

City of Hillsdale
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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Baw Beese Lake Dock Space Rental Policy
(Revised, 2024)

1. Dock Space Rental Fee Schedule (April 15 – October 15):

City of Hillsdale Resident	\$450.00
Non City of Hillsdale Resident	\$575.00
Premium Dock Space City of Hillsdale Resident	\$500.00
Premium Dock Space Non City of Hillsdale Resident	\$625.00

- a. Fees include two (2) Season Admission passes to Sandy Beach. Passes are received at time of rental payment if paying in person or mailed if payment is mailed. Passes are assigned to vehicles and must be displayed on the vehicle. Renters are responsible for safeguarding their season passes. There will be **NO REPLACEMENT PASSES ISSUED FOR ANY REASON**. If a pass is lost or stolen, a replacement pass must be purchased in the amount of \$25.00. If multiple vehicles are used, additional passes may be purchased in the amount of \$25.00.
 - b. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PASS TO ENTER SANDY BEACH**. If you do not have your pass, the daily fee will be charged. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
 - c. **SMOKING AND ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED AT SANDY BEACH**
 - d. **NO ANIMALS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AT SANDY BEACH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DOCUMENTED SERVICE ANIMALS**
2. All dock spaces will be rented on a first-come first-served basis. However, current dock space renters will be given preference. Payment for ½ of the dock space rental is due no later than February 15th with the balance due no later than April 15th of the year the dock space is to be used. Reservations of the dock space shall not be considered completed *if ½ of the required fee is not received by February 15th. This also applies if the remaining balance is not received by April 15th.* Refunds will be made only if the City is able to fully rent the dock space in question.

3. Reservations for dock spaces will be taken throughout the year beginning September 1st for the following year's boating season. If dock slips are not available, potential renters will be placed on a waiting list in the order they have contacted the Recreation Department.
4. Renter may rent no more than two (2) dock spaces per season effective September 1, 2022. Renters with more than two (s) spaces in years prior to September 1, 2022 may continue to rent those spaces but may not acquire additional spaces.
5. Each dock space is allotted 16 ft. of lake frontage. Each space begins at a designated marker and continues to the left for 16 feet (facing the water). Two alignment markers have been placed at each space. The second marker is 16' behind the marker at the shoreline. Renter shall utilize both alignment markers when installing a dock.
6. Renters are permitted a total of 50 linear feet of docking space. The maximum dock length is 35 feet.
7. Premium dock space renters are required to have their first section of dock a minimum of 3ft. or maximum of 4 ft. wide. Brackets to attach the dock to the wharf are available at the Recreation Department office.
8. No alteration of any kind shall be made to the shoreline by renter or agents of the renter without written consent of the Department of Public Services Director. This includes, but is not limited to, cutting the shore line for the installation of a dock, stairs, or decks. Sod/dirt is not to be removed. Renter shall be assessed \$250.00 and will be responsible for the cost to repair any such alteration over and above the assessed amount.
 - a. Renter agrees and acknowledges his/her responsibility and liability for the payment of an amount equal to the labor and equipment costs that the City incurs in completing or contracting for the restoration of the property to a condition that is equal to that which existed immediately prior to the alteration, plus an administrative charge of 10%. All such costs and expenses shall be charged against and deducted from the \$250.00 assessment. In the event the assessed fee is not sufficient to cover all such costs and expenses, Renter will promptly pay any deficiency.
9. Renters are responsible for maintaining a safe environment during their occupation of a rented dock space. This includes any APPROVED construction or use of private materials to enhance the rented dock space. There shall be no permanent structures installed on land or in the water. **Renter shall be responsible for maintaining insurance on any and all property placed on such rented space.**
10. **No vehicles hauling a trailer are allowed to park on the point of Sandy Beach, which is the area beyond the volleyball courts. Trailers parked in this area may be subject to ticketing by law enforcement.** Please park in the area adjacent to the beach house.
11. Due to the close proximity of the other dock space renters, please show restraint and moderation in your activities so as not to infringe upon the enjoyment of those in adjacent dock spaces.
12. Renters along the Owen Memorial shoreline must leave sufficient space for disc golfers to play through.
13. No parking on grass (spaces 1-43). Renter will be allowed parking on grass at the beginning of the docking season for the sole purpose of installation and again to uninstall at the end of the season.

14. Garbage barrels and picnic tables are placed at the park for your convenience and should be left in their general locations.
14. It is the responsibility of the dock space renter to notify the Recreation Department of any changes of status: i.e. name, current address, telephone number, etc.
15. Dock space rental agreements are non-transferable, and slips may not be used by, leased or transferred to any other individual, company, or corporation unless approval is given by the City of Hillsdale Recreation Department.
16. Renter shall be solely responsible for removing any and all private materials from City property, along the shoreline and in the water as well. *These materials include docks, poles, and any and all other property belonging to the renter.* In the event they are not removed by October 15th, the City will cause such remaining items to be removed and the renter will be assessed \$350.00 for the removal process. In addition to being billed, the renter shall lose the privilege to rent a slip for one year and until the \$350.00 assessment is paid. Thereafter, the renter will be placed on a waiting list for future dock space openings.
18. Dock space renters are required to observe all laws in the State of Michigan when boating in Baw Beese Lake.
19. NO ATVs, ORVs, UTVs, or GOLF CARTS ARE ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS OR ROADS. OFFENDERS MAY BE SUBJECTED TO TICKETING BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Dock Space Rental Agreement for SPACE(S): _____

By signing and returning this form with my/our deposit I/we hereby agree to abide by the above mentioned rules and regulations which are incorporated in and made a part hereof by reference.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The agreement between The City of Hillsdale and Dock renter will not be complete nor will seasonal passes be issued until this form is returned signed and accompanied by payment in full for the dock slip the renter is renting for the current year.
In the event the renter is married, the spouse must also sign this Agreement.