

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Rules and Regulations: Visitor Conduct and Service Rates and Fees on Department Lands.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 26P009

AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources; Forests, Parks & Recreation.

CONCISE SUMMARY: Following is a list of proposed changes: Simplifies minimum reservation period determination for all site types to be based on individual characteristics, use, and occupancy patterns, set by the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation. Removes system-wide remote site maximum stay of seven nights. Provides Commissioner authority to set prices based on site characteristics, use patterns, market rates, and reasonable cost recovery, and is consistent with recommendations in the 2023 Vermont State Parks Modernization Study. Standardizes advanced reservation period. Modernizes smoking policy, composting information, service animal language and non-discrimination language. Amends pet policy to include nuisance animal criteria. Removes procedure for assigning slips at Burton Island Marina. Updates license and special use permit (SUP) base prices. Clarifies license definition. Removes outdated statute reference. Administratively clarifies language within some existing rules.

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