

# CITY OF PORTAGE

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"Where the North Begins"

## METAL DETECTING PERMIT

Application Valid for City of Portage Owned Property \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Metal-detecting on public property is a privilege and must be performed using the proper protocols and follow the adopted set of rules established by the Portage Parks and Recreation Board in accordance with City ordinances to prevent damage to park lands or otherwise impede or infringe upon the use of the park lands by other users.

Metal-detecting on City of Portage public lands must follow the following proper metal-detecting ethics and recovery techniques. Please help protect Portage parks and public properties.

1. This detecting permit is valid for the current year only. You must carry the permit with you while detecting on City of Portage property.
2. Rule violations may result in permit revocation and/or city ordinance citation. Multiple violations will result in permanent forfeiture of your detecting privileges on public property within the City of Portage.
3. Surface recovery by hand is allowed on all green space areas excluding any designated playing surface (soccer fields, softball fields, football fields, or any other surface that has lines painted on it for competition or play). **Only narrow probes no longer than 6 inches or wider than 1 inch may be used for recovery on any surface.** In all cases, all trash uncovered must be disposed of properly and surface must be returned to original condition.

Scoops and sifters may be used only at sand-covered beach areas, sand volleyball courts, sand areas around playground equipment, or in the water.

4. Metal detecting is limited to normal park hours between 8 am and 10 pm. Any damage to underground utilities or service lines will be the responsibility of metal detecting participant.

5. The recovery of valuables while metal-detecting on public property comes with some responsibility. While it unlikely to find the owner of loose change and other common objects, it is the responsibility of the detectors to attempt to locate the owner of lost jewelry (rings, watches, medals, etc.). By signing this application you agree to attempt to locate and return such items to their rightful owner.

6. Permit fee is \$10.00 per year, to be paid at submittal of application. Checks can be written to the City of Portage. No refunds will be given for Metal Detecting permits, no exceptions.

**Release and waiver of liability**

**I understand that Portage Park and Recreation programs and activities involve risk of serious bodily injury, including disability or death, and loss or damage to my property. Activities present risks to participants. Despite the variety of risks that may be present, I hereby release and waive any liability claim against the City of Portage, its employees, or its agents with respect to any and all claims for injury, disability, death, or loss or other damages based on negligence, related to my, or my child's, participation in the Portage Park and Recreation Department programs and activities.**

**I understand that I may bargain for a different waiver of liability terms. However, I hereby waive my right to bargain for different waiver of liability terms. I have read this Release and Waiver of Liability and understand its terms. I know that I am giving up substantial rights by signing it, but I do sign it freely and voluntarily.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* all permits expire on 31 December of permit year.

For Office Use Only

Departmental Approval Signature/Stamp: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_