

**FINAL**  
Proposed Changes to Parks Rules  
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SECTION VII. SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR INNER HARBOR PARK, INNER HARBOR PARK PROMENADE AND WATEFRONT PROMENADE.

Rule 57. Inner Harbor Park and Inner Harbor Park Promenade. Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions contained in the Rules and Regulations, special conditions apply to Inner Harbor Park and the Inner Harbor Park Promenade because of their location and immediate surroundings.

A. Inner Harbor Park. Inner Harbor Park is the area lying along the north, west and south shores of the Inner Harbor, south of Pratt Street to the water's edge, east of Light Street to the water's edge and north of Key Highway to the water's edge, from Pier 6 around the shoreline of the Inner Harbor to and including Rash Field. The Inner Harbor Park area encompasses the Inner Harbor Park Promenade, described in Section B.

1. Vending is prohibited in the Inner Harbor Park without a written management, lease, wharfage or license agreement approved by the Director or Board of Estimates. Such management, lease, wharfage or license agreement shall describe the type of vending allowed and may impose conditions under which the vending can occur.
2. Bicycles, skates or skateboards can be in user's possession in the Inner Harbor Park but may not otherwise be used unless expressly approved by the Director.
3. Private Motorized Vehicles in the Inner Harbor Park and Promenade.
  - a. Private motorized vehicles are not permitted in the Inner Harbor Park or Promenade between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. without a permit from the Director of Recreation and Parks. Permits may be granted only if vehicular access cannot be achieved during the hours for which no permit is required.
  - b. Vehicles are permitted to drive on the promenade after 11:00 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m. without a permit if: 1) such access is necessary for deliveries, service providers, or construction vehicles; AND 2) the purpose for which vehicular access to the promenade is needed cannot be accomplished by using a public street or private driveway. Vehicles cannot remain or park on the promenade after the purpose for which access to the promenade was needed is completed.
4. No feeding of birds or animals in the Inner Harbor Park.

5. No person shall sleep or lie upon any park bench, seat, rail, balustrade, fence, step, doorway, platform or upon any other park structure.
6. In accordance with Article 19, Section 249 of the Baltimore City Code, as amended, no person shall engage in aggressive solicitation, as defined in Section I.A.1, in the Inner Harbor Park.

B. The Inner Harbor Park Promenade. The Inner Harbor Park Promenade (“Promenade”) is the brick walkway in the Inner Harbor Park along the water’s edge from the concrete stripe immediately west of the World Trade Center adjacent to Rash Field and terminating at 402 Key Highway. Walkways to the Promenade are not included.

1. All permitted activities on the Promenade shall be free of charge and open to the public.
2. The Promenade will remain open year-round, 24 hours a day.
3. Bicycles, skates or skateboards can be in user’s possession on the Promenade but may not otherwise be used on the Promenade unless expressly approved by the Director.
4. No feeding of birds or animals from the Promenade.
5. No feeding aquatic life from the Promenade.
6. No diving, jumping or swimming from the Promenade.
7. No fishing or crabbing from the Promenade.
8. No unauthorized docking of any vessels at, or adjacent to, any portion of the Promenade, including Water Taxi landings, except in designated areas. A fee is to be paid at the Dockmaster’s office immediately after docking in designated areas of public wharfage.
9. Gates or any other barriers, whether fixed or temporary obstructing the Promenade, are not permitted.
10. Vehicles on the Promenade. See Section VII.A.3.b.

11. Leafleting, the distribution of non-commercial printed material, may occur only on the interior one-half (“land side”) of the Promenade from the concrete stripe immediately west of the World Trade Center to the point where the Promenade turns to the southwest and from the point where the Promenade turns from southwest to the south and then east up to and including Rash Field. Leafleting is allowed without a permit.
12. No activities, other than those expressly permitted in this Rule 57, will be permitted on the Promenade unless approved in writing by the Director.
13. No activity, other than those expressly permitted in this Rule 57, will be allowed within 15 feet of the outermost line of tables used for restaurant dining, whether under permanent cover or outdoors, or within 5 feet of a permanent structure which is customarily used for eating purposes
14. No activity, other than those expressly permitted in this Rule 57, will be allowed within 25 feet of any of the means of ingress or egress to any entrance of Inner Harbor Park, the Pavilions, other buildings or the Rash Field tunnel.

C. Permits. A person, organization or other entity desiring to hold an activity—including a public event, picnic, private gathering, speechmaking, leafleting or public assembly—shall first obtain a permit from the Department of Recreation and Parks, Permits Section, unless such activity is expressly allowed without a permit under this section of Rule 57. The permit shall state the specific area where the activity will be authorized to take place and the total number of persons authorized to participate. If required under Rule 57, permits will be issued as follows:

1. Rash Field. The area between or bounded by the public pedestrian promenade to the north, Marina Garage to the east, Key Highway to the north, and Kaufman Pavilion on the east. No activities are allowed without a permit. Permitted activities shall be limited to public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City and Public Assembly.
2. Kaufman Pavilion. The structure located on the south shore at the northwest corner of Rash Field. No activities are allowed without a permit. Permitted activities shall include public events, picnics or private gatherings.
3. Ceremonial Steps. The brick area between the front of the Maryland Science Center and the Promenade. No activities are allowed without a permit. Permitted activities shall include public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City and no more than five private gatherings sponsored by a non-profit entity in any given calendar year.

4. West Shore Park. The park area in the Inner Harbor Park bounded by the Visitor Center on the north, Light Street on the west, the Maryland Science Center on the south, and the Promenade on the east. West Shore Park consists of two areas: 1) great lawn (southern two-thirds); and 2) fountain (northern one-third.)
  - Fountain (future). The existing paved area and location of the future public fountain that is approximately one-third of the northern portion of the West Shore Park to the western edge of the Promenade, provided that the activity does not encroach into the Promenade. This area includes the triangular brick paved area adjacent to and west of the Waterfront Promenade between the northernmost steps to the West Shore Park and the northernmost concessions kiosk. Permitted activities shall include public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City. Permits are not required for “speechmaking” of one or two individuals speaking and addressing a gathering of interested bystanders about non-commercial matters. Speechmaking may be aided by props such as easels, posters, and other hand-held visual aids.
  - Great Lawn. The large grass open space, public walkways, steps to the promenade, public gardens and park services building that make up approximately two-thirds of the southern portion of the West Shore Park. No activities are allowed without a permit. Permitted activities shall include public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City.
5. Amphitheater. The outdoor theater area and steps located between the Pratt and Light Street pavilions. No activities are allowed without a permit. Permitted activities shall be limited to public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the city. The number of people allowed will be determined by the type of event and public safety consideration. Leafleting is not permitted in the Amphitheater or in brick plaza that surrounds the Amphitheater between the Amphitheater and East Pratt Street.
6. Constellation Dock. The dock area adjacent to the Promenade on the south side of the Pratt Street pavilion. No activities are allowed without a permit. Permitted activities shall include public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City and no more than five private gatherings sponsored by a contiguous non-profit entity in any given calendar year.

7. McKeldin Square and Meyerhoff Fountain. McKeldin Square is the large brick plaza lying at the southeast corner of the intersection of Pratt and Light streets. It is bounded on three sides by sidewalks that are part of the Park and that are covered by these rules. The Meyerhoff Fountain is a large fountain structure surrounded by walkways and grassy areas located adjacent to McKeldin Square. For the purposes of these Rules, the dividing line between the Square and the Fountain shall be the line of steps and light poles separating the Fountain from the main open area of the Square.

Permitted activities shall include public assembly of between twenty six (26) and one-hundred fifty (150) persons and Public Events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of no more than one-hundred fifty (150) persons and private gatherings of no more than one-hundred fifty (150) persons. No public assembly, public event or private gathering of more than one hundred fifty (150) persons shall be allowed.

Public assembly shall be allowed at McKeldin Square by groups of no more than twenty-five (25) individuals without the requirement of a permit, assuming that these activities are conducted without physically conflicting with the peaceful activities of others. Because of the location of McKeldin Square in relation to surrounding streets and vehicular traffic patterns, no more than three permits for public assembly shall be issued at any one time. The number of persons permitted for an event will be determined by the type of event and public safety consideration.

No public event, picnic, private gathering, or public assembly shall be held on the Meyerhoff Fountain and/or the walkways or grassy areas immediately surrounding the Fountain itself. No picnics shall be authorized on McKeldin Square.

8. Inner Harbor Park Promenade. Permitted activities shall include public events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the City. Leafleting, the distribution of non-commercial printed material, may occur without a permit only on the interior one-half ("land side") of the Promenade from the concrete stripe immediately west of the World Trade Center to the point where the Promenade turns to the southwest and from the point where the Promenade turns from southwest to the south and then east up to and including Rash Field.

**Rule 58. Waterfront Promenade.** Notwithstanding the aforementioned provisions contained in the Rules and Regulations, special conditions apply to Waterfront Promenade, outside of Inner Harbor Park and as defined below:

- **Waterfront Promenade.** The approximately seven (7) mile Waterfront Promenade follows the water's edge from Canton Waterfront Park through Canton, Fells Point (including Broadway Pier) and Harbor East to connect with Inner Harbor Park and along the south and east shore to Webster Street and includes all Public Access Corridors as designated in an Urban Renewal Plan or other controlling document and as new sections may be opened beyond these locations.

The Waterfront Promenade crosses public and private property. The publicly controlled property through which the Waterfront Promenade crosses includes City parkland, Department of Transportation right-of-way, and land in urban renewal areas for which the Department of Housing and Community Development has authority. The privately controlled sections of the Waterfront Promenade are owned in fee or controlled privately under long-term ground leases. The private sections of the official Waterfront Promenade route are subject to stand-alone recorded Waterfront Promenade easements or easements contained in other agreements. The official Waterfront Promenade route and the sections of the Waterfront Promenade that are subject to Section VII, Rule 58 are shown on Exhibit B.

1. Unless temporary closure for private events is permitted under existing agreements between the City and property owners or ground leasees, all permitted activities on the Waterfront Promenade shall be free of charge and open to the public.
2. Unless temporary closure for private events is permitted under existing agreements between the City and property owners or ground leasees, the Waterfront Promenade will remain open year-round, 24 hours a day.
3. Vending is prohibited in the Waterfront Promenade without a written management, lease, wharfage, or license agreement approved by the Director or Board of Estimates. Such management, lease, wharfage or license agreement shall describe the type of vending allowed and may impose conditions under which the vending can occur.
4. Bicycles, skates or skateboards may be in user's possession on the Waterfront Promenade but may not otherwise be used on the Promenade unless expressly approved by the Director.
5. No feeding of birds or animals from the Waterfront Promenade.
6. No feeding aquatic life from the Waterfront Promenade.
7. No diving, jumping or swimming from the Waterfront Promenade.
8. No fishing or crabbing from the Waterfront Promenade, except in designated areas.

9. No unauthorized docking of any vessels at, or adjacent to, any portion of the Waterfront Promenade except in designated areas. A fee is to be paid at the Dockmaster's office immediately after docking in designated areas of public wharfage.
10. Gates or any other barriers, whether fixed or temporary obstructing the Waterfront Promenade, are not permitted.
11. Private Motorized Vehicles on the Waterfront Promenade.
  - a. Unless permitted under existing easement agreements, private motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Waterfront Promenade between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. without a permit from the Director of Recreation and Parks. Permits may be granted only if vehicular access cannot be achieved during the hours for which no permit is required.
  - b. Vehicles are permitted to drive on the promenade after 11:00 p.m. and before 9:00 a.m. without a permit if: 1) such access is necessary for deliveries, service providers, or construction vehicles; AND 2) the purpose for which vehicular access to the promenade is needed cannot be accomplished by using a public street or private driveway. Vehicles cannot remain or park on the promenade after the purpose for which access to the promenade was needed is completed.
12. Private motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Waterfront Promenade without written approval from the Director except in designated areas that are designed and approved for vehicular traffic.
13. No activities or events, other than those expressly permitted in this section, will be permitted on the Waterfront Promenade unless allowed by easement agreements or by the Director
14. Broadway Pier. No change.
15. Canton Waterfront Park. Activities allowed by permit for the park area north of the Waterfront Promenade shall include public events, public assembly and picnics.
16. Harris Creek Park. Activities allowed by permit for the park area north of the Waterfront Promenade shall include public events, public assembly and picnics.