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9900.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Admission area.** "Admission area" means those parts of the Minnesota Zoological Garden except the roadway entrance to the parking areas and the parking areas.

Subp. 2. **Beer.** "Beer" means any alcoholic malt beverage containing not more than 3.2 percent of alcohol by weight.

Subp. 3. **Controlled substances.** "Controlled substances" means any drug, the use, possession, or sale of which is a violation of federal or Minnesota law.

Subp. 4. **Director.** "Director" means the chief executive officer of the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

Subp. 5. **Intoxicating liquor.** "Intoxicating liquor" means any liquor which is intoxicating pursuant to Minnesota law and includes ethyl alcohol, distilled, fermented, spirituous, vinous, and malt beverages containing in excess of 3.2 percent of alcohol by weight.

Subp. 6. **Motorized recreational vehicle.** "Motorized recreational vehicle" means any self-propelled, off-the-road, or all terrain conveyance, including but not limited to a snowmobile, minibike, amphibious vehicle, motorcycle, go-cart, trail bike, or dune buggy.

Subp. 7. **Parking areas.** "Parking areas" means those parts of the Minnesota Zoological Garden premises which are designated for public parking.

Subp. 8. **Vehicle.** "Vehicle" means any motorized, self-propelled, animal-drawn, or human-powered conveyance, including motorized recreation vehicles, and any trailer used in connection with any vehicle with the exception

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of wheelchairs, baby strollers, or other conveyances necessary for the pedestrian movement of the handicapped, children, or infants.

Subp. 9. **Weapon.** "Weapon" means any instrument the possession of which is unlawful under Minnesota law and any device from which shot or projectile of any type can be discharged by means of an explosive, gas, or compressed air, or otherwise propelled, including but not limited to firearms, bows and arrows, slings, and spring guns.

Subp. 10. **Wildlife.** "Wildlife" means all living creatures, not human, who are by nature endowed with sensation and power of voluntary motion.

Subp. 11. **Zoo premises.** "Zoo premises" means the entire real estate, personal property, and air space owned or controlled by the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

Subp. 12. **Zoo visitor.** "Zoo visitor" means any person or legal entity of any kind entering or occupying any part of the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.0200 APPLICABILITY OF RULES.

These rules shall apply to all persons on the zoo premises or causing any effect upon or within the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

ADMISSION TO ZOO

9900.0300 TICKETS OR PASSES.

It is unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter the zoo premises without a valid ticket or pass.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.0400 ENTRY AT DESIGNATED ENTRANCES.

It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter the zoo premises except at designated entrances.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.0500 HOURS OF ZOO.

The hours during which zoo visitors may be on zoo premises shall be designated by the director. It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to enter or be on zoo premises except during such hours.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.0600 CLOSING ZOO PREMISES.

The zoo premises or any portion thereof may be declared closed to the public by the director at any time and for any interval of time as the director shall find reasonably necessary, and the presence of any person or vehicle in such area is prohibited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.0700 RESTRICTED AREAS.

It shall be unlawful for any person or vehicle to pass into any posted restricted area, except that entry into restricted areas shall be permitted in such areas as the director may specifically designate when such admittance is under the auspices and control of any authorized special tour guided by zoo personnel.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

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WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

9900.1300 PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

It is unlawful for any person to injure, destroy, or remove any wildlife, vegetation, rock, soil, or mineral on the zoo premises or to kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner intentionally disturb, alter, or cause to be disturbed or altered any species of wildlife within or on the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.1400 RELEASE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS.

It is unlawful for any person to release on the zoo premises any chemical or other toxic agent harmful or potentially harmful to the wildlife or vegetation of the zoo.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.1500 PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE.

It is unlawful for any person to attempt to make or to make physical contact with any wildlife on the zoo premises except as authorized in contact areas of the children's zoo.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.1600 AUDIBLE HARASSMENT OF WILDLIFE.

It is unlawful for any person to attempt to use or to use any audible means for the purpose of agitating the wildlife on the zoo premises to the point of harming themselves, other wildlife, or zoo visitors, or damaging the physical property of the zoo.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.1700 FEEDING WILDLIFE.

It is unlawful to feed any species of wildlife on the zoo premises except as specifically authorized in designated areas.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.1800 BRINGING, POSSESSING, ABANDONING, OR RELEASING WILDLIFE ON ZOO PREMISES.

It is unlawful for any person to bring, possess, abandon, or release on the zoo premises any wildlife including domestic animals.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.1900 BRINGING PETS TO THE ZOO.

It is unlawful for any person to bring any dog, cat, or other domesticated animal or pet onto the zoo premises except on a leash and then only into the parking areas with the exception of hearing ear/seeing eye dogs properly identified as such.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.2000 HORSES ON ZOO PREMISES.

Horses are prohibited on the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

FOOD, BEVERAGES, AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

9900.2600 COOKOUTS AND FIRES.

Cookouts and barbecues and other open fires of any kind are prohibited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

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9900.2700 TAILGATING AND PICNICKING.

Tailgating and picnicking shall be permitted in designated areas only.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.2800 INTOXICATING LIQUORS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND BEER.

It is unlawful to use any intoxicating liquor, controlled substances, or beer on the zoo premises or to enter the zoo premises under the influence of any intoxicating liquor, controlled substance, or beer except as provided in part 9900.2900.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.2900 INTOXICATING LIQUORS AND BEER AT SPECIAL EVENTS.

The use of intoxicating liquors and beer shall be allowed within the main zoo complex at such special zoo events and subject to such conditions as the board shall designate.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

SPEECH AND RELATED CONDUCT

9900.3500 MEETINGS, ASSEMBLIES, ENTERTAINMENT, PARADES, DEMONSTRATIONS, PICKETING, OR DISTRIBUTION OF WRITTEN MATERIAL.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to conduct public meetings, assemblies, entertainment, parades, demonstrations, picketing, or distribution of written material on the zoo premises without a written permit from the director and then only in areas designated in the permit. All such events or activities must be conducted in such a manner as not to violate these rules. In no case shall any such event or activity occur in the admissions area or within 100 feet of any admission booth.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.3600 PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS, RADIOS, BROADCASTING DEVICES.

Operation of public address systems, radios, and broadcasting devices is prohibited in the admissions area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.3700 SOLICITING.

It is unlawful to sell, solicit, or carry on any business or fundraising on the zoo premises without the written permission of the director.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.3800 IMPERSONATING ZOO OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES.

No person shall impersonate a zoo officer, ranger, or employee.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

9900.4400 SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

It shall be unlawful for any person to bring any sports equipment, including balls, frisbees, games, sleds, snowshoes, skis, or any other equipment used in sports activities into the admissions area without the advance written permission of the director.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

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9900.4500 WADING AND SWIMMING.

Wading and swimming are prohibited on the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.4600 BOATING AND FISHING.

Boating and fishing on zoo premises are prohibited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

MISCELLANEOUS PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

9900.5200 SMOKING.

Smoking is prohibited in the admission area except in designated areas.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.5300 LITTERING.

It is unlawful to deposit, scatter, drop, or abandon on the zoo premises any bottle, can, broken glass, sewage, waste, or other material except in receptacles provided for such purposes or to throw, discharge, or place in or upon any of the zoo premises any substance, liquid, solid, or gas, or to drop, throw, or otherwise leave unattended burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, paper, or other combustible material.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.5400 DEFACING PROPERTY.

No person shall attempt to or alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any official zoo sign, device, or property or affix thereto any manner of material.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.5500 POSSESSION OF WEAPONS.

Possession of any concealed or unconcealed weapon on the zoo premises is prohibited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.5600 SHOOTING.

It is unlawful for any person to shoot any weapon on the zoo premises or into or above the zoo premises from beyond zoo boundaries.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

TRAFFIC

9900.6200 COMPLIANCE WITH LAWFUL ORDERS AND POSTED RULES.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on zoo premises in violation of posted rules, orders, or directions of traffic officers or zoo employees authorized to direct traffic.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.6300 ROADWAYS.

No vehicle shall be operated on or occupy any part of the zoo premises except parking areas and roadways.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.6400 SPEED LIMIT.

No person shall drive a vehicle on zoo premises at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so restricted as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or wildlife. The maximum speed limit is 15 miles per hour or 24 kilometers per hour.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

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9900.6500 MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

No motorized recreational vehicles shall be allowed on the zoo premises except road licensed vehicles.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.6600 RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Pedestrians and wildlife have the right-of-way on the zoo premises at all times in all places.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.6700 OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC.

It is unlawful to obstruct vehicle traffic.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.6800 PARKING WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS.

It is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle standing on zoo premises except within a designated parking area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.6900 OVERNIGHT PARKING.

Overnight parking of any vehicle is prohibited, and all vehicles present on the zoo premises after closing time are subject to removal at the expense of the owner.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.7000 AIRCRAFT.

It is unlawful for any person to land an aircraft on the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

EFFECT OF RULES; VIOLATIONS; ENFORCEMENT

9900.7600 EFFECT OF RULES ON ZOO EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND CONTRACTORS.

Nothing in these rules shall prevent zoo employees or agents from performing their assigned duties or operate to modify rights of third parties contained in contracts with the Minnesota Zoological Garden.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.7700 EFFECT OF RULES ON STATUTES AND ORDINANCES.

No aspect of or omission in these rules shall operate to deprive the criminal laws of the state of Minnesota or the misdemeanor ordinances of the city of Apple Valley from having full force and effect on the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.7800 VIOLATION OF RULES.

A violation of any rule herein set forth is a misdemeanor.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

9900.7900 ENFORCEMENT OF RULES.

These rules may be enforced by any peace officer or law enforcement agency or person designated, appointed, or ratified by the director to act in a security capacity on the zoo premises.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7*

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9900.8000 SEVERABILITY OF RULES.

If any part or subpart of these rules is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other part or subpart of these rules.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 85A.02 subd 7.*