Res. No. 2009-035

RECREATION AND PARKS – RULES AND REGULATIONS

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ARTICLE I
General Provisions

§148.1.1. Definitions.

As used in these rules and regulations, the terms set out below shall have the meanings indicated. Terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS — Property dedicated to the County’s administrative functions and activities, such as buildings used for administrative activities and maintenance yards, as well as the sidewalks and the parking lots abutting those areas.

BOARD — The Caroline County Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

BUS — A motor vehicle designed to carry more than 10 passengers.

CHAPTER 148 — Chapter 148 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland.

COMMERCIAL SPEECH — Speech that promotes a product, service for profit, or any other commercial purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND CODES — The Caroline County Department of Planning and Codes as constituted from time to time.

PERMIT — Written permission and/or an official form issued by the Director or his/her designee.

POLICE OFFICER — Any law enforcement officer of the County, state, or a political subdivision having legal jurisdiction on County property.

PUBLIC BICYCLE AREA – Any highway, bicycle path, or other facility or area maintained by the County, state, or a political subdivision designed primarily for the use of bicycles.

PUBLIC PARK — Any land or water devoted to park or recreation uses for the public and owned, operated, or established by the County, and all vegetation or natural substances, buildings, fixtures, monuments, structures, and facilities owned or leased, maintained, and operated by the County and any contents therein, whether located on County land or water. For
the purposes of these rules and regulations, wherever the term "Public Park" is used, such term shall at all times include Public Landings.

TRASH – Any and all household or commercial waste, debris, rubbish, garbage, refuse, or trash.

§148.1.2. Adoption of rules and regulations; records retention.

A. Before the presentation of a rule or regulation hereunder to the County Commissioners, the Director shall submit the proposed rule or regulation to the Board for review. After review, the Board shall advise the Director of its recommendation in respect to the rule or regulation. The Director shall report the Board’s recommendation to the County Commissioners if the rule or regulation is forwarded to the County Commissioners for consideration.

B. Notwithstanding Subsection A above, nothing shall prevent the Director from submitting a rule or regulation to the County Commissioners for immediate consideration in the event of exigent circumstances, nor are the County Commissioners prohibited from approving any rule or regulation on their own initiative.

C. The Director shall keep a copy of all rules, orders, and directives issued, and the same shall be open for public inspection, upon request, at reasonable times.

ARTICLE II
Permits

§148.2.1. Applicability.

The sections of this Article II shall only apply to the Public Parks of the County as defined herein and in the Code. No part of this Article II shall be construed to supersede any public local law of Caroline County. To the extent any part of this Article II conflicts with any public local law of Caroline County, the language of the public local law shall control.

§148.2.2. Regulation of use.

A. Use by the general public. Public Parks are open to use by all members of the public regardless of race, gender, national origin, color, creed, sexual orientation, disability, or impairment.

B. Hours of operation. Except for County employees or persons accompanied by County employees, no person shall use any Public Park from sunset to sunrise unless that facility is officially open for public use. Any Public Park may be closed, in whole or in part, by the Director to the public entirely or for certain uses. Such closing shall be posted in advance when possible. Public Parks may also be subject to holiday schedules.
§148.2.3. Permits; when required.

Permits are required for the following activities in Public Parks:

A. Use of designated athletic fields, recreation buildings, group picnic areas, and certain other facilities by groups of 25 or more, subject to the number of users as set by regulation.

B. Conducting a parade, procession, or rally, whether or not using amplification equipment (also referred to as "amplified speech").

C. Conducting surveys, interviews, or polls.

D. Still photography or celluloid or digital video filming, other than for personal or legitimate news gathering purposes.

E. Bus parking.

F. Use of certain picnic shelters.

G. Teaching or instruction for hire.

H. Parking of Boat Trailers at a Public Landing.

I. Other activities and uses indicated as requiring a Permit.

§148.2.4. Permits; application and issuance.

A. Permits may be issued for a single-time use, seasonally, or for an indefinite period of time for Public Parks, Public Landings, athletic fields, recreation centers, or community buildings. Permit applications may be obtained from the Department for the use of facilities or activities at a Public Park. Permits shall be issued within a reasonable length of time following receipt of the application, all required fees and deposits, and all information requested by the Director, or the applicant shall be furnished a written statement indicating the reasons why the Permit has been denied. In the event that a Permit is denied, the applicant may appeal the denial to the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in accordance with Chapter 200 of Title 7 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

B. No Permit shall be issued if one or more of the following conditions exist:

(1) One or more of the statements in the application is false or materially incorrect.

(2) The applicant or any agent or representative of the applicant who will participate in the requested use under the Permit has, within the 12 months preceding the date of the application, violated any provision of Chapter 148, these Rules and Regulations, or any of the terms and provisions of any Permit previously issued to the applicant.

(3) The Permit seeks use of all or part of an Administrative Area.
(4) The relevant facilities or activity areas applied for are unavailable and/or inappropriate for the purpose specified in the application.

(5) The proposed use or activity is inconsistent with the size, location, or available amenities of the relevant Public Park, or with the public health, safety, and welfare.

(6) The request is inconsistent with maintaining the open, unspoiled, and natural condition of the relevant Public Park.

(7) Such other factors as the Director may determine as relevant to or necessitating a denial of a Permit.

C. Permits are subject to all of the following:

(1) All regulations as from time to time in effect, as though inserted as part of the terms of the Permit.

(2) Liability for any damage, injury, or loss sustained by persons or property as a result of the Permit holder’s negligence or that of any member of the Permit holder’s group.

(3) The Permit must be in the possession of the Permit holder and shown upon request.

(4) Violation of a rule or condition of a Permit will be cause for immediate revocation of the Permit, loss of all privileges of the Permit, and forfeiture of any deposits and or fees paid for or in respect of the Permit and the proposed uses under the Permit.

(5) Persons holding a Permit for use of a specific site or facility, or a portion thereof will be entitled to exclusive use of that site, facility, or portion thereof only to the extent and solely for the purposes specified in the Permit and only on the dates and between the hours specified in the Permit. On the dates and between the hours specified in the Permit, persons holding a Permit may, if otherwise permitted by law, limit the use of the site or the facility more strictly than the limits imposed by these regulations; provided, however, that such limitations do not violate any applicable law. Persons not holding a Permit and using that site or facility must vacate that site or facility upon the arrival of a Permit holder.

D. In conducting permitted activities, no person shall:

(1) In any way obstruct, delay, or interfere with the free movements of any other person, seek to coerce or physically disturb any other person, or hamper or impede the conduct of any authorized business or activity in any Public Park; or

(2) Conduct any activities in a misleading or fraudulent manner.

E. Whenever rallies, demonstrations, pageants, ceremonies or other special events are to be held in a Public Park, special requirements as to the parking of vehicles and positioning and movements of spectators may be imposed by the Director or his/her designee. All
persons within the area of such special requirements must obey or comply with the lawful orders of Police Officers or authorized persons.

F. A fee may be assessed to defray the cost of conducting certain events. Additionally, for a special event, the Permit holders assume personal liability for the costs of cleanup of the premises, loss, breakage, or removal of Public Park property, and for the conduct and good order of their attendees and users.

§148.2.5. Profits from the sale of Permits.

All receipts from the sale of Permits shall be placed in a County revenue fund to be used for operation and maintenance of property under the control of the Department, including, but not limited to, Public Parks, or as otherwise allowed or required pursuant to Chapter 148.

§148.2.6. Regulation of traffic.

A. Enforcement. All applicable laws and regulations shall be observed when operating a vehicle on park property. Any traffic direction from any Police Officer or authorized persons shall supersede written or posted laws and regulations.

B. Speed limit. Unless otherwise posted or directed, the speed limit for all vehicles in Public Parks is 15 miles per hour.

C. Permissible roadways. No person shall operate any vehicle in any Public Park where prohibited.

D. Trucks having over one-ton capacity; commercial vehicles; Buses. Trucks over one-ton capacity, commercial vehicles (excluding taxicabs and tow trucks on service calls to disabled vehicles in Public Parks), and Buses shall not be operated in any Public Park except by special Permit.

E. Parking regulations. No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle in any Public Park:

(1) In front of a public or private driveway;

(2) Within an intersection;

(3) Within 20 feet of, or so as to obstruct, a crosswalk or within 20 feet of an intersection;

(4) On a bridge;

(5) Any place where an official sign prohibits stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles;

(6) On the traveled portion of a roadway or public driveway;
(7) On, or obstructing the entrance to, any bicycle path, hiker path, bridle path, or access road;

(8) So as to obstruct another vehicle or traffic;

(9) So as to occupy more than one parking space or across painted lines;

(10) During those hours when a Public Park is not open to the public;

(11) On any unpaved area, unless specifically allowed, or so as to injure any tree, shrub, plant, or vegetation;

(12) In a fire lane;

(13) In a space other than that designated for vehicular parking at any Public Park;

(14) Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;

(15) Within 30 feet of the approach to any traffic control device located at the side of a roadway or at an intersection;

(16) In parking spaces which are designated for use only by persons with disabilities unless such vehicles display a special registration plate, a removable windshield placard, or a temporary removable windshield placard issued by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration or by another state, the District of Columbia, or another country; or

(17) In violation of any Permit condition, including Permits issued for Boat Trailer parking at any Public Landing.

F. All vehicles must be parked in accordance with any official signs posted that regulate stopping, standing, parking, or the manner of parking in general.

G. Any vehicle which is to be stopped or parked adjacent to any roadway must be removed from the traveled portion of the roadway and stopped or parked in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with left wheels parallel to and within 36 inches of the right edge or boundary of the roadway.

H. Boat Trailers and Buses shall not park in any Public Park except by Permit and shall be parked in a designated area.
ARTICLE III
Code of Conduct

§148.3.1. Title.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Code of Conduct for Recreation and Parks in Caroline County."

§148.3.2. Policy.

The County is committed to providing the citizens of the County with quality enjoyment of Public Parks in a safe and healthy environment. To fulfill this commitment, the Rules and Regulations contained herein are hereby established as a Code of Conduct, which shall apply to the use of Public Parks. The Code of Conduct simply requires that all users of Public Parks, with or without a reasonable accommodation, must conduct themselves in a rational and reasonable manner, and in accordance with the rules and regulations contained herein, as established by the County Commissioners.

A. Regulations. No person shall violate any Public Park regulation. No person or Permit holder shall violate any rule or condition of a Permit.

B. Solicitation. No person shall solicit contributions, signatures, or money in any Public Park.

C. Alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances. The possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or controlled dangerous substances at any Public Park is prohibited.

D. Use of restroom facilities required. Urinating or defecating at any Public Park other than in the facilities provided for such purposes is prohibited.

E. Indecent conduct. In any Public Park no person shall:

(1) Engage in sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct as defined in § 11-101 of the Criminal Law Article, Annotated Code of Maryland;

(2) Possess or display obscene material;

(3) Display adult material as defined in Chapter 72 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County; or

(4) Be in a state of nudity or partial nudity as defined in Chapter 72 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County.

F. Obstructing entrances, exits, sidewalks. No persons shall congregate or assemble in or about any public structure at any Public Park in such a manner as to hinder or obstruct the proper use thereof.
G. Employees; interference with duties and programs. No person shall interfere with any County employee acting in the course of his or her official duties.

H. Disruption of activities. No person shall disrupt or obstruct participation in a County program or activity at a Public Park.

I. Unauthorized presence. A person requested to leave any Public Park by authorized personnel must do so immediately.

J. Destruction of property. No person shall deface, destroy, injure, misuse, or remove any Public Park property.

K. Littering, dumping, and storage. All Public Parks shall be kept free of Trash. All Trash shall be disposed of in receptacles provided for that purpose, if available, or transported and lawfully disposed of off site. No person shall dump or dispose of Trash except in designated receptacles, or bring Trash from off site and deposit it in public Trash receptacles. Any dumping or unauthorized use of any Trash receptacle shall be a violation of this Article.

L. Posting notices, carrying signs, and picketing. Attaching or posting of notices, signs, or any other objects and carrying signs or picketing at any Public Park is prohibited except by Permit.

M. Erecting structures. Enclosure of any area or erection of any structures at any Public Park is prohibited unless authorized by Permit.

N. Commercial use. Solicitation of or for any business, trade, or occupation at any Public Park or is strictly prohibited.

O. Audio devices and noise. No person shall play an audio device or create excessive noise in a manner or volume prohibited by any noise control or other applicable law or regulation or so as to unreasonably disturb the peaceful enjoyment of others.

P. Automobile service. No person shall service any automobile at any Public Park, including, but not limited to, washing, repairing, or performing other work, except in case of an emergency.

Q. Powered model airplanes and rockets. No powered model airplanes or rockets shall be flown or launched at any Public Park except in officially designated areas or by Permit.

R. Fireworks and explosives. No person shall possess or discharge any fireworks or other explosive pyrotechnics at any Public Park except by special Permit.

S. Weapons. No person shall carry or possess or discharge a bow and arrow, dart, rifle, pistol or other firearm of any type, knife with a blade of more than three inches in length, or other dangerous or concealed weapon at any Public Park except where permitted in designated areas. This provision does not apply to Police Officers or other authorized persons.
T. Gambling. No person shall engage in gaming or gambling in any form at any Public Park unless otherwise permitted by law and by written permission from the Director for charitable purposes.

U. Metal detectors; digging. Using metal detectors and/or digging into the surface of Public Parks is prohibited except by Permit.

V. Domesticated animals. No animal shall be brought onto the premises of any Public Park unless it is on a leash at all times, and is at all times entirely within the control of the person bringing it upon park property. Persons bringing any animal onto the premises of any Public Park are responsible for immediate cleanup and removal of the animal's defecation. The grazing of any animal is prohibited except in those areas under lease for such purpose. Persons shall not abandon any animal at any Public Park. Domestic animals are not permitted at any time in certain posted areas of Public Parks. Domestic animals trespassing upon Public Parks shall be impounded and shall be treated in accordance with applicable law.

W. Wildlife, plants, fossils, and minerals. No person shall pull, detach, pick, cut, catch, injure, destroy or interfere in any way with any wildlife, plants, fossils, or minerals, except as allowed by these rules and regulations or other applicable law. Animals shall not be released at Public Parks without permission. Planting vegetation or causing vegetation to be planted at Public Parks is prohibited except by Permit. No person shall cut, saw, or remove any live or dead vegetation, manually or with any type of equipment, power or otherwise, at Public Parks except by permission from the Department.

X. Lost and found items. Items of personal property found at Public Parks must be turned over to the Caroline County Sheriff’s Department or the Department and shall be recovered by proper identification. Lost objects will be held by the Department for three months.

Y. Intended use of park property. Use of Public Parks other than for the purposes for which such Public Parks are intended is prohibited without prior authorization.

§148.3.3. Regulation of recreational activities.

The following activities are restricted to designated areas:

A. Aeronautical activities. Airplanes, helium/hot air balloons, hang gliders, parachutes, ultralight planes, or any other aircraft, whether piloted or remotely operated, shall not be flown, launched, or landed at any Public Park or Public Landing except in officially designated areas by Permit.

B. Athletics. Persons holding a Permit for use of an athletic field are entitled to exclusive use of such areas on the dates and between the hours specified in the Permit. The privilege of play may be prohibited if wet grounds or other unsuitable conditions will cause damage to the field as determined within the discretion of the Director or his or her designee.
C. Bicycling. Bicycle riding is permitted only on a road or trail designated for such purpose, and is prohibited on tennis courts, athletic fields, and other areas not designated for bicycle use. Bicycle riding is subject to the following requirements:

(1) Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and equestrians along the trail.

(2) Bicycles shall not be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for existing conditions, and in no event shall bicycles be operated in excess of 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

(3) Bicycle trail users shall yield to vehicular traffic at intersecting roadways.

(4) Bicyclists and hikers shall keep right except to pass and bicyclists must alert other trail users before passing.

(5) Bicycle trails are considered to be Public Bicycle Areas and as such are subject to regulations in the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(6) Bicycle helmet laws are enforced on County property.

D. Boating. No boat or other motorized watercraft is allowed on the riverbanks of any County property except at designated Public Parks. Operators and occupants of permitted watercraft will comply with all County, state, and federal regulations governing the use and operation of watercraft. Parking of Boat Trailers is permitted by Permit only.

E. Camping. No person shall camp, loiter, or sleep at any Public Park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted, and in no event shall any person camp, loiter, or sleep in any vessel at any Public Landing for more than 72 hours. The Director may issue a written waiver from the requirements of this section.

F. Fires. Fires are permitted, but are restricted to established fireplaces constructed for this purpose and privately owned grills or stoves operated in designated areas. Before leaving the site, persons who have made fires shall wet the hot coals until they are thoroughly soaked and cold and shall dispose of the coals in steel receptacles marked "COALS ONLY," if available, or shall remove the coals from the Public Park or Public Landing. Building of fires may be prohibited or limited by the Director or his/her designee when a fire hazard exists.

G. Fishing and crabbing. Fishing is permitted only in designated areas and in compliance with Maryland State angler's license requirements. A person may crab at any Public Park or Public Landing except where otherwise posted.

H. Golf. Playing or practicing golf is not permitted except at golf courses.

I. Horseback riding. Horses are permitted only in designated or established areas and trails.

J. Hunting/trapping. Neither hunting nor trapping is permitted at Public Parks.
K. Picnicking. Picnicking is permitted only in designated picnic areas. Picnic areas not requiring a Permit are operated on a first-come-first-served basis.

L. Roller-skating/roller-blading/in-line skating and skateboards. Roller-skating, roller-blading, in-line skating, and skateboarding are permitted only in areas designated for such use. Skateboarding is prohibited on hiker/biker trails.

M. Swimming, water sports. Swimming and other water sports are permitted only in areas designated for such use.

N. Winter sports. Ice skating, sledding, skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling or tobogganing are permitted in Public Parks only where authorized by posted notice and only in accordance with special regulations on the posted notice.

O. Amusement/play equipment. The temporary construction and/or use of amusement play equipment such as moon bounces, carousels, dunk tank, ball crawls, or pony rides is prohibited except by special Permits.

§148.3.4. Violations and penalties.

Except as otherwise specifically provided for certain enumerated offenses, a violation of these rules and regulations shall constitute a Class F civil infraction under the authority of Chapter 92, Civil Infractions, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland, and shall be subject to an original preset penalty as set forth therein. The maximum civil penalty for an initial violation of this chapter shall be $100. The maximum civil penalty for a repeated violation of this chapter shall be $200. Each new day that the violation continues may constitute a separate and distinct civil infraction. An occurrence may contain more than one violation. Depending upon the nature and severity of a violation, a person violating these rules and regulations, or any provision of applicable law, may be barred from future admittance to or use of a Public Park.

ARTICLE IV
Public Landings

§148.4.1. General.

The regulations in this section are applicable to Public Landings and Public Parks having a Public Landing or similar facility, and are in addition to and not in substitution or reduction of any rules or regulations herein.

§148.4.2. Obstructions.

No vessel, vehicle, Boat Trailer, trailer, material, or equipment shall be used or placed to interfere with or obstruct the reasonable use and enjoyment of any Public Landing. Except
when in use as permitted by this Article, ramps are to be clear at all times. Any person who violates this section shall immediately cease any such interference and remove any such obstruction. Upon the failure or refusal to do so, the Department may immediately remove the same at the owner's risk and expense. If necessary to preserve or protect property, the Department may take temporary possession of the same. In that event, the Department shall mail a notice as required by Subsection E of this section.

A. Sunken vessels. The owner of any vessel that sinks at any Public Landing shall immediately, and in no event later than 24 hours after the sinking, notify the Department of the vessel's size and location and the water depth where the vessel sank. Immediately after the sinking of the vessel, the owner shall mark the sunken vessel with a buoy so as not to endanger other vessels. The owner shall raise and remove the sunken vessel within 72 hours after sinking. The Department may require immediate removal or otherwise shorten that time if the vessel poses a navigational or environmental hazard or interferes with the reasonable use of the Public Landing. If the owner of the sunken vessel fails to notify the Department as set forth herein, and if the vessel poses no hazard and does not interfere with the use of the Public Landing, the Department shall mail a notice to the owner as required by Subsection E of this section.

B. Inoperative vessels. The owner of any vessel which is inoperable shall remove it from the Public Landing. The Department shall mail a notice to the owner as required by Subsection E of this section.

C. Abandoned equipment. Anything in this Article to the contrary notwithstanding, no person shall abandon any marine or other equipment at any Public Landing. Any such item left longer than five consecutive days at any Public Landing is presumed abandoned and is subject to removal and disposal by or at the direction of the Department. In exigent circumstances, the Department may grant permission for temporary storage of equipment for a reasonable period of time. Absent permission, the owner of any such equipment, if known, shall be given 24 hours' notice to remove any such equipment, and upon failure to do so, the County may remove and store it at the owner's expense or dispose of it without further notice. The inability of the County or the Department to ascertain actual ownership shall not limit the Department’s right to remove or dispose of abandoned property under this section. If the owner is unknown, the Department shall provide notice by publication as provided in Subsection E(2) of this section.

D. Health or environmental hazard. The owner of any vessel, vehicle, trailer, material, or equipment creating a potential health or environmental hazard shall immediately eliminate the potential hazard and remove the item from the Public Landing. In the event the owner fails or neglects to do so, the Department may immediately remove the same at the owner's risk and expense. The Department shall mail a notice to the owner as required by Subsection E of this section.

E. Notice.

(1) Whenever notice is required by the terms of this Article or by law, the Department shall mail such notice to the registered owner, if known or reasonably determinable, by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice shall describe the vessel,
vehicle, trailer, material, or equipment and its location, shall notify the owner of the action required and the prescribed time for compliance, not exceeding 21 days. The notice shall also advise the owner that upon failure to comply, the property may be sold or otherwise disposed of at the owner's risk and expense; that the owner may be subject to additional penalties as provided in this Article or in the Code, administrative sanctions, revocation, cancellation, or termination of Public Landing Permits or slip rental agreements, and loss of title; and that the owner is responsible for payment of all costs incurred by the County in raising, moving, removing, storing, and/or disposing of the property and/or eliminating any environmental hazard.

(2) If the Department is unable to determine the owner of any item described in Subsections A through D, or if the notice sent by certified mail is returned as undeliverable or is unclaimed, the Department shall give the required notice by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County. The notice shall describe the item and its location, inform the owner of the right to reclaim the item within 21 days upon payment to the County of any expenses incurred to remove and store the item, including any cost incurred to eliminate any health or environmental hazard. The notice shall also state that failure to claim the item will constitute an abandonment and waiver of all right, title, and interest in the item and that the Department shall thereafter dispose of the item without further notice.

(3) If the owner fails to claim any vessel within 21 days after notice was given, the Department may sell the vessel at public auction, proceed to receive title to the vessel pursuant to § 8-722 of the Natural Resources Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, or otherwise dispose of the vessel.

§148.4.3. Parking; hours of operation.

A. Generally. Parking shall be permitted in designated areas only.

B. Parking. No vehicles shall be parked at any Public Landing between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted. Any unauthorized parking shall be a violation of this Article, and the vehicle may be immediately removed at the owner's expense. The Director, for good cause shown, may issue a written waiver from the requirements of this section.

C. Hours. Public Landings shall be closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted. During this time there shall be no trespassing at any Public Landing. The Director, for good cause shown, may issue a written waiver from the requirements of this section.

§148.4.4. Electrical service.

Unless provided by the County, no person shall extend or operate electrical service at a Public Landing without written authorization from the Department. At Public Landings with electrical

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service provided by the County, no person may utilize these services to operate any heating or air-conditioning system without prior written authorization from the Department.

§148.4.5. Closure of Public Landings.

If the Department determines that the condition of any Public Landing or portion thereof may endanger the safety of any person using the landing, the Department may close the Public Landing. Notice to that effect shall be prominently posted. Use of the Public Landing when closed is prohibited, and any such use is a violation of this Article.

§148.4.6. Public Landing Boat Trailer Fees.

A. The following fees shall be applicable for Boat Trailer Permits as provided for in Chapter 148:

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B. Fees adopted prior to the adoption of these Rules and Regulations, except as added or changed herein, shall continue in full force and effect until changed by action of the County Commissioners.

ARTICLE V
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ARTICLE VI
(Reserved)

ARTICLE VII
Miscellaneous

§148.7.1. Choptank Marina.

These Rules and Regulations are in addition to and not in substitution of the Revised Rules and Regulations for the Choptank Marine and Boat Ramp Facilities (the "Choptank Regulations") as adopted by Ordinance No. 91-002, except to the extent that the provisions governing the Permits for Boat Trailers as provided herein and in Chapter 148 of the Code of Public Local
Laws of Caroline County, Maryland, shall take precedence and, to the extent that any provision of these rules and regulations shall be different from a provision of the Choptank Regulations, the more restrictive regulation shall apply.