and Individuals Wishing to Use Any Public Park**

1. The hours of operation of all Public Parks shall be from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted on a sign or signs located within the park.
2. Use of the Public Parks by a group of more than 10 people requires a permit issued by the Town Manager and the Chief of Police or their appointed designees. Permits may be issued up to 1 year before the event. The maximum number of people in any group using the park by permit issued pursuant to this section are as follows:
  - Frederick Douglass Park -10
  - The Wilson Reading Garden - 50
  - Muskrat Park - 50
  - Hollis Park - 50
  - Clint Bradley Park – 50
  - Back Creek Park - 50

**Permission for events that will exceed the above limits must be obtained in writing from the Commissioners of St. Michaels.**

**Note:** Canton Farm Park is a nature preserve, no group activities are permitted.

3. Park rules shall be enforced by the Police Department.
4. If there is a violation of any of the rules and/or regulations, the participants of the event will be asked to vacate the park and the applicant may be subject to non-issuance of subsequent permits.
5. Where permitted by and in accordance with Chapter 216 (Noise) of the Code of the Town of St. Michaels, amplification of events is allowed between 9:00 a.m. and sunset. Sound is to be directed away from the neighboring residences, where possible. Copies of Chapter 216 are available from the Town Office upon request or on the Town website at [www.townofstmichaels.com](http://www.townofstmichaels.com). If noise complaints are received, a police officer may order that the volume be turned down or that the amplification cease in order to comply with Chapter 216.
6. The following activities are **not** permitted:
  - A. Sale of any item or service,
  - ~~B. ((weddings or memorial services,))~~
  - (( €)) B. Fires of any kind including grills,
  - (( Ⓓ)) C. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages.
  - D. Placement of tents within the grassed areas of Muskrat Park
7. The park shall be left in a clean condition. Litter shall be picked-up and placed within a trash receptacle or taken with you. Trash left in the park or placed on top of or outside of the trashcans will constitute a violation of the anti-litter ordinance.
8. No vehicles are permitted in the park except for those authorized by the Town. Handicapped assistance devices are exempted. Parking of vehicles shall only occur within those areas marked for such use.
9. Dogs must be on leashes of six (6) feet or less.
10. No closed, private functions are permitted. All events held in Public Parks must co-exist with the public who may be using the park at the same time.
11. Fees as set in the Town's fee schedule.

Adopted and effective— July 23, 2014

SECTION 2

**Regulations for Public Events \*Held in Public Parks or on Town Property (\*Other than Farmers' Markets)**

No Changes Proposed.

SECTION 3

**Regulations for Farmer' Markets Held in Public Parks or on Town Property by Written Permission of the Commissioners of St. Michaels**

No Changes Proposed

SECTION 4

**General Provisions**

No Changes Proposed

**THIS RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07 HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by a yea or nay vote of the Commissioners of St. Michaels on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014, becoming effective on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014.

nn Borders                   \_\_yea\_\_

Joanne R. Clark,           \_\_yea\_\_

Joyce Harrod               \_\_yea\_\_

Roy Myers                  \_\_yea\_\_

Jaime Windon              \_\_yea\_\_

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution was passed by a yea and nay vote of the Commissioners of St. Michaels on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2014.

**ATTEST:**

**THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS**

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Jean R. Weisman , Town Clerk/Manger

By: Joanne Clark, President