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METAL DETECTING PERMIT APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

APPLICANT: _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

ADDRESS: _____

City State Zip Code

DATE OF BIRTH: ____ / ____ / ____ PHONE: (____) _____

METAL DETECTING CLUB MEMBERSHIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ORIENTATION AND INSTRUCTION

This is to certify that the applicant has completed the orientation as outlined under Requirements and Rules for obtaining a Baltimore City Parks Metal Detector Permit, Part II Item C, on:

Completion Date of Orientation
CLUB STAMP HERE:

Signature of Certifying Agent and Date

Print Name of Authorizing Club/Organization

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the issuance of this permit. I understand this permit may be revoked for failure to abide by these rules. I understand that issuance of this permit does not relieve me of any responsibility to abide by any applicable Federal, State or Local Laws.

Applicant's Signature and Date

Form Distribution:
Original to Rec and Parks Permits Office

Permit Number issued: _____
Permit Renewal Fee: _____
Receipt Number: _____



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METAL DETECTOR PERMITS - RULES, REGULATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

I. USE OF METAL DETECTORS IN BALTIMORE CITY PARKS PROPERTY

- A. A permit allowing the use of a metal detector to collect coins and artifacts will be issued to persons who meet the requirements for the permit, agree to abide by the rules set forth, and is limited to use by the person in whose name the permit is issued. The only exception is that one guest may enjoy permit privileges under the supervision of a permit holder in good standing.
- B. A permit may be revoked for failure to abide by these rules.
- C. Permission to use a metal detector in the city parks is a privilege and abuse of this privilege may result in cancellation of individual permits, and in the case of general abuse all permits may be canceled and metal detectors will be prohibited in the city park areas.
- D. Metal detector permits are issued on a one-year rolling calendar basis.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A METAL DETECTOR PERMIT

- A. **Minimum Age:** Applicant must have attained 16 years of age and possess government issued photo identification or a valid Driver's license.
- B. Applicant must attend a training session offered by one of the Metal Detecting Clubs listed on the instructions.
- C. **Competence:** Applicant must show certification of an orientation in the ethics for use of metal detectors in public places. This orientation will include instruction in proper methods of digging and repairing search holes under various conditions and the restoration of the search area to its original condition.

Following is a list of recognized clubs/organizations in the area that will give the orientation and complete the certification portion of the "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO USE A METAL DETECTOR IN BALTIMORE CITY PARKS."

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LOCAL RECOGNIZED METAL DETECTING CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS:

Contact the local clubs/organizations for meeting and orientation dates and times.

Maryland Free-State Treasure Club

MARYLANDFREESTATECLUB.COM

Maryland Artifact Recovery Society

MARSDetecting.ORG

D. List of steps needed to obtain a Baltimore City Metal Detector Permit:

1. Payment of the permit fee by Money Order only in the amount of \$25.00 and made out to "Director of Finance." *PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*
The fee is used for city parks upkeep and restoration.
2. Proof of certification by a local metal detecting club/organization.
3. Copy of photo identification or current Driver's license.
4. Yearly permit renewals may be obtained by surrendering the expired permit along with a permit fee by Money Order only in the amount of \$25.00 and made out to "Director of Finance." *PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.*
5. Older permits with no expiration date are now subject to the same rules and regulations as stated herein including yearly renewal.

III. SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS - USE OF METAL DETECTORS

- A. Use of metal detectors is limited to those hours the park is normally open.
- B. Digging to a depth greater than 8-inches is forbidden.
- C. To retrieve underground targets a neat horseshoe-shaped flap of turf will be cut, flipped back and replaced in an acceptable manner. All excavated dirt will be replaced and the flap of turf will be set with the foot until level with the surrounding turf and restored leaving no trace of digging activity.
- D. A small drop cloth must be used to contain dirt removed from the search holes.
- E. All trash uncovered in the digging process will be collected, same as coins and artifacts, carried out and disposed of properly. Collecting some surface trash is voluntary but will help in keeping the parks clean. Trash receptacles are located in designated areas of city parks.
- F. Persons using a metal detector will do so in a manner that will not interfere with the recreation of others.
- G. The permit must be carried at all times while using a metal detector enabling Park supervisory personnel to establish your standing as a permit holder. Without it, you will be asked to pack up the metal detector until you acquire the proper permit.

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- H. If, in the opinion of the permit supervisory personnel, the permit holder is not in accordance with the rules and regulations, the violation will be referred to the Chief of Parks with a possible revocation of the permit.
- I. Appeal for restoration of a permit may be made through any recognized metal detecting club officer who will bring the matter before the proper parks authority. Following the appeal the permit will be restored or the person will be told when they can apply for a new permit; unless it is agreed that the person should be denied all future permit privileges.
- J. Permit holders are subject to prosecution for destruction and damage to city property under the various laws as any other citizen.
- K. Shovels: Common shovels, entrenching shovels, long wooden-handled garden shovels and any shovels not specifically designed for metal detecting are not allowed.

Small all-metal medium-length handled digging tools specifically designed for metal detecting are allowed as long as the guidelines for proper hole restoration are followed. The blade width for grassy areas may not exceed 5-inches. A wider shovel blade on an all-metal digging tool may be used when digging in wooded areas as long as proper digging rules are followed.

- L. Vehicles shall be parked on in places designated for that purpose, conform to posted traffic regulations, be confined to roads specifically designated for their use and otherwise comply with all applicable Park Rules. Vehicles parked in unauthorized areas may be ticketed or towed at the vehicle owner's expense.
- M. All Baltimore City Parks will be closed for metal detecting during the months of July and August.
- N. It is requested that detectorists repair poorly repaired holes left behind by uneducated or careless individuals. This effort will help protect the privilege of metal detecting in Baltimore City Parks.
- O. The use of metal detectors is not permitted at the following locations:

- 1. Municipal golf courses**
- 2. Athletic areas**
- 3. Carroll Park**
- 4. Cylburn Park**
- 5. Federal Hill Park**

6. **Mt. Vernon Square:** *North boundary* - Madison St.; *South* - Center St.; *East* - St. Paul St.; *West* - Cathedral St.
7. **Preston Gardens:** *North boundary* - Center St.; *South* - Saratoga St.; *East* - St. Paul St.; *West* - St. Paul Place.
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8. **Inner Harbor Area:** *North boundary* - Pratt St.; *South* - Key Hwy; *West* - Light St.
9. **Hopkins Plaza:** *North boundary* - Baltimore St. ; *South* - Lombard St.; *East* - Charles St.; *West* - Hopkins Place.
10. **#1 Charles Plaza:** *North boundary* - Lexington St.; *South* - Fayette St.; *East* - Charles St.; *West* - Liberty St.
11. **City Hall Plaza:** *North boundary* - Lexington St.; *South* - Fayette St.; *East* - Gay St.; *West* - Holiday St.
12. **Patterson Park**

Please Note: The privilege of using a metal detector in any Baltimore City Parks is discretionary and may be denied by park supervisory personnel or authorities for any reason and for any length of time.

It is the strict responsibility and civic duty of every detectorist to respect the environment and leave no trace of activities involving the use of a metal detector in Baltimore City Parks.