

Clearinghouse Rule 06-029

KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD SCOPE STATEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE KB1

Objective: The objective of the rule is to amend Ch. KB 1.09(8) to coincide to posted camping limits and KB1.10(1) to eliminate exceptions for the payment of user fees at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve (Reserve).

Existing Policy: KB 1.09(8) - Limits campsites to 6 persons.

KB1.10(1) - Currently visitors who are hiking/walking, biking, horseback riding or camping are required to pay a fee for visiting the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Those who are parked on the Reserve to go canoeing, hunting, fishing or snowmobiling are not required to pay the fee.

New Policy:

In recent years, Reserve staff has worked with the Department of Health and Family Services to designate and post capacity limits within the Reserve. Capacity limits vary depending on size of the designated area and therefore the rule of “6 persons” is no longer appropriate. Referencing the “posted capacity limits” make the rule more accurate.

The Kickapoo Reserve Management Board (Board) proposes a new policy that is consistent for all users and eliminates the exceptions for certain user groups who visit the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

Fee amounts are established annually by the Board. Current amounts are: \$4/person per day or \$15 annually; \$10/night camping. All revenues received through fees are used to maintain and improve the Reserve.

Policy Alternative: Continue operations under existing policy.

Statutory Authority: The statutory authority for the rule is s.41.41 (7) (k).

Estimate of the amount of time agency employees will spend developing the proposed rule: Approximately 16 hours of staff time to develop the rule.

Entities affected by the rule: Visitors to the Reserve who are parking within the Reserve for canoeing, hunting, fishing or snowmobiling would be affected. The fees would not be new for visitors who hike, bike, ride horses or camp within the Reserve, but they would likely be pleased to see the users of the Reserve treated equally.

Comparison with Federal Regulation: There are no proposed or existing federal regulations that address the activities contemplated by this proposed rule.