

**City of Traverse City  
Brown Bridge Quiet Area  
Rules**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of these rules is to regulate the City's property commonly known as the "Brown Bridge Quiet Area" in order to preserve it in its predominantly natural, scenic, forested and open space consistent with the management plan which has been adopted by the City Commission. The primary objectives of the management plan are to restore, preserve and protect the integrity of the natural environment while allowing public access to the property; protect natural resources and watersheds; maintain and enhance biodiversity, serenity and solitude; retain quality habitat for native plants and animals and enhance natural features.

**SECTION I- DEFINITIONS**

- 1) "Authorized Representative" shall mean any agency or individual authorized by the City.
- 2) "Brown Bridge Quiet Area" shall mean all lands, waters, and property so dedicated by the City of Traverse City (See Map).
- 3) "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons on the ground or in a tent, trailer-coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked, or placed on the premises within the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.
- 4) "City Clerk" shall mean the City Clerk of Traverse City or his/her designee.
- 5) "City Manager" shall mean the City Manager of Traverse City or his/her designee.
- 6) "Commission" shall mean the City Commission of Traverse City.
- 7) "Core Area" shall mean all City-owned land south of Hobbs Highway and Ranch Rudolf Road and north of Brown Bridge Road, extending to the east and west property lines of the Quiet Area not including the Grasshopper Ranch property (See Attached Map).
- 8) "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- 9) "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the East Bay Township Board of Trustees applicable to the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.
- 10) "Township" shall mean East Bay Township.
- 11) "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle" (UAV), commonly known as a drone, shall mean any aircraft without a human pilot aboard.

**SECTION II- APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to the Brown Bridge Quiet Area owned by the City of Traverse City.

**SECTION III- HOURS**

No person shall remain upon the Brown Bridge Quiet Area property between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless authorized by an Authorized Representative.

**SECTION IV- TRESPASS**

It shall be prohibited for any person to enter upon any portion of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area which has been designated as closed to public use or entry unless with permission by the City Manager or an Authorized Representative.

**SECTION V- VANDALISM**

No person shall, upon the Brown Bridge Quiet Area property destroy, damage, injure, deface, or remove or plant any tree, shrub, wildflower, or other vegetation, or destroy, damage, injure, deface, or remove any publicly owned property unless approval is granted by an Authorized Representative.

**SECTION VI- FIRES AND FIREWORKS**

No person shall build any fire or ignite or discharge fireworks or paper sky lanterns upon Brown Bridge Quiet Area Property. Open flames of any kind are prohibited.

**SECTION VII- FISH AND WILDLIFE**

Except for research, educational functions, and wildlife control, and upon the approval of the City Manager or Authorized Representative, no person shall attempt to hunt, bait, trap, catch, wound, kill, or treat cruelly any bird or animal; molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land or waters of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area. However hunting outside the “Core Area” and fishing will be permitted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the rules of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan in areas designated for such purposes.

**SECTION VIII- CONTRABAND**

Except for research, educational functions, and wildlife control, and upon the approval of the City Manager or Authorized Representative, all game animals, fowl, birds, fish, and other aquatic life, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, or other vegetation taken or in possession of any person contrary to any of the provision hereof shall be subject to seizure and confiscation and shall be turned over to an Authorized Representative or the City of Traverse City for disposal.

**SECTION IX- FIREARMS**

No person shall at any time discharge within the Core Area of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area any firearm, revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air rifle, air gun, bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force, unless for wildlife management purposes, then only with written permission from the City Manager or Authorized Representative. This section shall not apply to any peace officer or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position.

**SECTION X- CAMPING**

There shall be no camping in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area without written permission from an Authorized Representative.

**SECTION XI- PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS**

It shall be prohibited for any person to:

- (a) Stop, stand, or park any vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.
- (b) Stop, stand, or park any vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
- (c) Leave a parked vehicle in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless authorized by an Authorized Representative.

**SECTION XII- MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES**

It shall be prohibited for any person to operate a motor-driven, tracked, or wheeled vehicle of any kind or nature anywhere in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area *except* on designated County Roads, Well Site Access roads, or in designated parking areas without permission from an Authorized Representative.

**SECTION XIII- OPERATION OF BICYCLES**

It shall be prohibited for a bicyclist to operate a bicycle upon any path or trail other than those designated for bicycles in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.

**SECTION XIV- HINDERING EMPLOYEES**

No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or Authorized Representative while performing official duties, including the enforcement of these rules.

**SECTION XV- PERSONAL CONDUCT**

It shall be prohibited for any person to create a disturbance which will unreasonably impair the quiet enjoyment of other members of the public using the premises.

**SECTION XVI- LITTERING AND POLLUTION OF WATERS**

It shall be prohibited:

- (a) To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or description in or upon the Brown Bridge Quiet Area, except by placing refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
- (b) To discard refuse, garbage, or other materials of any kind or description from areas outside of the Brown Bridge Quiet Area in or upon the Brown Bridge Quiet Area.

**SECTION XVII- DOGS, PETS, OR OTHER ANIMALS**

It shall be prohibited for any persons while in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area to:

- (a) Have any dog or other pet unless the dog or pet is kept on a leash not over eight feet in length, and under the immediate control of a responsible person.
- (b) Ride, lead, or cause a horse to be upon the property except by written permission of an Authorized Representative or on trails posted for such activities.

**SECTION XVIII- UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)/DRONES**

No Person shall operate, fly, take off, land, or permit or authorize the operation of a UAV/drone over or in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area property unless expressly permitted by law or by written permission from the City of Traverse City or an authorized agent. All expressly permitted exceptions shall be in strict compliance with applicable laws governing such flight, including rules promulgated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**SECTION XIX- USES PROHIBITED**

(a) As a City-owned property, any activity that has an attraction to the public in the Brown Bridge Quiet Area is prohibited unless a waiver is granted by the City Manager and a Park and Public Land Usage Permit is issued by the City Clerk.

(b) Any use which causes a disturbance or has an impact on the trails or infrastructure of Brown Bridge Quiet Area, or is incompatible with the intended purpose of the Brown Bridge Quiet area is prohibited unless specifically approved in writing by an Authorized Representative.

(c) Any use which is prohibited under Federal Law, State Law and local ordinances.

**SECTION XX- ENFORCEMENT**

These rules shall be enforceable by any Authorized Representative including but not limited to the Grand Traverse Conservation District, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and officers of any authorized governmental agency having jurisdiction.

**SECTION XXI- PENALTY**

The City shall have the right to pursue any remedy available under these Rules or any other local, State, or Federal regulation against any person violating any provision of these Rules.

I hereby certify that the above policy was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Traverse City at its regular meeting of December 17, 2018, held in the Commission chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan

  
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Benjamin C. Marentette, CMC, City Clerk