

AS AMENDED ON MARCH 27, 2006

RESOLUTION No. 1385

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO APPROVE STANDARDS FOR VISITOR CONDUCT AT THE CITY'S PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND ZOO

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury's parks, playgrounds, and the Salisbury Zoo are for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Salisbury City Council are committed to providing an excellent experience to our visitors and ensuring that everyone who uses the parks, playgrounds, and Salisbury Zoo has a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience; and

WHEREAS, establishing visitor standards of conduct for the City's parks, playgrounds, and the Salisbury Zoo helps to facilitate an excellent experience for all visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salisbury City Council approves the standards for visitor conduct for:

- All of the City's parks and playgrounds contained in Enclosure 1; and
- The Salisbury Zoo contained in Enclosure 2.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on March 27, 2006 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

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Brenda J. Colegrove  
CITY CLERK

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Michael Dunn  
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006

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Barrie P. Tilghman  
MAYOR, City of Salisbury

# Visitor Rules of Conduct while at the City of Salisbury Parks and Playgrounds

## *Welcome to the City of Salisbury Parks and Playgrounds!*

Salisbury City Parks and Playgrounds are for all members of the community. We are committed to providing an excellent experience to our visitors and ensuring that everyone who uses the parks and playgrounds has a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience.

Use of park and playground facilities and resources implies acceptance of our Visitor Rules of Conduct, which are based on these principles:

- Respect other visitors and their right to have a positive experience at the City's parks and playgrounds.
- Respect park and playground staff and volunteers, whose responsibility it is to help you get the most from your experience and to maintain a safe and comfortable atmosphere for all visitors.
- Visitors should follow rules related to all park and playground facilities, equipment, and resources.
- Children under the age of 9 should be attended at all times by a parent, caregiver, or someone over the age of 13 who has the authority to look after them. Park and playground staff are not responsible for children left unattended or without supervision in the City's parks and playgrounds.
- Protect your personal property while in the parks and playgrounds or on park property. The City of Salisbury cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen property.

When questionable or inappropriate behaviors occur:

- Park, playground, and city staff members have the authority to enforce the Visitor Rules of Conduct.
- Depending on the nature and frequency of the Visitor behavior, consequences may include loss of park and playground privileges for a specified period of time.
- Staff may call upon law enforcement to assist in managing some situations, including removing and/or arresting trespassing visitors who have been banned from park and playground property.

## **Visitor Rules of Conduct while at the City of Salisbury Parks and Playgrounds (Continued)**

Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Bathing in or misusing park and playground restrooms.
- Behaving in a violent or threatening manner.
- Bringing animals, other than guide dogs, into the playgrounds.
- Creating a public disturbance, e.g. rowdiness in behavior, using electronic devices such as CD players which disturb other park visitors.
- Engaging in any activity or behavior that violates local ordinances or is illegal under state or federal law, e.g., panhandling, possession of firearms or weapons, assault, etc.
- Failing to attend to a child less than 9 years of age.
- Failing to follow rules relating to safety of park and playground facilities, equipment, resources, and/or buildings.
- Entering or playing in the City Park water fountain adjacent to the Park Water Treatment Plant.
- Interfering with free passage (blocking entrances or exits).
- Using bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, or other sports equipment in the playgrounds.
- Stealing, mutilating, or defacing park and playground facilities, equipment, resources, materials, and/or property.
- Using alcohol or illegal drugs or behaving as though under the influence.
- Using obscene or abusive language.
- Harassing and/or verbally abusing park and playground staff.
- Harassing and/or verbally abusing park and playground volunteers, visitors, and/or animals.
- Feeding of wild animals, including waterfowl.

**Keep the Salisbury City Parks and Playgrounds safe, comfortable, and enjoyable for everyone, and help us fulfill our commitment to Fostering Positive Recreation Experiences for all Visitors.**

Visitor Rules of Conduct approved by the City of Salisbury City Council by Resolution No. 1385 on March 27, 2006.

# Visitor Rules of Conduct while at the Salisbury Zoo

## *Welcome to the Salisbury Zoo!*

The Salisbury Zoo is for all members of the community. We are committed to providing an excellent experience to our visitors and ensuring that everyone who uses the zoo has a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience.

Use of zoo facilities and resources implies acceptance of our Visitor Rules of Conduct, which are based on these principles:

- Respect other visitors and their right to have a positive experience at the zoo.
- Respect zoo staff and volunteers, whose responsibility it is to help you get the most from your zoo experience and to maintain a safe and comfortable atmosphere for all visitors.
- Visitors should follow rules related to all zoo animals, facilities, equipment, and resources.
- Children under the age of 9 should be attended at all times by a parent, caregiver, or someone over the age of 13 who has the authority to look after them. Zoo staff are not responsible for children left unattended or without supervision in the zoo.
- Protect your personal property while in the zoo or on zoo property. The zoo cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen property.

When questionable or inappropriate behaviors occur:

- Zoo staff members have the authority to enforce the Visitor Rules of Conduct.
- Depending on the nature and frequency of the Visitor behavior, consequences may include loss of zoo privileges for a specified period of time.
- Staff may call upon law enforcement to assist in managing some situations, including removing and/or arresting trespassing visitors who have been banned from zoo property.

Unacceptable behaviors include but are not limited to:

- Bathing in or misusing zoo restrooms.
- Behaving in a violent or threatening manner.
- Bringing animals, other than guide dogs, into the zoo.
- Feeding of zoo animals.
- Crossing the barriers that protect zoo visitors and animals.
- Smoking in the zoo or on zoo property.

## **Visitor Rules of Conduct while at the Salisbury Zoo** (Continued)

- Creating a public disturbance, e.g. talking loudly in conversation or on cell phones, rowdiness in behavior, using electronic devices such as CD players without headphones.
- Engaging in any activity or behavior that violates local ordinances or is illegal under state or federal law, e.g., panhandling, possession of firearms or weapons, assault, etc.
- Failing to attend to a child less than 9 years of age.
- Failing to follow rules relating to safety of animals, facilities, equipment, resources, and/or buildings.
- Interfering with free passage (blocking entrances or exits).
- Not wearing shoes or removing shoes.
- Using bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller skates, or other sports equipment in the zoo.
- Sleeping in the zoo or on zoo property.
- Stealing, mutilating, or defacing zoo facilities, equipment, resources, materials, and/or property.
- Using alcohol or illegal drugs or behaving as though under the influence.
- Using obscene or abusive language.
- Harassing and/or verbally abusing zoo staff.
- Harassing and/or verbally abusing zoo volunteers, visitors, and/or animals
- Feeding of wild animals, including waterfowl.

**Keep the Salisbury Zoo safe, comfortable, and enjoyable for everyone,  
and help us fulfill our commitment to  
Fostering Enthusiasm for Wildlife, and Inspiring Conservation of the  
Natural World.**