



*City Manager's Office*

**Cedar Springs City Hall  
66 S. Main St. PO Box 310  
Cedar Springs, MI 49319**

**09-05-19**

**RE: Metal Detecting Policy**

The use of metal detectors is allowed within City of Cedar Springs parks, free of charge and without a permit so long as the metal detectorist complies with certain rules and requirements:

1. Permitted excavation/probing tools shall be less than 4 inches in width and less than 12 inches in length.
2. No area near playgrounds, pavilions or buildings may not be explored by digging/excavation but may be probed.
3. All disturbed areas must be returned to their original condition so that there is no noticeable impact to the park property resulting from the metal detecting activity.
4. All trash and scrap metal shall be removed and disposed of appropriately.
5. Metal detecting activity shall not interfere with other park uses, activities or events.
6. Metal detecting shall not be performed in Elmwood Cemetery.
7. Only surface detecting (no digging/excavating or probing) is allowed where irrigation lines exist including on Skinner Field and at the Heart of Cedar Springs/Library Grounds.
8. The maximum depth of excavation/digging permitted anywhere in the City is 6 inches depth.
9. Any find of historical or archaeological value or significance shall be brought to the Cedar Springs Historical Society for review. The location of the find shall be logged and provided to the Historical Society upon request. Items of archeological or historical significance will be evaluated by the Cedar Springs Historical Society for retention and display in the museum, or donation to another local historic organization as deemed appropriate. The person locating the object will be given credit for the find upon request.
10. Any find that is identifiable as personal property, including jewelry, which does not belong to the metal-detectorist, shall be turned into City Hall so that attempts can be made to return the item to the original owner. If the owner can be identified it shall be returned to the owner. If the owner cannot be identified within a reasonable period of time, the item shall be returned to the metal detectorist to keep or it shall be disposed of under City policies regarding lost and found items.

11. Any find that is potentially indicative of criminal activity (weapons/human-remains) shall notify the Kent County Sheriff's department immediately.
12. Requests for permission to temporarily use metal detectors in restricted areas shall be directed to the Director of Public Works.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Womack", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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