

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**

**WATERSHED REGULATIONS**

**Regulations Governing the  
Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty Reservoirs  
Being the Sources of Water Supply  
for the City of Baltimore and Outlying Regions**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

The City of Baltimore supplies water to approximately 1.8 million people in a 215-square-mile service area consisting of the City itself and portions of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Howard Counties. In addition, the Carroll County Sanitary Commission withdraws raw water from Liberty Reservoir for treatment and distribution to part of the Freedom District of Carroll County; and Harford County withdraws raw water from the Susquehanna Pipeline, either fed by Conowingo Reservoir or backfed by Loch Raven Reservoir, for treatment and distribution. To meet the demands of this service area, the City relies upon three sources of supply: the Gunpowder Falls, the North Branch Patapsco River and the Susquehanna River.

There are two impoundments on Gunpowder Falls: Loch Raven, a 2400-acre terminal reservoir, and Prettyboy, a 1500-acre upstream reservoir. Liberty Reservoir is a 3100-acre terminal reservoir located on the North Branch Patapsco River. Conowingo Reservoir, formed by the Conowingo Hydroelectric Dam, serves as an impoundment on the Susquehanna River.

Protection of the natural environment surrounding the reservoirs is instrumental in the City's ability to provide clean drinking water to its customers. The reservoirs not only store water but also support natural settling and biological processes that improve the quality of the stored water and reduce treatment costs. However, for the natural purification to be effective, the reservoirs' natural processes must be uninhibited. Therefore, it is essential that care be taken to protect the reservoirs and contiguous watershed land from impacts that would adversely affect the natural processes.

As forestland and farmland in the privately-owned portions of the drainage areas are converted to housing

developments, industrial parks, and shopping centers, the importance of the 17,580 acres of City-owned watershed lands surrounding the three reservoirs increases as does the need to protect it.

We ask all visitors to remember that the reservoirs were created for the sole purpose of maintaining an ample supply of water of the highest quality for treatment and distribution to consumers in the Baltimore Metropolitan area and that recreational use must, of necessity, be relegated to a position of lesser importance.

## **II. PURPOSE OF REGULATIONS**

These Watershed Regulations are adopted by the City of Baltimore as Ordinance 02-476 pursuant to Article VII, Section 33, of the Baltimore City Charter (2010 Edition); Article 24, Subtitles 1 and 21 of the Baltimore City Code (2010 Edition); Article 25, Section(s) 14, 39 and 48 of the Public Local Laws for the City of Baltimore; and Maryland Natural Resources Article, Title 5, Subtitle 11 and Title 10, Subtitle 4.

The Watershed Regulations are adopted for the purpose of protecting the natural environment of the Loch Raven, Prettyboy and Liberty Reservoirs, their tributaries, and the property surrounding the reservoirs, against detrimental impacts while permitting limited use of those areas for recreation.

The City of Baltimore recognizes the interest of the public in using the reservoirs and their forested buffer lands for recreation and will allow recreational use to the extent that it does not disturb the natural environment or interfere with providing the highest quality public water supply. Insofar as the public is permitted limited access to and use of these lands, it is essential that the reservoirs and visiting public be protected during public use of the reservoirs. Therefore, these regulations are designed to protect not only the water supply and watershed lands but also our neighbors and visitors.

These regulations govern all of the City of Baltimore Water Quality Management Areas, including the reservoirs and adjacent watersheds, under the care, custody, or control City of Baltimore and administered by the Department of Public Works.

**Definitions:**

**Water Quality Management Area (WOMA):** The reservoirs and their adjoining forested buffer lands under the care, custody or control of the City of Baltimore. This definition includes but is not limited to:

- All leased properties within the boundaries of the Water Quality Management Area.
- All roads, bridges, woods roads, utility rights of way wholly or partially in within the boundaries of City managed property.
- All infrastructure necessary to direct water from the reservoirs to the water treatment facilities.

**Watershed:** The source water area for the Baltimore Metropolitan Supply Area as defined by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.

**Watershed Rangers:** Certified Police Officers appointed by the Director of Public Works to maintain order and protect persons and natural resources within the territory used by the City of Baltimore to maintain the public water supply.

**Woods Roads:** Unpaved roads built and maintained by the City of Baltimore located in the City managed Water Quality Management Areas.

**III. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

**A. TRESPASSING**

Vehicular access to the Water Quality Management Areas shall be only over paved roads.

1. No motorized vehicles of any type are allowed on the unpaved woods roads. (Vehicles used for patrol, emergencies or maintenance are exempted from this prohibition, including contractors working on behalf of the City of Baltimore).
2. Fire road entrances must remain clear at all times.
3. Free roaming or grazing of livestock is not permitted on any part of the property.
4. Visitors may not interfere with City personnel or City contractors conducting operations in the Water Quality Management Areas or on watershed lands.
5. Trespassing in restricted areas is prohibited.

6. Entering a Water Quality Management Area posted as closed, restricted access, or no trespassing is prohibited.
7. Entering any building or structure not open to the public is prohibited.
8. Entering and traversing City-owned property in a manner contrary to the provisions of this section will be trespassing and is prohibited.
9. Trespassing sunset to sunrise is prohibited. All activities, other than motor vehicle traffic on public roads or hunting with a valid City-issued hunting permit, are prohibited during these times (Hunting with bow and arrow is permitted on the Liberty, Prettyboy and Loch Raven Water Quality Management Areas between one half-hour before sunrise and one half-hour after sunset during seasons specified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources).

## **B. POLLUTION OF THE RESERVOIRS**

1. Pollution in any manner (including the deposit of papers, cans, bottles, etc.) of the waters of the reservoirs, tributaries or lands under the jurisdiction of the City of Baltimore is prohibited.
2. All bottles, cans, trash or any other debris shall be either deposited in trash cans provided by the Department of Public Works or be removed from the Water Quality Management Area.

Within the area defined as the Watershed, no person shall:

3. Contaminate a reservoir or a tributary of a Baltimore City Reservoir.
4. Alter the physical, chemical or biological properties that will or have the potential to render the waters harmful to:
  - a. Public Health, Safety or Welfare
  - b. Fish or Aquatic Life
  - c. Birds or other animals
5. Store hazardous or potentially hazardous materials or waste products in a manner that poses a threat to the public water supply.



### **C. SMOKING**

Fire in a watershed not only damages or destroys the forest ecosystem, but could have a devastating effect on water quality. We therefore prohibit smoking within the Water Quality Management Areas except on paved roads and in parking areas.

Smoking is defined as the carrying or use of a lit tobacco product.

### **IV. PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

For the safety of the public and the protection of the water supply and surrounding watershed environment, the following are prohibited within the Water Quality Management Areas:

1. Alcoholic beverages - possession and/or consumption
2. Bungee jumping
3. Camping or erecting of tents or other structures
4. Possession or use of an FDA (Food and Drug Administration) controlled substance, except for prescription drugs
5. Cutting trees, branches, flowers, etc.
6. Defacing of structures, signs, picnic tables, trees, roadways, rock outcrops, etc. by any means
7. Destruction of property; either City property or the personal property of another person
8. Disorderly conduct or any behavior that would have a tendency to harass, annoy or alarm others
9. Dumping or the scattering of trash or other debris into water courses or on the forested buffer lands. This includes the depositing of household or commercial trash into the trashcans provided by the Department of Public Works.
10. Fires of any description including charcoal grills, stoves of any description and lanterns
11. Cooking
12. Firearms including air rifles, air guns,

paintball guns, BB guns, shotguns, rifles and pistols. Bow and arrow and crossbows are permitted for use only during the regular hunting seasons as established by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Heritage Service. (This section does not apply to Watershed Rangers, other Police Officers or employees or contractors engaging in resource management activities or customers making lawful use of the Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center)

13. Ice boating
14. Ice fishing
15. Ice skating or walking on ice
16. Littering or the leaving of personal effects within the Water Quality Management Area. This shall include but is not limited to:
  - a. Signs, handbills and posters.
  - b. Unapproved trail markers, directional signs, etc.
  - c. Geocaches or similar materials
  - d. Human or animal waste
17. Operation of motor vehicles of any description including motorcycles, trail bikes, mini-bikes, snowmobiles, etc. except on paved roads. Vehicles used for patrol, emergencies or maintenance are exempted from this prohibition.
18. Blocking of fire road entrances
19. Operating a motor vehicle in a manner endangering resources, property or persons, including the operator
20. Operating a motor vehicle that is not in compliance with Maryland motor vehicle law
21. Parking in violation of posted signs
22. Parking a motor vehicle where prohibited
23. Blocking of woods roads entrances
24. Parking a motor vehicle blocking a gate or public access
25. Feeding of wildlife
26. Pets, except on leash (leash not required for dogs engaged in supervised fox chasing at Prettyboy); Pets may not be in the reservoir

waters at any time.

27. Removal of soil, archaeological artifacts, stone, plants, trees
28. Advertisement, sale or rental of goods or services without the written permission of the City of Baltimore Board of Estimates
29. Rock climbing or rappelling
30. Swimming
31. Wading in a reservoir including the use of float tubes, chest waders, and hip boots
32. Trapping
33. Fail to obey a lawful order of a Watershed Ranger or other police officer while performing their lawful duties
34. Tree climbing (except when using an ASTM certified tree stand for the purpose of hunting)

#### **V. PERMITTED ACTIVITIES**

The following recreational activities, which have minimal impact on the natural environment, are permitted with some restrictions described hereinafter within areas of the Water Quality Management Areas open to the public: biking in approved areas, fishing from watercraft, bank fishing, use of watercraft, picnicking (no fires), hiking, horseback riding, bow and arrow hunting at Liberty, Prettyboy and Loch Raven, bird watching, skeet shooting (only at **Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center** – call **410-252-3851** for information), and golf (only at **Pine Ridge Golf Course** at Loch Raven – call **410-561-1534** for information).

**Recreational activities not specifically addressed herein are prohibited unless first approved by the Director of Public Works.**

Recreational activities are subject to further limitations as described hereafter in this document.

#### **A. USE OF WATERCRAFT AT PRETTYBOY AND LIBERTY RESERVOIRS**

1. The use of watercraft at Liberty or Prettyboy except by permit issued by the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works is

prohibited

2. Persons desiring to use their watercraft on Liberty, Loch Raven and/or Prettyboy Reservoirs must sign an affidavit stating that their watercraft will be used ONLY on Liberty, Loch Raven and/or Prettyboy Reservoirs.
3. The use of rowing-type boats licensed by the State and equipped with oars and oarlocks and propelled by rowing or battery-powered electric outboard motors; the use of canoes propelled by paddling or battery-powered electric outboard motors; the use of kayaks propelled by rowing; and the use of rowing shells propelled by rowing will be permitted by persons holding a permit issued by the City of Baltimore. This permit must be carried by the occupant when the watercraft is in use and must be shown to City personnel and/or Maryland Natural Resources Police officers upon request. All boats and canoes must have oars and oarlocks or paddles as an auxiliary form of propulsion in the event of loss of battery power for electric outboard motors.
4. Watercraft with means of propulsion other than rowing or battery-powered electric outboard motors are prohibited
5. Watercraft with gasoline-powered motors attached, inflatable or collapsible watercraft, sailboats and pontoon boats are prohibited
6. Fishing is allowed from rowing-type boats, canoes, and kayaks; fishing is prohibited from shells.
7. The watercraft season extends from March 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting. No watercraft shall be placed on the reservoirs or watershed lands before March 1<sup>st</sup> and all watercraft must be removed from City property by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Watercraft may be launched and recovered only at the ramps provided. All watercraft shall be kept securely locked at all times at such places as shall be designated by the City. Watercraft must be kept between the chain or cable and the water. Any watercraft found not so locked



may be removed by the City and the owner's permit revoked for the remainder of the season.

8. Use of watercraft on City reservoirs except during the official watercraft season is prohibited
9. Persons using watercraft, who wish to store their watercraft at the watercraft ramps in the spots reserved for disabled persons, must submit a physician's certificate to the Reservoir Natural Resources Section stating why such storage is necessary. Persons using watercraft not submitting such proof or non-disabled persons illegally storing watercraft will have their watercraft impounded.
10. Watercraft placed on the reservoir without a permit, watercraft not removed from City property by December 31<sup>st</sup> and watercraft otherwise in violation of these regulations will be removed by the City and held for payment of a storage charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month or part thereof for a period not longer than one year. At the end of the year, if the fines have not been paid and the watercraft reclaimed, such watercraft shall be considered the property of the City and shall be disposed of in such a manner as the City shall determine.
11. The City will not be responsible for damage to, or loss of, any privately owned watercraft whether or not it is being held by the City because of violation of these regulations.
12. All watercraft must meet Federal and State Boating Safety Requirements and be equipped with one (1) U.S. Coast Guard approved, wearable personal floatation device (i.e. life jacket, life vest or floatation aid) for each person on board. Additionally, watercraft sixteen (16) feet and over (except canoes, kayaks, and shells) must have one (1) throwable personal floatation device (buoyant cushion or ring buoy) for use in the event of a water rescue. Fire extinguishers must be carried on all watercraft that have one or more of the following conditions: electric motors; marine, automotive, golf cart, etc. batteries;

closed compartments under seats or thwarts; double bottoms not sealed to the hull or which are not completely filled with floatation materials; closed storage compartments; or permanently installed fuel tanks (NOTE: The City prohibits fuel in such tanks). All watercraft must have some means of making an efficient sound signal such as a whistle, bell or horn. In addition, the Maryland Boating Safety Education Law requires that any person born on or after July 1, 1972 must have in their possession a valid "Certificate of Boating Safety Education" when operating a State-numbered boat in Maryland waters. The wearing of life preservers is strongly recommended, especially by children, non-swimmers and by everyone during the spring and fall.

13. No watercraft may be operated with greater than the authorized number of occupants as specified by the watercraft manufacturer.
14. No person under 18 years of age will be permitted on the reservoirs in watercraft unless accompanied by a person 18 years of age or over.
15. Use of watercraft is prohibited between Liberty Road and Liberty Dam as well as within 1500 feet of Prettyboy Dam.
16. Watercraft storage or launching and recovery of watercraft is prohibited except at designated boat docks
17. No watercraft will be allowed out on the reservoirs between sunset and sunrise.
18. The transferring of any permit by the owner shall be subject to the approval of the City. The person to whom the permit is transferred must fill out and sign a new permit application by writing to:

**City of Baltimore  
Reservoir Natural Resources Section  
5685 Oakland Road  
Eldersburg, MD 21784-6828**

NOTE: Fluctuating water levels due to prolonged dry

spells or demands of the distribution system may make it difficult or impossible to launch and recover watercraft.

Recreational users of watercraft are urged not to interfere with persons fishing.

**A -1. WATERCRAFT PERMITS AND  
FEES FOR PRETTYBOY AND  
LIBERTY RESERVOIRS**

Watercraft permit applications may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to the following address:

**City of Baltimore  
Reservoir Natural Resources Section  
5685 Oakland Road  
Eldersburg, MD 21784-6828**

The fee for a season permit is \$60.00. Applications made by mail must be accompanied by a check or money order in the amount of \$60.00 made payable to the **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, CITY OF BALTIMORE.**

Permits will be revoked by the City if the holder thereof has been found in violation of any of these regulations. The City may refuse any such person the privilege of any further use of watercraft on the reservoirs. No refund will be made on watercraft permits for any reason.

For additional information on the use of watercraft, please call the 24-hour **Watercraft Information Line** at **410-795-6150.**

**A-2. DISPLAY OF CITY STICKERS ON  
WATERCRAFT USED AT  
PRETTYBOY AND LIBERTY  
RESERVOIRS**

1. The two stickers provided to holders of watercraft permits shall be displayed on the outside of the watercraft, one on each side in line with the rear seat.
2. The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 prohibits the display of any number other than those assigned under that Act (State Registration Number and Stickers) to appear on the

forward section of any watercraft.

**A-3. SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
WATERCRAFT USED AT  
PRETTYBOY AND LIBERTY  
RESERVOIRS**

1. Only watercraft that are of safe design and construction and conform to the following specifications will be permitted. No inflatable or collapsible watercraft, sailboats, pontoon boats or watercraft equipped with internal combustion engines are allowed on any of the reservoirs and no permits will be issued for such craft. Watercraft deemed unsafe by the City shall not be used and shall be removed from the reservoirs.
2. Construction shall be of marine plywood of 1/4" minimum thickness, wood plank, metal, fiberglass or plastic. Watercraft shall be buoyant if submerged and shall have permanently installed air chambers or flotation materials such as cork or expanded foam.
3. Boats must have a minimum length of twelve (12) feet and a maximum length of twenty (20) feet, a beam (width) of not less than forty-eight (48) inches and a depth of not less than eighteen (18) inches. Canoes must have a minimum length of twelve (12) feet and a maximum length of twenty (20) feet and a beam (width) of at least thirty-five (35) inches. Kayaks and rowing shells must have a minimum length of twelve (12) feet and a maximum length of twenty (20) feet.
4. By establishing these specifications, the City in no way warrants that watercraft conforming to these criteria will be safe for use on the reservoirs and persons using watercraft on the reservoirs do so at their own risk.
5. The City reserves the right to immediately remove any watercraft when its occupants violate Watershed Regulations. Violators shall be subject to a fine in addition to the storage fee of \$50.00 per month or part thereof before the watercraft is returned to its owner. When any watercraft is removed for violation, the



permit for the season will be revoked and any fee paid to the City will not be refunded.

#### **A-4 USE OF WATERCRAFT AT LOCH RAVEN RESERVOIR**

1. Use of watercraft and fishing from watercraft at Loch Raven Reservoir is under the management of the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks in cooperation with the City of Baltimore Department of Public Works. The County has a limited number of watercraft, electric motors and batteries available for rental for use on Loch Raven Reservoir.
2. The use of watercraft at the Loch Raven Reservoir, except by and in conformance with a permit issued by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, is prohibited
3. The use of watercraft is prohibited between the Loch Raven Drive Bridge and Loch Raven Dam as well as between Loch Raven Dam and the small Loch Raven Dam.

For information on the use of watercraft or fishing at Loch Raven, please call or visit the **Loch Raven Fishing Center**, 12101 Dulaney Valley Road, 410-887-7692, or contact the **Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks** at 410- 887-3871.

**WATERCRAFT PERMITS PURCHASED FROM THE CITY OF BALTIMORE ARE VALID ONLY ON PRETTYBOY AND LIBERTY RESERVOIRS AND THOSE PURCHASED FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY ARE VALID ONLY ON LOCH RAVEN RESERVOIR.**

#### **A-5. PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE INTRODUCTION OF ZEBRA MUSSELS**

1. Persons desiring to use their watercraft on Liberty, Loch Raven and/or Prettyboy Reservoirs must sign an affidavit stating that their watercraft will be used ONLY on Liberty, Loch Raven and/or Prettyboy Reservoirs.

2. Since watercraft equipped with gasoline-powered motors are obviously used on bodies of water other than on the City of Baltimore's three reservoirs, permits will not be issued for watercraft equipped with internal combustion motors.
3. Permits will not be issued for any watercraft longer than twenty (20) feet.
4. The City reserves the right to reinstate the moratorium on the use of private watercraft on any or all of its reservoirs at any time.
5. The use of live aquatic bait is prohibited unless it has been purchased from a Maryland State-certified zebra mussel-free bait store. Anglers using live bait must have in their possession a receipt less than 48-hours old from the certified bait store where the bait was purchased.

## **B. FISHING**

Fishing will be permitted from rowboats, runabout type boats, canoes or kayaks having permits and from the shores of the reservoirs between sunrise and sunset at such places as are set aside and designated by the City for this purpose. Fishing will not be allowed from rowing shells. Bank fishing is permitted year round. Fishing from watercraft is permitted only from March 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> on Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs. Fishing from watercraft at Loch Raven Reservoir will be allowed during the season established by the Loch Raven Fishing Center.

### **B-1. MANNER OF FISHING**

1. Fishing will be permitted only with rod, hook and line.
2. No nets or other devices of any kind will be allowed.
3. Fishing through the ice is prohibited.
4. Bow fishing is prohibited
5. Maryland Freshwater Sportfishing Regulations, including size and creel limits, apply in all cases
6. Fishing between sunset and sunrise is prohibited

## **B-2. FISHING AREAS**

1. No bank fishing will be permitted where the banks are steep, where there are rock cliffs or promontories or at any other places where there is danger of persons falling into the water with resultant risk of injury or drowning.
2. No fishing will be permitted in those areas designated as a Fish Refuge Area.
3. No fishing will be permitted within 1500 feet of the Prettyboy Dam
4. Fishing is prohibited between Liberty Road and Liberty Dam
5. Fishing is prohibited between the Loch Raven Drive Bridge and Loch Raven Dam as well as between Loch Raven Dam and the small Loch Raven Dam
6. Fishing from bridges is prohibited except from the platforms provided on the Dulaney Valley Road Bridge at Loch Raven Reservoir and the Deer Park Road/Nicodemus Road Bridge at Liberty Reservoir.

The City reserves the right to further limit or to eliminate entirely all fishing.

## **B-3. FISHING PERMITS**

Persons who have reached their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday and wish to fish in the reservoirs must possess a Maryland Freshwater Sportfishing License that may be purchased at most Maryland sporting goods stores. No special fishing fees are charged by either the City of Baltimore or Baltimore County for watercraft or bank fishing.

## **C. PICNICKING**

Picnicking is permitted within Water Quality Mangement Areas except in:

1. Watercraft launching areas
2. The Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center
3. Maryland State Police and Baltimore County Police Pistol Ranges
4. The Pine Ridge Golf Course
5. Watershed Maintenance Facility areas and where parking restrictions preclude such activities
6. Picnicking is prohibited in areas with steep banks, rocky promontories or any other place

where there is danger of persons falling with resultant risk of injury or drowning.

No reservations will be made for picnicking. Picnicking is prohibited between sunset and sunrise. Trees, branches or other vegetation may not be cut. Cooking is not permitted. No fires of any kind are permitted including gasoline or alcohol stoves and charcoal grills. Pollution of the reservoirs, its tributaries or its shores is strictly prohibited. Visitors must carry out all trash, fishing tackle, etc. that they bring with them. Pets will be allowed on leash only. Pets are not allowed in the reservoirs. Feeding of wildlife is not permitted.

#### **D. HUNTING**

Hunting with bow and arrow is permitted in the Liberty, Prettyboy and Loch Raven Water Quality Management Areas subject to the following restrictions;

1. Hunting is permitted within designated bow hunting areas between one half-hour before sunrise and one half-hour after sunset during seasons specified by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.
2. Bow hunting at Loch Raven Reservoir is permitted for White-tailed deer only.
3. Species and bag limits must comply with Maryland hunting regulations.
4. It is illegal to bait for deer.
5. Waterfowl may not be hunted.
6. The chasing of fox with horse and dog is permitted on the Prettyboy Water Quality Management Area, but requires a right of Entry (please see VI. ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES).
7. Feeding or baiting of wildlife is prohibited in all Water Quality Management Areas and on watershed lands
8. No hunting is permitted south of Liberty Road on the Baltimore County side of Liberty Watershed. No hunting is permitted southeast of Prettyboy Dam Road at Prettyboy Watershed. No hunting is permitted in areas not designated for hunting at Loch Raven Watershed. For information on designated bow hunting areas on the Loch Raven Reservoir Watershed please refer to the Cooperative Wildlife Management Area map provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources,



**Wildlife and Heritage Service website**

9. Permanent tree stands or blinds are prohibited (Patented portable tree stands are permitted. Temporary, patented portable tree stands of approved design may be used but must be removed daily. In permitting tree stands, the City makes no guarantee of their safety. Tree stands found to be damaging to trees must be removed.
10. No blinds of any type are to be built or occupied on watershed lands.
11. Hunting is not permitted within fifty (50) feet of the high water shoreline
12. Masks or other face gear shall be removed upon leaving the forest and when approaching within 100 yards of another person

**D-1. BOW HUNTING PERMITS**

Every hunter must possess and display the hunting licenses, stamps, and permits required by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources as set forth in the "Hunting and Trapping in Maryland" guide. In addition to the State licenses, stamps, and permits, each hunter must also possess a "Liberty and Prettyboy Reservoirs Bow Hunting Permit" or "Loch Raven Reservoir Deer Bow Hunting Permit" issued at no cost by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for hunting by bow and arrow on Liberty, Prettyboy and Loch Raven Watersheds.

Crossbows are permitted for use within all City of Baltimore Water Quality Management Areas

**E. HORSEBACK RIDING**

Horseback riding is permitted on the unpaved fire roads ONLY. There are over 200 miles of such roads on the three Water Quality Management Areas. Horseback riding is not permitted in areas where the public normally congregates. More specifically, riding is banned in the follow areas;

1. Picnic areas
2. Along paved roads (except where necessary to reach fire roads)
3. Parking lots
4. Police pistol ranges
5. Pine Ridge Golf Course property
6. The Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center

7. Maintenance facility areas
8. Boat Dock areas
9. Below the high water line or in the reservoirs and tributary streams
10. Shortcutting between fire roads is prohibited
11. When the roads are wet or muddy
12. Within the reservoir lakes
13. Through wetlands or other environmentally sensitive areas

The City reserves the right to exclude horseback riding from any other area. The above provisions also apply to horseback riding when chasing foxes. See also Section VI, Organized Activities.

#### **F. MOUNTAIN BIKING**

The use of non-motorized bicycles will be permitted only on specifically "Designated Mountain Bicycle Routes," on unpaved woods roads and trails subject to the following restrictions;

1. Riding is not permitted on deer trails, paths, etc.
2. Bikes may not be ridden when the roads are wet or muddy nor may they be ridden through any watercourses, wetlands or other environmentally sensitive areas.
3. Riders are urged to wear helmets. NOTE: Maryland Law requires all bicyclists fourteen (14) years of age or younger to wear a riding helmet.
4. Cyclists must yield the trail to hikers and horseback riders.
5. Bikes shall be equipped with bells that shall be sounded when approaching curves or the crest of hills.
6. For the safety of riders and others using the fire roads, racing or riding at excessive speeds is prohibited.
7. Groups wishing to obtain permission to conduct organized bike rides on reservoir property should see Sections V and VI for requirements covering waivers and organized group activities.

The City reserves the right to immediately impound any bicycle when its operator violates the Watershed Regulations..

For additional information on mountain biking, please call the 24-hour **Mountain Biking Information Line**

at 410-549-6812.

#### **G. SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES**

Advertisement or the sale or rental of goods or services in the Water Quality Management Areas is strictly prohibited unless first approved by the City of Baltimore Board of Estimates after making a request to the Director of Public Works.

#### **V. MODIFICATION/WAIVERS**

These regulations may be modified or waived to protect the water supply, the natural environment, or to meet the needs of individuals as deemed appropriate. Requests for modification to or waiver of these regulations must be submitted to the Director of Public Works in writing and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Such modifications or waivers granted for individuals will not be considered as precedents for future modifications or waivers even under similar circumstances.

#### **VI. ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES**

The City requires a fully executed **Right of Entry** for all organized group activities. Persons wishing to sponsor an organized activity (including charity fundraisers) on City Watershed Lands must first obtain a **Right of Entry** from the Department of General Services. At least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed event, applicants should call 410-396-5004 for information and then apply in writing to:

**City of Baltimore  
Department of General Services  
200 Abel Wolman Municipal Building  
200 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202**

Applicants should include the name of the organization, the proposed activity, the expected number of attendees, and the proposed date, time and specific location of the activity. Proof of insurance must also be submitted. Groups or organizations entering without first obtaining a **Right of Entry** are trespassing and will be charged as such along with any fees assessed.

#### **VII. RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE**

In granting the privilege of access to, or use of, the reservoirs or any other property of the City of Baltimore for any purpose whatsoever, the City does not warrant that its property is suitable for the purpose for which the privilege or permit is issued pursuant to these regulations and whether or not a permit fee has been received, notwithstanding the fact that a particular portion of the City property may be specified in the permit. The City will not be responsible for any damage, injury or death resulting from an accident on any of its property or from drowning in the waters of any of its reservoirs notwithstanding the fact that the negligence of an employee of the City of Baltimore may contribute to such accident or drowning. By accepting the permit or by using the privilege granted, the permittee thereby agrees to keep the property in the condition in which he/she finds it and agrees to assume all responsibility for his/her own safety and the safety of any minor who accompanies him or her and he or she thereby releases the City from all claims and causes of action whatsoever arising out of the issuance of the permit or arising out of access to and use of the City's property whether or not such claim or cause of action arises by virtue of the negligence of any of the City of Baltimore's agents or employees.

The permit fees mentioned in these regulations are not charges for the use of property of the City but are applied as partial reimbursement to the City for expenses incurred in issuing permits and in regulating the use of its property for the benefit of the permittees and for the protection of the City's water supply.

#### **VIII. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS**

In addition to any other civil or criminal penalty or enforcement procedure, these regulations may be enforced by issuance of:

- (a) an environmental citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 49 {"Environmental Control Board"}; or
- (b) a civil citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {"Civil Citations"}

The issuance of an environmental citation does not preclude the City from pursuing any other civil or criminal penalty or action authorized by law. (Ord. 02-476)



**Criminal Penalties:**

- (a) Any person who violates any regulation is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each offense. (Ord. 02-476)
- (b) Each day that a violation continues is a separate offense. (Ord. 02-476)

The provisions of this document may be enforced by any police officer.

The City of Baltimore reserves the right to deny access to persons violating any of the preceding regulations.

**IX. SEVERABILITY**

Severability is intended within and throughout these regulations. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this document shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the remaining portions of these regulations.

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Reviewed by Law Department as to Form and Legal Sufficiency.

RECOMMENDED:

*Rudolph S. Chow*  
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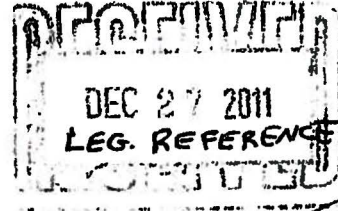
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*Avery Aisenstark*  
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Director

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the preceding is a true copy of the 2011 Watershed Regulations, as adopted by the Department of Public Works and filed with the Department of Legislative Reference.

*Avery Aisenstark*  
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Avery Aisenstark, Director of  
Legislative Reference

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**Reservoir Natural Resources Section**  
5685 Oakland Road  
Eldersburg, MD 21784-6828  
Boating Information Line: (410) 795-6150  
Mountain Biking Information Line: (410) 549-6812  
Other: (410) 795-6151  
Fax: (410) 549-9327  
[www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/PublicWorks/BureauofWaterWastewater/ReservoirNaturalResources.aspx](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/AgenciesDepartments/PublicWorks/BureauofWaterWastewater/ReservoirNaturalResources.aspx)

**City of Baltimore**  
**Environmental Police (Watershed Rangers)**  
Office: (410) 795-2014  
Dispatch: 410 545-3651  
Emergency: 911

**Loch Raven Fishing Center**  
12101 Dulaney Valley Road  
In Season: (410) 887-7692  
Off-Season: (410) 887-3871  
[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/countyparks/fishingcenter/index.html](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/countyparks/fishingcenter/index.html)

**Loch Raven Skeet and Trap Center**  
12301 Dulaney Valley Road  
(410) 252-3851  
[www.lochravenskeettrap.com](http://www.lochravenskeettrap.com)

**Pine Ridge Golf Course**  
2101 Dulaney Valley Road  
(410) 561-1534  
[www.bmgcgolf.com/sites/courses/baltimore.asp?id=502&page=25864](http://www.bmgcgolf.com/sites/courses/baltimore.asp?id=502&page=25864)

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