

Policy/Procedure: Oval Beach Private Events

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The City of Saugatuck allows the use of Oval Beach for events sponsored by private groups or individuals such as wedding/commitment ceremonies, family reunions, club or organization picnics, etc.

**USE OF ANY PORTION OF THE BEACH CANNOT BE RESERVED OR GUARANTEED.**

Oval Beach is public property and the City of Saugatuck will not restrict the public from use of any portion of the beach. While the beach or a specific area of the beach cannot be reserved, it is suggested that the sponsor of a private event ask that the event be added to the City's master events calendar to help avoid a conflict with another private event that is being held at the same time.

**THE FOLLOWING IS NOT ALLOWED FOR A PRIVATE EVENT AT OVAL BEACH PER SECTION 95.06 OF THE CITY OF SAUGATUCK CODE OF ORDINANCES**

- The consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
- Fires are prohibited.
- "Roping off" or otherwise limiting access to a section the beach for a private event is not allowed. Other beach patrons cannot be required to move to accommodate the private event.
- Animals (except for service dogs) are not allowed.
- Decorations including but not limited to walkways, trellises, pillars, large tables, tents, torches or similar equipment are not allowed.
- Sound amplification equipment is not allowed.
- While seating for a private event cannot be set-up in advance, event attendees can bring their own chairs for use during the event.

**THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN PLANNING A PRIVATE EVENT AT OVAL BEACH**

- Planners of an event at Oval Beach should consider the time of the year (e.g., summer season), day of the week and time of day of the event to avoid issues such a large crowds, limited parking, etc.
- The City cannot guarantee parking spaces or offer parking waivers for the attendees of a private event. Parking fees are collected each day for 9:00AM to 9:00PM from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Bus transportation to and from the beach is another option.

*The provisions of this Policy/Procedure shall be adhered to unless the City Council determines, in its sole discretion, that there are substantial and compelling reasons why a deviation should be permitted. As a condition of allowing a deviating use, the City Council may require the user to provide (without limitation) clean up costs, indemnification, and/or liability insurance.*