

PUBLIC BATHING PLACE/AREA REGULATION

A regulation of the Huron County General Health District Establishing terms and conditions for any person, firm, corporation or governmental entity proposing to operate and maintain any public outdoor bathing place or area, other than a public swimming pool as defined in Section 1501.41-1-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Sec. 1.0 Definitions

- 1.1 Bathing place or area means all bodies of water sufficiently deep for complete immersion of the body and used collectively by persons for swimming or recreational bathing, including the shore, buildings, equipment and appurtenances to such bathing places, but shall not include swimming pools or places at a single or two or three family residence intended for the use of the residents and their guests.
- 1.2 Health Commissioner: means the Health Commissioner of the Huron County General Health District or his authorized representative.
- 1.3 Board of Health: means the Huron County Board of Health as defined by Section 3709.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 1.4 Person: means the State, any political subdivision, public or private corporation, partnership, firm, association, individual or other entity.

Sec. 2.0 Authorization to Operate:

- 2.1 No person shall operate or maintain a public bathing place without first receiving the authorization of the Health Commissioner.
- 2.2 Application for Authorization to Operate a public bathing place shall be made on a form provided by the Health Commissioner and shall be filed with the appropriate inspectional fee, a minimum of Twenty (20) days before opening.
- 2.3 Fee: Inspectional fee of fifty (\$50) dollars shall accompany the application for Authorization to Operate a Bathing Place.

Sec. 3.0 Plan Approval:

- 3.1 All new or altered bathing places must submit plans and specifications to the Huron County General Health District.
 1. Plat plan showing location
 2. Topographical relief map showing two foot (2') elevations
 3. Depth & depth markings
 4. Diving areas & equipment
 5. Any proposed bath houses or sanitary facilities
 7. Location, number & type of plumbing fixtures
 8. Safety equipment
 9. Play ground equipment

3.2 Existing outdoor public bathing areas must be able to meet the health and safety standards hereby defined.

Sec. 4.0 Health & Safety

- 4.1 With little or no diluting water to an inland bathing place or area, a limited bather load of fifty (50) persons per acre (875 sq. ft. per bather) must be maintained.
- 4.2 Such marking limits shall be accompanied by conspicuous buoys or pole not more than 100 feet apart.
- 4.3 Water depth in diving areas shall conform to standards outlined in Rule 3701-31-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 4.4 Bottoms shall be free from holes, steep slopes and sharp objects.
- 4.5 Bathing shall not be permitted at night unless adequate illumination of bathing and diving areas is provided.
- 4.6 For the safety of the bathers, bathing rules shall be posted by the operator in a conspicuous area along the bathing area shoreline.
- 4.7 Lifeguards are recommended and one should be provided for each 300 lineal feet of bathing area shoreline. A lifeguard shall be considered qualified if he or she possesses a valid Senior Life Saving or Water Safety Instructor's Certificate from the American Red Cross or the equivalent recognized by the Board of Health. Where lifeguards are not provided, a sign shall be prominently posted: "No Lifeguard, Minors not permitted to Swim without an Accompanying Adult – No Swimming Alone".
- 4.8 When provided, lifeguard stations are to be elevated.
- 4.9 Life rings and other life saving devices approved by the Health Commissioner must be available at the lifeguard stations if provided, but not less than one life ring for each 300 lineal feet of beach. In no case are life saving devices to be located more than twenty-five (25) feet (7.62 m.) from the shoreline.
- 4.10 First aid equipment, including a first aid kit, shall include at least the following materials to control bleeding; six (6) 5" x 9" sterile pads, twelve (12) 4" x 4" sterile pads, four (4) 3" roller bandages, two (2) triangular bandages and twenty-four (24) 1" adhesive compresses and one blanket.
- 4.11 Where diving boards are provided, a backboard will be available in the immediate area, no further than twenty-five (25) feet (7.62 m.) from where diving is permitted. A telephone, with appropriate emergency numbers posted, must be made available within a reasonably close & visible distance of the bathing place or area.
- 4.12 Recreational diving area shall conform to standards so outlined in Rule 3701-31-04(f) of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 4.13 Bacteriological standards for outdoor public bathing area or places shall conform to the standards detailed by the Ohio Department of Health.

- 4.14 Any and all bath houses, toilets, hand washing facilities and water supplies provided shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. No new facilities may be constructed without the approval of the Huron County General Health District Board of Health, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio Department of Health. Public toilet facilities are to be provided at the ratio of not less than one such unit per 100 persons in attendance at one time.
- 4.15 The bathing place or area must be provided with adequate refuse containers.
- 4.16 The bathing place or area must be free of litter, garbage, refuse and other unsightly or hazardous materials.

Sec. 5.0 Inspections

- 5.1 The Health Commissioner may at any reasonable time during the construction or operation of a public bathing place or area, inspect or take any other steps which he deems necessary to insure proper compliance with this regulation. The Health Commissioner may utilize inspection reports and any other data submitted or obtained from reliable sources to determine compliance. Inspection may include water sample analysis for fecal coliform bacteria standards as established by Sec. 4.13 of this Regulation.

Sec. 6.0 Hearing

- 6.1 The Board of Health shall grant a hearing to any person affected or aggrieved by these regulations.

Sec. 7.0 Variance

- 7.1 The Board of Health may grant a variance from the requirements of these regulations as will not be contrary to public interest, where a person shows that because of practical difficulties or other special condition, their strict application will cause unusual or special hardship. No variance otherwise contrary to the public interest.

Sec. 8.0 Penalties

- 8.1 Violation of any provision of this regulation is prohibited by and subject to the penalties established by 3709.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Sec. 9.0 Date of Effect

- 9.1 This regulation shall be in full force immediately upon its adoption, as provided by law.

Sec. 10.0 Validity

- 10.1 Should any part of this regulation be declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, the remainder of the regulation shall not be affected thereby.