CHAPTER 5

BEACH AND LAKE REGULATIONS

Beaches and Lake
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Section 5-100 Definitions. For purposes of this Chapter, unless provided otherwise herein, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein:

(A) Animal – An animal includes any domesticated, farm, wild animal or pet of any kind.

(B) Appurtenances – Any and all accessory facility or features at a beach, including but not limited to, bathhouse, boat, boat ramp, boat slips, dock, fencing, pier, playground equipment, slide, storage shed.

(C) Beach/Beach Property – Any body of water, which is modified, improved, constructed, or installed for the purpose of public swimming, recreational bathing, wading, floating, or diving but does not include pools at private residences intended only for the use of the owner and guests. A beach is comprised of all public property associated with or located at the beach including, but not limited to, its shores, equipment, buildings, and any and all appurtenances.

(D) Guest Pass - A punch card that may be purchased only by persons who have already purchased an Annual Beach/Lake Tag. The cost of the Guest Pass shall be set out in Section 5-301. FEES TABLE. Each Guest Pass will include five (5) punches or uses allowed. Each time a number is punched on the card shall entitle one person to enter and use the beach, beach property and / or the lake on that same day. There shall be no refunds after a Guest Pass is purchased or for any unused numbers/punches on the card. The Guest Pass is good only in the season for which it has been purchased.

(E) Lake – A body of water used for recreational purposes including but not limited to, swimming, wading, non-motorized boating and/or fishing.

(F) Marine Craft – Any vessel or craft designed for use or travel on a body of water including boats and multi-person floatation devices and rafts without any external propulsion, moved solely by human power.

(G) Motor or Motorized Vehicles – Any vehicle that is self-propelled or propelled by power derived from gas, diesel, battery, electric and other similar sources and that carries one or more persons whether or not it has been issued a title document, license plate, or

registration document. It does not include vehicles moved solely by human power or motorized wheel chairs.

(H) Smoke or Smoking – The carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, or any other lighted smoking equipment.

Section 5-101 Beach Hours. No persons are permitted to remain on the North and/or South Beach Property during the hours between 10:30 PM until 6:00 AM the following day. This restriction does not apply to persons who are engaged in fishing from said Beach Property. Lifeguards and beach personnel may be provided between the hours of 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Swimming is permitted only from Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through Monday of Labor Day weekend. No bathers fifteen (15) years and younger are allowed to enter the Beach/Beach Property unless accompanied by a responsible person eighteen (18) years or older. No bathers under the age of ten (10) are permitted to enter without an adult. No persons may enter the water alone or swim alone when lifeguards are not present.

Section 5-102 Fees. The payment of either a daily fee or an annual beach/lake fee shall be paid by persons using the Beach/Lake Properties for recreational purposes. During the period from Memorial Day to the following Memorial Day of the next year, the fees as stated in Section 5-301 FEES TABLE shall apply for admission to the Beach and Lake Properties for recreational purposes including, but not limited to swimming, sunbathing, boating, launching of a non-motorized boat, floatation devices, fishing and/or picnic purposes.

(A) Annual Lake/Beach Admission Fees (Village Residents and Real Estate Owners)
Annual Beach/Lake Admission packages for Beach/Lake Tags are available for purchase by the head of the household or lot owner for the use by their immediate families. Applications for Beach/Lake Tags are available at the Village Hall. The fees for said Annual Beach/Lake Tegs are as set forth in Table 5-301 (A) FEES TABLE. Beach/Lake tags may be used interchangeably among family members of the same age group (tag color). However, it is not permitted for a younger family member to use Beach/Lake Tags sold for use by an older family member.

(B) Annual Beach/Lake Admission Fees (Individuals Not Residing in the Village and not Owning Real Estate in the Village)

Annual Beach/Lake Admission packages for Beach/Lake Tags are also available for purchase for the head of the household for Individuals Not Residing in the Village and not Owning Real Estate in the Village for the use by their immediate families. Applications for Beach/Lake Tags are available at the Village Hall. The fees for said Annual Beach/Lake Tegs are as set forth in Table 5-301 (B) FEES TABLE.
Beach/Lake Tags may be used interchangeably among family members of the same age group (tag color). However, it is not permitted for a younger family member to use Beach/Lake Tags for use by an older family member.

(C) Daily Beach/Lake Admission Fees (For persons Without Annual Beach/Lake Tags or Guest Passes)
All persons without an Annual Beach/Lake Tag in hand are required to pay a daily fee to use the Beach Premises and to agree to abide by the rules as enumerated herein. The Daily Beach.Lake Admissions fees are as set forth in Table 5-301 (C) FEES TABLE.

(D) Penalty. Every person found guilty of violating Section 5-102 of this Chapter shall be required to pay a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars ($25.00). Each day any violation of this provision 5-102 of this Chapter shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5-103 Picnicking. Picnicking is prohibited on the sandy portions of both the North and South Beaches; however, picnicking is permitted on the grassy portions of said Beach premises.

Section 5-104 Possession of Glass Containers. The possession of glass containers on either the North or South Beach premises, or on Silver Lake, is prohibited.

Section 5-105 Fires. Fires are prohibited on North Beach and South Beach premises at all times, with the exception of a fire that is used for grilling for the sole purpose of cooking food. Fires used for the grilling and cooking of food may occur in the grills that are provided by the Village in the grilling area at the Beach or in a grill brought to the Beach provided that it is located only in the grassy picnic area and not near the sand or playground areas and provided that all burnt charcoal is extinguished and disposed of properly in the cement receptacles provided by the Village in the grilling area.

Section 5-106 Tents Prohibited. No person, firm, or corporation shall erect any tent upon any of the public Beaches or grounds located in the Village.

Section 5-107 Animals on Village Beaches Prohibited. It is unlawful to bring any animal onto a Village Beach property at any time with the exception of guide dogs or service dogs for the visually impaired or disabled.

Section 5-108 Marine Craft with Motors Prohibited. The operation of an electric, gasoline or other type of marine motor, or any other Motorized Vehicle on Silver Lake is prohibited with the exception of authorized emergency marine motors or marine motors required for maintenance, monitoring, or testing related to Beach property or Silver Lake, or with permission from an authorized Village of Oakwood Hills' representative.

Section 5-109 Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage at a Village Beach property, a Beach parking lot, on the waters of Silver Lake, or on any public property, with the exception of at the Village of Oakwood Hills' Municipal Park provided a permit and special event liquor license has been issued by the Village Liquor Commissioner for the event at the Municipal Park.

Section 5-110 Loitering and Boisterousness. No person shall engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive language, or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior on the beaches.

Section 5-111 Motorized Vehicles on Lake. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle, vehicle propelled by human power or motorized wheelchair or like vehicles, on the frozen surface of Silver Lake, with the exception of authorized emergency vehicles or authorized vehicles required for maintenance, monitoring, testing related to Beach property or Silver Lake, or with permission from an authorized Village of Oakwood Hills' representative. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, go-kart, minibike, motorcycle, motor-driven scooter, motorized pedal-cycle, motorized skateboard, off-highway motorcycle, snowmobile and any wheeled scooter.

Section 5-112 Smoking Prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke cigarettes, cigars, cannabis or use a vaping device at a Village Beach/Beach Property at any time.

Section 5-113 Smoking Violations. A person who smokes or uses a vaping device in an area where smoking is prohibited under this Chapter shall be fined one hundred dollars ($100) for a first offense and two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) for each subsequent offense. Each day any violation of this provision of this Chapter shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5-114 Restrictions within Buoy Area. No Marine Craft of any kind shall be permitted inside the area set aside for bathing and swimming as marked by buoys. No multi person rafts or flotation devices shall be permitted inside the area set aside for bathing and swimming as marked by the buoys.

Section 5-115 Fishing Regulations.

A. All State of Illinois regulations apply when fishing within the Village of Oakwood Hills.

B. It shall be prohibited for any person to carry away or keep fish in violation of the following species and minimum size limits:

Fish Species	**Daily Limit**	**Minimum Size Requirements**
Bluegill, Redear Sunfish	15	Maximum of 5 over 8 inches
Carp	No limit—remove any caught from Lake	No minimum size
Channel Catfish	3	18 inch minimum
Crappie (White, Black or Hybrid)	6	5 under 12 inches 1 over 16 inches
Largemouth, Smallmouth Bass	1	18 inch minimum
Muskellunge, Tiger Muskie, Northern Pike	Closed - No Fish of this species may be taken	N/A

Walleye	1	18 inch minimum
Yellow Bass	No limit - Remove any caught from Lake	No minimum size

C. Each angler is restricted to two (2) ice fishing lines. The use of treble hooks for live bait fishing is prohibited. Nothing in this Ordinance is in any way intended to supersede any regulatory provisions adopted by any other governmental agency with authority over fish or aquatic life including, but not limited to, the provisions of the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code. It is the intention of the Village of Oakwood Hills that such regulations be read in harmony with the provisions of this Ordinance.

D. The President, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, is authorized to appoint a Conservation Officer for the purposes of enforcing this Section.

E. No person, firm or corporation shall leave a fishing shack or tent unattended overnight.

F. The Village shall post at least one sign in a prominent location, and at any other location where access has been determined by common use, at Silver Lake advising that the Lake, pursuant to this Ordinance, has certain fishing regulations.

G. No fishing shall be permitted within the area set aside for bathing and swimming as marked by buoys.

BOAT STORAGE

Section 5-201 Boat Storage.

(A) Boat Storage. Boat Storage is prohibited from November 2nd through March 31st at North Beach. No boat may be stored at, or remain upon, the property within the Village commonly known as the North Beach during the period from November 2 of any calendar year until March 31 of the following calendar year.

(B) Boat Storage Fees. A boat storage license shall be issued by the Village Clerk upon the receipt of a duly executed Boat Tie Up application on the form supplied by the Village Clerk and the payment of an annual Boat Tie Up fee as stated in Section 5-301 (D).

(C) Boat storage License includes Launching a Non-Motorized Boat from Beach/Lake Property. A boat storage licensee with a valid boat storage license is authorized to launch the licensee's non-motorized boat from the Beach/Lake/pier property without the need to purchase a Beach/Lake Tag. However, a boat storage licensee must purchase a Beach/Lake Tag (either annual or daily tag) for admission to the Beach property. Boats may only be launched at North Beach and within the designated launch area.

Section 5-202 Terms and Conditions of License. The aforesaid boat storage licenses shall be issued only upon the following terms and conditions.

A. Each boat storage license issued hereunder shall be assigned a number by the Village Clerk which shall permit the licensee to store the licensed boat only in the assigned numbered space.

B. Each boat license hereunder shall be locked to the chain provided at the assigned numbered space.

C. No family shall be eligible to make application hereunder for more than one boat storage license during any calendar year.

D. Each boat storage license issued hereunder shall expire at 11:59 p.m. of the 1st of November of the year for which it was issued.

E. No boat storage license issued hereunder shall be transferable from one boat to another unless the owner of both such boats is the original licensed applicant; if the ownership of a boat licensed hereunder is transferred during the life of the license, the said license may also be transferred to the new boat owner provided, however, that such new boat owner makes an application for said license on the form provided by the Village Clerk.

F. The boat storage licensee shall release the Village from any and all responsibility and liability for securing and protecting the boat and its equipment and contents thereof from theft, loss or damage during the time that said boat is stored at the North Beach.

G. The boat storage licensee shall indemnify and hold the Village harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or relating to the condition of the licensed boat or to its storage on the aforesaid North Beach premises.

H. The licensee shall authorize the Village to treat the licensed boat as having been abandoned and to dispose of the licensed boat in any manner the Village may determine, without any notice, compensation or other payment to the licensee, if the licensed boat is not removed from the North Beach premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 1st of the year for which the boat storage license is issued, or if the boat storage license issued hereunder is revoked pursuant to Section 5-203.

Section 5-203 Revocation of License. Any boat storage license issued hereunder may be revoked by the Village President if the condition of the boat is or becomes unsafe, or if any Village ordinance governing the use of the lake or of the North Beach has been violated by the licensee or by any other person while using the licensee's boat with the licensee's permission.

Section 5-204 Penalty. Whenever in Chapter 5 of this Code any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be made unlawful for a misdemeanor, or whenever in such Code the doing of any act is required or the failure or do any act is declared to be unlawful or a misdemeanor, where no specific penalty is otherwise provided therefore, the violation of any such provision of Chapter 5 of this Code shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars ($50.00), nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00).

Section 5-301 FEES TABLE

(A) Annual Lake/Beach Admission Fees for Village Residents and Real Estate Owners

Annual Beach/Lake Tags **(Village Residents and Oakwood Hills' Real Estate Owners)**	
Family Package A Includes Two Beach/Lake tags of any type plus one Guest Pass	$28.00
Family Package B Includes Beach/Lake tags for each family member living at the address, up to six people	$33.00
Family Package C Includes Beach/Lake tags for each family member living at the address, up to six people plus one Guest Pass.	$38.00
Additional Beach/Lake Tags may be purchased separately as follows:	
Annual Individual Beach/Lake Tag – all persons under 65 years of age	$15.00
Annual Senior Beach/Lake Tag -- persons 65 years of age or older	$8.00
Replacement Season Guest Pass – all ages (A Guest Pass may only be purchased by a Beach/Lake Tag holder)	$5.00
Additional Beach/Lake Tag – all ages	$5.00

(B) Annual Beach/Lake Admission Fees for Individuals Not Residing in the Village and not Owning Real Estate in the Village

Annual Beach/Lake Tags **(Individuals Not Residing in the Village and Not Owning Real Estate in the Village)**	
Family Package A Includes Two Beach/Lake tags of any type and one Guest Pass	$100.00
Family Package B Includes Beach/Lake tags for each family member living at the address up to six people	$120.00
Family Package C Includes Beach/Lake tags for each family member living at the address up to six people plus one Guest Pass	$125.00
Additional Beach/Lake tags may be purchased separately as follows:	
Annual Individual Beach/Lake Tag – all persons under age 65	$50.00
Annual Senior Beach/Lake Tag – persons 65 years of age and older	$15.00
Replacement Season Guest Pass (A Guest Pass may only be purchased by a Beach/Lake Tag holder)	$15.00
Additional Beach/Lake Tag	$15.00

(C) Daily Beach/Lake Admission Fees for Persons Without Annual Beach /Lake Tags or Guest Passes (Amended Ord. 25-04-01)

Daily Beach/Lake Admission Fees	
For Village Residents	
Persons 16 years of age or older	$5.00/day
Persons 4 to 16 years of age	$5.00/day
Children under 4 years of age (must be accompanied by adult)	Free
For Non-Village Residents	
Persons 16 years of age or older	$5.00/day
Persons 4 to 15 years of age	$5.00/day
Children under 4 years of age (must be accompanied by adult)	Free

(D) **Boat Tie Up Fees.**

Type of Permit	**Annual Fee**
Village lot owners and Village residents under 65 years of age	$35.00
Non-resident and non-lot owners under 65 years of age	$85.00
Village lot owners and Village Residents 65 years of age or older	$15.00
Non-resident and non-lot owners 65 years of age or older	$70.00