

# WELCOME TO MISSION LAKE



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Camping, Boating, Fishing, Skiing  
Jet Skiing, Parks and Playgrounds

Horton Mission Lake  
1895 Wilson Drive  
Horton, KS 66439

# HORTON

## Parks and Recreation System

### WELCOME TO MISSION LAKE

LAKE CARETAKER  
Cell: 785-741-2586

We hope that you find our lakes and parks to your liking.  
If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact  
the Mission Lake Caretaker or Horton City Hall at  
205 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, or 785-486-2681.



## PARK AND LAKE REGULATIONS

**PARKS AND LAKES; PUBLIC USES WATER SUPPLY.** The lakes, known as Horton Mission Lake and Little Lake, and all the city owned and operated land adjacent to the lakes, located in Section 21 and 28 in Township 4 South, Range 17 East in Brown County, Kansas, are opened to public use as a park and recreation area, but only so far as such public use of the lakes does not conflict with the use of the lakes as a supplemental municipal water supply. (Ord. 908, Sec. 1)

**ADOPTION OF STANDARD CODES.** The provisions of this article shall be cumulative to and supplemental to the ordinances of the city. All existing ordinances of the city, including ordinances adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code, are applicable to offenses occurring on the lakes, parks and adjacent areas described above. (Uniform Public Offense Code for KS Cities)

### **PUBLIC OFFENSES IN PARKS, LAKES, AND ADJACENT AREAS.**

The following acts shall be unlawful in Horton Mission Lake, Park Lake and all city owned land adjacent thereto.

- a) Intentionally injuring, destroying, disfiguring any fence, sign, gatepost, bench, table, boat dock, building or other such property; including but not limited to the peeling of bark from trees, carving and chopping of trees, cutting branches, driving nails into trees, digging ground from the roots of trees and the removal of trees, shrubs and plants, the picking of flowers and such acts injuring the public lands.
- b) Carrying or possessing any firearm thereon.
- c) Littering, which for the purpose of the article shall be defined as follows: Intentionally dumping, throwing, placing, depositing, or leaving or causing to be dumped, thrown, deposited or left, any refuse of any kind or any object or substance which tends to pollute, mar or deface, into, upon or about the above described Horton Mission Lake, Park Lake and lands adjacent thereto.
- d) Intentionally damaging any seats, table or other park equipment located within the Horton Mission Lake, Park Lake and all land adjacent thereto as described above.
- e) Discarding any waste in the vicinity of a well or spring, urinating or defecating at any location other than toilets provided for the same.
- f) The riding of horses or the driving of automobiles or other motor vehicles on any children's playgrounds, bathing beaches or areas posted against such traffic use.
- g) Disorderly Conduct: With knowledge or probable cause to believe that such acts will alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or other breach of the peace;
- h) Engage in brawling or fighting;
- i) Disturbing an assembly, meeting or procession, not unlawful in this character; or
- j) Using offensive, obscene, or abusive language or engaging in noisy conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger or cause resentment in others.
- k) Operate a motor vehicle on a park road at a speed in excess of 20 M.P.H. except where otherwise posted.
- l) Bathing, swimming or wading except in accordance with posted regulations.
- m) Fishing in the lakes without a Kansas State fishing license unless exempted by the fish and game laws in the State of Kansas.
- n) Theft of services. Failure to pay is a serious offense.
- o) Violating any posted signs or regulations.

## CAMPGROUND AGREEMENT

1. Camper desires to camp at the Mission Lake or Park Lake, which is part of the property owned and operated by the City of Horton.
2. Camper desires to purchase a permit to camp. Summer season only, at the rate of \$300.00 per season (plus \$50.00 for early sign-ups). Starting April 1 to October 31.

All campers are expected to be removed on the last day of each season. Starting the Monday after the last day of the camping season (October 31<sup>st</sup>), there will be a charge of \$8.00 per day on any campers left parked at Mission Lake.

3. Electricity will be billed by the city for each campsite on the last day of each month, and mailed to your home address. There will be a minimum monthly charge of \$8.00 per site in addition to any actual electric usage. Payment is due by the 16th of each month by 5:00 p.m. Payments can be mailed directly to the City of Horton, paid at City Hall, or given to the lake caretaker. If the caretaker is not available, use the envelopes provided in the drop box outside the caretaker's office. If electric payments are not received by 10 days after the 16th and the problem persists, the camper may be subject to eviction from the lake.
4. Camper hereby agrees to abide by all ordinances of the City of Horton, Kansas, including Article 3 of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Horton. Camper further agrees to maintain the area within 10 feet on which camper sets camping trailer in a reasonable and clean condition. Camper shall keep the area within 10 feet on which camper sets camper's camping trailer or other camping device free from trash, litter, and other public nuisance. Camper shall also cut, trim and otherwise maintain the grass within 10 feet on which camper sets camper's camping trailer.
5. If camper fails to comply with paragraph three or otherwise violates any other ordinance of the code of the City of Horton, Kansas, the City of Horton, Kansas has the option to correct the violation and charge the cost of the correction, and/or at the option of the City of Horton, Kansas, forcing the removal of the camper without refund of any portion of the permit fee paid.
6. The City of Horton, Kansas, subject to availability, will provide a place for camper to set camper's camping trailer or other camping device. The City of Horton, Kansas does not guarantee the availability of any specific space.
7. If camper forfeits their spot before the end of the camping season, there will be no refund given, and camping spot will go back to the City of Horton for reassignment. The camping spots are the property of the City of Horton, not the camper.



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# LAKE CAMPING SPOTS



## CAMPING REGULATIONS

There shall be two classifications of rates for camping in the Horton Mission Lake, Park Lake and other land adjacent thereto. (See map of camping locations.)

- A) The daily camping rate:  
Fees: 14 day spots - \$17.00 per day  
Tents - \$17.00 per day- Tents will only be allowed in designated tent spots or with an occupied camping spot (adjacent to occupied camping trailer)
- 1) A daily camping permit will allow camping for one night. Camp must be broken by 12:00 p.m. the afternoon following the last paid night.
- B) A yearly camping permit:  
Fee: \$300.00 per season
- 1) Camping shall be in designated areas only.
- 2) No hose, piping, or other appurtenance shall be attached to any hydrant or faucet and left unattended for more than 30 minutes.
- 3) Private wastewater disposal systems for these temporary or seasonal accommodations are prohibited.
- C) General Rules
- 1) Permits may be issued out to persons using tents, sleeping vans, motor coaches, travel trailers and pickup slide in units. No construction site trailers are allowed; modified or not. Stock trailers with living quarters are allowed but only if stock trailer is empty and free of animals and inside is in clean condition. No odors offensive to other campers will be tolerated. Any additional portable equipment or structures brought to campsite must have prior approval by the city.
- 2) Person shall sign a Campground Agreement contract at time of booking camping spot.
- 3) Each resident is responsible for the upkeep of their campsite. This also includes appearance of camper on site. If your campsite/camper is not maintained up to campground facilities standards you will be assessed for the labor charges to correct the situation. Payment is due in full 30 days from date of invoice. Camping resident(s) may be evicted from site with no refund. At which time, the site can be sold to another person.
- 4) No portable outside toilets may be brought to the Mission Lake Campgrounds.
- 5) You must be 18 years of age to purchase a campsite with a valid driver's license.
- 6) All campers must be positioned on the camping pad (if available).
- 7) Any property left unused or unoccupied for 48 hours after paid reservation is subject to removal.
- 8) Deposit all trash in dumpsters provided around the lake. Trash barrels are not provided.
- 9) There is to be no swimming at boat ramp and boat ramp dock area.
- 10) All pets shall be on a leash at all times.



## PARKING RULES



- a) Trailers shall be parked only on camping pads or in designated areas. They may be either backed into or pulled into the campsite. Towing vehicles shall not block access of other campers of the lake. (Uniform Public Offence Code for KS cities)
- b) Trailers or towing vehicles that block access to electric and any other utilities will pay that utility fee for each day.
- c) Trailers can only be parked in the designated 14 day camping spot for the designated time only, and must be removed from the 14 day camping spot for a minimum of one day after this time before being allowed to return.
- d) There shall be no wastewater discharge of any type allowed in the lake areas. The wastewater discharge is allowed only at the Camper Dump Station located at 15<sup>th</sup> & Wilson Drive and at lake by caretakers ground. The city may provide sewage dumping on bi-weekly bases, for \$25 per dump if enough campers show interest and sign an agreement.



## FISHING REGULATIONS

All individuals fishing at the Horton Little Lake or Horton Mission Lake are subject to compliance with Kansas Fishing Regulations manuals. These are available at the Horton City Hall.



## BOATING REGULATIONS

- A) Little Lake: Boats with gasoline motors are not permitted on the Park Lake, whether or not gasoline engine is being used.
- B) Horton Mission Lake: All boats powered or motor powered are permitted, however every boat will obtain a boating permit (\$6.00 daily or \$90.00 for the season) before launching. Every boat whether manually powered or motor driven will meet state safety regulations as follows:
  - 1) Boats must operate in counter clockwise course, no criss-crossing through traffic.
  - 2) Boats are not permitted in area restricted for fishing unless a trolling speed (under 5 M.P.H.) is maintained. (NO WAKE)
  - 3) Fishing from fishing boats in ski area will not be permitted from sunrise to sunset, if skiers are present.
  - 4) All boats on the lake at dusk (when lights are turned on) must reduce trolling speed not to exceed five (5) M.P.H. All boats on the lake after dark must have a light visible at all times, and from all directions.
  - 5) Person using boats do so at their own risk.
  - 6) Failure to obtain a license will result in a fine of \$50.
  - 7) State boating and fishing regulations are available at the Caretaker's office.
  - 8) Seasonal boating/Jet Ski stickers must be placed on driver side front bow area.
  - 9) There is to be no swimming at boat ramp or boat dock area.





## JET SKIS

All Jet Ski operators shall comply with Kansas law, which states:

- a) Watercrafts must operate in counter-clockwise course, no criss-crossing through traffic.
- b) All watercrafts powered or motor powered are permitted, however every boat will obtain a boating permit (\$6.00 daily or \$90.00 for the season) before launching.



## SWIMMING REGULATIONS

Swimming and wading are permitted within a 50 foot radius of approved docks, or within a 25 foot radius of a boat in “no wake” zones. The following regulations shall apply to all activities in approved swimming areas:

### 6.1 NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY

All persons shall use the swimming area entirely at their own risk. A life vest must be worn at all times. No lifeguard is on duty at the swimming areas at any time.

### 6.2 AGE RESTRICTION

No person shall permit any child fourteen (14) years of age or less to use the designated swimming areas unless such child is under the direct supervision of a parent, guardian, or responsible companion eighteen (18) years of age or older.

### 6.3 CLOSING OF SWIMMING AREAS

The swimming areas shall be closed between sunset and sunrise or at any other time the City Clerk or designee deems necessary or as established by posted notice.

### 6.4 GLASS AND SHARP OBJECTS PROHIBITED

Bottles, jars, or containers made of glass; other glass objects; or knives and other sharp objects are not allowed in the designated swimming areas or in the parking lots of said swimming areas.

### 6.5 ANIMALS AND PETS PROHIBITED

No animals or pets are allowed in the designated swimming areas except those assisting handicapped individuals.

### 6.6 SWIMMING AIDS

Inner tubes, air mattresses, or other swimming aids are allowed in the swimming area until the use of such aids interferes with other swimmers' use of the swimming areas.





## DOCK AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, between City of Horton, herein referred to as FIRST PARTY and \_\_\_\_\_, herein referred to as SECOND PARTY, is as follows:

WHEREAS, FIRST PARTY owns a lake, known as Mission Lake, to provide recreational opportunities, including fishing and boating;  
and

WHEREAS, SECOND PARTY desires to provide and install, at Second Party's expense a private dock.

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have reached certain oral understandings regarding the above transaction which they now wish to reduce to writing.

NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the promises, made one to the other, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. FIRST PARTY does hereby give unto the SECOND PARTY authorization to install a private dock, subject to others using said dock with owner's permission, when not in use by owner. SECOND PARTY shall have first priority of use, at all times.

SECTION 2. SECOND PARTY promises to:

- (A) Maintain the dock in good repair
- (B) Place a visible sign on the dock showing boat number (if applicable), and/or campsite number
- (C) If repairs are not made within 10 days of written notice from the City to the dock owner, the City of Horton hereby has the right to remove the dock, or in the alternative, repair and maintain the dock as a public facility, and the dock shall lose the status of a private dock, and shall become a public dock, at which time the "Private Dock" sign shall be removed. Written notice shall be sent to the last known address of the Dock owner, certified, return receipt requested. If the certified letter is returned to the City after attempting to be served, then the City shall send the letter by regular mail to the last known address. This shall suffice as service upon the dock owner.
- (D) Obtain authorization from Lake Offices and park board before a private dock may be put in or moved within Mission Lake.

SECTION 3. In addition, SECOND PARTY agrees to indemnify and hold FIRST PARTY harmless from any and all losses or actions that may arise as a result of any claims for personal injury or otherwise. The owner shall maintain insurance on the dock at all times.

SECTION 4. This agreement may be terminated by the FIRST PARTY giving 10 days written notice to SECOND PARTY.

SECTION 5. A notice required or permitted to be given by the terms of this agreement shall, in all cases be construed to mean notices in writing, signed by or on behalf of the party giving the notice. Any notice may be served either on the other party or the agent for the other party.

SECTION 6. It is agreed that this agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

SECTION 7. This agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties, and any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this agreement shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent expressly set forth in this agreement.

SECTION 8. Any modification of this agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party.

SECTION 9. Neither party shall sell, assign, or transfer this contract or any interest acquired hereby in or to said property without obtaining the written consent of the other party.

SECTION 10. That the terms and provisions hereof shall extend to and be binding upon all parties executing this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement the day and year above stated.

FIRST PARTY:

SECOND PARTY:

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### Important Numbers

|                                  |                     |                                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Brown County Sheriff</b>      | 911 or 785-742-2125 | 706 Utah St. Hiawatha, KS. 66434 |
| <b>Horton Community Hospital</b> | 785-879-4357        | 240 West 18 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| <b>Horton Police Department</b>  | 911 or 785-486-2694 | 205 East 8 <sup>th</sup> Street  |

### Other Numbers of Interest

|                       |              |                                 |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Horton City Hall      | 785-486-2681 | 205 East 8 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| Horton Golf Course    | 785-486-3829 | 1566 120 <sup>th</sup> Road     |
| Horton Health Clinic  | 785-879-4325 | 1903 Euclid Avenue              |
| Horton Post Office    | 785-486-3561 | 825 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue East |
| Horton Public Library | 785-486-3326 | 809 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue East |

### Local Churches

|                                 |              |                                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Church of the Lord Jesus Christ | 785-486-3862 | 1209 Central Avenue              |
| First Baptist Church            | 785-486-2286 | 400 East 16 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| First Christian Church          | 785-486-3516 | 1244 Central Avenue              |
| First United Methodist Church   | 785-486-2349 | 130 East 10 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| St. Leo's Catholic Church       | 785-486-3971 | 1340 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue East |

### A few local businesses

#### **Auto Parts:**

|              |              |                    |
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| Central Auto | 785-486-2524 | 905 Central Avenue |
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#### **Auto Repair:**

|                    |              |                                  |
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| Al's Motor Service | 785-486-3728 | 936 Central Avenue               |
| Doug's Repair      | 785-486-2621 | 444 Central Avenue               |
| Horton T. Tire     | 785-486-2181 | 424 East 14 <sup>th</sup> Street |

#### **Dining:**

|                   |              |                                  |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Bredeaux Pizza    | 785-486-2602 | 110 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street  |
| OK Corral         | 785-486-6650 | 249 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| Blue Ribbon Diner | 785-487-1765 | 115 East 7 <sup>th</sup> Street  |
| Grandma's Depot   | 785-486-6606 | 130 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street |

#### **Gas Stations/Convenience Store:**

|               |              |                                 |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Super Store   | 785-486-2988 | 1450 Central Avenue             |
| Lentz Express | 785-486-0172 | 729 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue East |

#### **Grocery Store:**

|                 |              |                                  |
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| Jim's Thriftway | 785-486-2170 | 240 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street |
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#### **Hardware Store:**

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| Compton Hardware & Lumber | 785-486-3726 | 326 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street |
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#### **Stores:**

|                            |              |                                  |
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| Dollar General             | 785-486-2591 | 401 East 15 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| The Electric City Emporium | 785-486-2257 | 140 East 8 <sup>th</sup> Street  |
| R Bar B                    | 785-487-7272 | 132 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street  |
| Fiabesco                   | 785-548-5768 | 841 Central Avenue               |

Please visit [cityofhorton@hortonkansas.com](mailto:cityofhorton@hortonkansas.com) for more information.