

Village of McFarland Watercraft Storage Guidelines & Procedure

APPLICANT

The Village of McFarland Public Works Department will recognize only the person whose signature appears on the Application/Agreement form as being the responsible holder of the watercraft rack. At no time may this individual sub-lease or receive moneys for the use of the leased rack.

For an applicant to be considered, all information under “applicant information” on watercraft storage permit form must be completely filled out.

PERMIT FEE STRUCTURE

\$75 for residents, \$150 for non-residents.

Permits run from April 1st of the current year to March 31st of the following year.

A resident is any person whom primary residence address is within the Village limits.

- The applicant agrees to pay in full the required rental amount before placing the watercraft on storage rack
- There will be no refunds of a watercraft storage permit.

PERMIT RENEWALS

Applicants with current storage permits have until the expiration of the current permit to renew in the same spot for the following year. If a current permit wishes to change storage positions, they must do so on April 1st. At that time, they may contact the Public Works Department to check availability.

REVOCAION OF PERMIT

Due to the limited amount of spaces, permits for the current year may be revoked in cases where the rack remains unused without sufficient case by the permittee for any consecutive 4-week period.

Advanced notification for an extended period of a vacant rack must be conveyed to the Public Works Department prior to removal. Each case will be reviewed, and a determination will be made if it will be permitted.

Vacated racks will be made available to the public on a first-come, first serve basis.

ACCEPTABLE WATERCRAFT (Type & Maximum Dimensions)

Acceptable watercrafts include: canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards.

Watercrafts must not exceed 80 pounds, 18 feet in length, 42 inches in width or 24 inches in height.

SECURING OF WATERCRAFT

It is mandatory that watercrafts be secured by owner's device to the assigned rack at both the front and the rear. This is to prevent the possibility of watercraft coming loose during high winds. When this occurs, damage to other watercrafts could be considered the liability of the rack holder who failed to secure their watercraft at both ends.

WATERCRAFT STORAGE RULES

1. Items stored in the storage area are limited to watercraft only. No unauthorized personal property is to be stored on the premises.
2. Racks cannot be modified. Premises are to be left in original condition in which they were issued.
3. Permit must be visible at all times.
4. Watercrafts must be fully contained within the designated space.
5. The Public Works Department Staff reserves the right to cut any lock and remove any watercraft, under any condition it deems necessary for the function of the watercraft storage program.
6. Watercraft must be secured to the boat storage rack. Owner accepts all liability for theft or damage to their property.

REMOVAL OF WATERCRAFTS

The applicant agrees to move or remove the watercraft at the direction of the Public Works Department staff at any time during this agreement if necessitated by unfavorable weather conditions or other emergency situations. The applicant will have 48 hours to move or remove the watercraft. If the watercraft is not removed within the 48-hour time frame, the Public Works staff will remove the watercraft. The Village will not be responsible for replacement of cut locks/securing devices, or damage to vessels as a result of removal. The watercraft will be held in a secure location until the owner is available to secure the watercraft to the storage rack.

Watercrafts without a valid Village permit will be removed. A service charge of \$50 will be required for property owners to reclaim their watercraft. A valid identification will be required to release the claimed watercraft. Permit holders will be provided notification of the impounded watercraft, and a 30-day notice to collect the craft. If the craft is not retrieved within 30 days, the watercraft will be considered abandoned and become the property of the Village. The Village will then dispose of the craft in accordance with Village Ordinance Sec. 2-933 *Disposal of surplus Village property*.

LIABILITY

The Village of McFarland expresses no warranty regarding the use of the craft storage rack during the period of this agreement. The Village will take no responsibility for any damage to private property that might occur during the term of this agreement. Village staff shall be held harmless through this agreement while performing the normal duties related to the maintenance and security of McDaniel and Jaeger parks.

* Lessee shall comply with all Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources boating regulations.