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MINNESOTA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN
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Chapter One: General.

§ 6.101 Violation. A violation of any rule herein set forth is a misdemeanor.

§ 6.102 Definitions.

A. "Director" means the chief executive officer of the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

B. "Admission area" means those parts of the Minnesota Zoological Garden except the roadway entrance to the parking areas and the parking areas.

C. "Parking areas" means those parts of the Minnesota Zoological Garden premises which are designated for public parking.

D. "Zoo premises" means the entire real estate, personal property and air space owned or controlled by the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

E. "Zoo visitor" means any person or legal entity of any kind entering or occupying any part of the zoo premises.

F. "Vehicle" means any motorized, self-propelled, animal-drawn or human-powered conveyance, including motorized recreation vehicles, and any trailer used in connection with any vehicle with the exception of wheelchairs, baby strollers, or other conveyances necessary for the pedestrian movement of the handicapped, children, or infants.

G. "Motorized recreational vehicle" means any self-propelled, off-the-road, or all terrain conveyance, including but not limited to a snowmobile, mini-bike, amphibious vehicle, motorcycle, go-cart, trail bike, or dune buggy.

H. "Weapon" means any instrument the possession of which is unlawful under Minnesota Law and any device from which shot or projectile of any type can be discharged by means of an explosive, gas, or compressed air, or otherwise propelled, including but not limited to firearms, bows and arrows, slings, and spring guns.

I. "Wildlife" means all living creatures, not human, who are by nature endowed with sensation and power of voluntary motion.

J. "Intoxicating liquor" means any liquor which is intoxicating pursuant to Minnesota law and includes ethyl alcohol, distilled, fermented, spirituous, vinous, and malt beverages containing in excess of 3.2% of alcohol by weight.

K. "Beer" means any alcoholic malt beverage containing not more than 3.2% of alcohol by weight.

L. "Controlled substances" means any drug, the use, possession, or sale of which is a violation of federal or Minnesota law.

§ 6.103 Applicability. These rules shall apply to all persons on the zoo premises or causing any effect upon or within the zoo premises.

§ 6.104 Enforcement. These rules may be enforced by any peace officer or law enforcement agency or person designated, appointed or ratified by the director to act in a security capacity on the zoo premises.

Chapter Two: Admission.

§ 6.201 Tickets or passes required. It is unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter the zoo premises without a valid ticket or pass.

§ 6.202 Entry to zoo premises. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter the zoo premises except at designated entrances.

§ 6.203 Hours. The hours during which zoo visitors may be on zoo premises shall be designated by the director. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter or be on zoo premises except during such hours.

§ 6.204 Whole or partial closure of zoo premises. The zoo premises or any portion thereof may be declared closed to the public by the director at any time and for any interval of time as the director shall find reasonable necessary and the presence of any person or vehicle in such area is prohibited.

§ 6.205 Restricted areas. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to pass into any posted restricted area, except that entry into restricted areas shall be permitted in such areas as the director may specifically designate when such admittance is under the auspices and control of any authorized special tour guided by zoo personnel.

§ 6.206 Aircraft. It is unlawful for any person to land an aircraft on the zoo premises.

Chapter Three: Protection of Wildlife and Natural Resources.

§ 6.301 Protection of wildlife and natural resources. It is unlawful for any person to injure, destroy, or remove any wildlife, vegetation, rock, soil, or mineral on the zoo premises or to kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner intentionally disturb, alter, or cause to be disturbed or altered any species of wildlife within or on the zoo premises.

§ 6.302 Shooting. It is unlawful for any person to shoot any weapon on the zoo premises or into or above the zoo premises from beyond zoo boundaries.

§ 6.303 Pets. It is unlawful for any person to bring any dog, cat, or other domesticated animal or pet onto the zoo premises except on a leash and then only into the parking areas with the exception of hearing ear/seeing eye dogs properly identified as such.

§ 6.304 Chemical agents. It is unlawful for any person to release on the zoo premises any chemical or other toxic agent harmful or potentially harmful to the wildlife or vegetation of the zoo.

§ 6.305 Release of wildlife. It is unlawful for any person to bring, possess, abandon or release on the zoo premises any wildlife including domestic animals.

§ 6.306 Feeding wildlife. It is unlawful to feed any species of wildlife on the zoo premises except as specifically authorized in designated areas.

§ 6.307 Physical contact. It is unlawful for any person to attempt to make or to make physical contact with any wildlife on the zoo premises except as authorized in contact areas of the Children's Zoo.

§ 6.308 Audible harassment. It is unlawful for any person to attempt to use or to use any audible means for the purpose of agitating the wildlife on the zoo premises to the point of harming themselves, other wildlife, zoo visitors or damaging the physical property of the zoo.

§ 6.309 Horses. Horses are prohibited on the zoo premises.

Chapter Four: Traffic.

§ 6.401 Roadways. No vehicle shall be operated on or occupy any part of the zoo premises except parking areas and roadways.

§ 6.402 Motorized recreational vehicles. No motorized recreational vehicles shall be allowed on the zoo premises except road licensed vehicles.

§ 6.403 Right-of-way. Pedestrians and wildlife have the right-of-way on the zoo premises at all times in all places.

§ 6.404 Speed limit. No person shall drive a vehicle on zoo premises at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so restricted as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or wildlife. The maximum speed limit is 15 miles per hour or 24 kilometers per hour.

§ 6.405 Lawful orders and posted rules. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on zoo premises in violation of posted rules, orders or directions of traffic officers or zoo employees authorized to direct traffic.

§ 6.406 **Parking and standing.** It is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle standing on zoo premises except within a designated parking area.

§ 6.407 **Overnight parking.** Overnight parking of any vehicle is prohibited and all vehicles present on the zoo premises after closing time are subject to removal at the expense of the owner.

§ 6.408 **Obstruction of traffic.** It is unlawful to obstruct vehicle traffic.

Chapter Five: Food, Beverages, and Controlled Substances.

§ 6.501 **Cookouts and fires.** Cookouts and barbecues and other open fires of any kind are prohibited.

§ 6.502 **Tailgating and picnicking.** Tailgating and picnicking shall be permitted in designated areas only.

§ 6.503 **Intoxicating liquors and controlled substances.** It is unlawful to use any intoxicating liquor, controlled substances, or beer on the zoo premises or to enter the zoo premises under the influence of any intoxicating liquor, controlled substance or beer except as provided in 5 MCAR § 6.504.

§ 6.504 **Intoxicating liquors and beer at special events.** The use of intoxicating liquors and beer shall be allowed within the main zoo complex at such special zoo events and subject to such conditions as the Board shall designate.

Chapter Six: Speech and Conduct.

§ 6.601 **Misdemeanor statutes and ordinances.** No aspect of or omission in these rules shall operate to deprive the criminal laws of the State of Minnesota or the misdemeanor ordinances of the City of Apple Valley from having full force and effect on the zoo premises.

§ 6.602 **Weapons.** Possession of any concealed or unconcealed weapon on the zoo premises is prohibited.

§ 6.603 **Wading and swimming.** Wading and swimming are prohibited on the zoo premises.

§ 6.604 **Smoking.** Smoking is prohibited in the admission area except in designated areas.

§ 6.605 **Boating and fishing.** Boating and fishing on zoo premises are prohibited.

§ 6.607 **Operation of public address systems.** Operation of public address systems, radios, and broadcasting devices is prohibited in the admissions area.

§ 6.608 Soliciting. It is unlawful to sell, solicit, or carry on any business or fund-raising on the zoo premises without the written permission of the director.

§ 6.609 Meetings, speeches, demonstrations, parades, picketing, or distribution of written material. It shall be unlawful for any one to conduct public meetings, assemblies, entertainment, parades, demonstrations, picketing or distribution of written material on the zoo premises without a written permit from the director and then only in areas designated in the permit. All such events or activities must be conducted in such a manner as not to violate these rules. In no case shall any such event or activity occur in the admissions area or within 100 feet of any admission booth.

§ 6.610 Sports equipment. It shall be unlawful for any person to bring any sports equipment, including balls, frisbees, games, sleds, snowshoes, skis, or any other equipment used in sports activities into the admissions area without the advance written permission of the director.

§ 6.611 Defacing property. No person shall attempt to or alter, deface, injure, knock down or remove any official zoo sign, device or property or affix thereto any manner of material.

§ 6.612 Littering. It is unlawful to deposit, scatter, drop or abandon on the zoo premises any bottle, can, broken glass, sewage, waste or other material except in receptacles provided for such purposes or to throw, discharge or place in or upon any of the zoo premises any substance, liquid, solid or gas, or to drop, throw, or otherwise leave unattended burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, paper or other combustible material.

§ 6.613 Impersonations. No person shall impersonate a zoo officer, ranger or employee.

Chapter Seven: Miscellaneous.

§ 6.701 Effect on zoo employees or agents. Nothing in these rules shall prevent zoo employees or agents from performing their assigned duties or operate to modify rights of third parties contained in contracts with the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

§ 6.702 Severability. If any part or subpart of these rules is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other part or subpart of these rules.