

### **955.13 FISHING**

- (a) Fishing shall be permitted in City of Pataskala Park waters, except in open swimming areas or where specifically prohibited.
- (b) Everyone, who engages in fishing, shall obey all posted guidelines, and comply with all applicable City, State and Federal laws and regulations, including having a valid license if a license is required.
- (c) If a fee is charged by the City for fishing in Park waters, no person shall fish in such waters without paying that fee.
- (d) No person shall use lead fishing weights.
- (e) Everyone, who engages in fishing, shall remove all fishing line fragments and hooks from land and waters once done fishing.
- (f) All fish caught in Park waters shall be immediately released. The current Ohio Department of Natural Resources Catch and Release Guidelines shall be followed.
- (g) No person shall use traps, buckets, nets, spears, bows and arrows, barbed hooks or similar devices to catch fish.
- (h) Fishing shall be conducted only with a rod and reel; with a maximum of one rod and one reel per person.
- (i) Fishing shall be conducted only from the shore/edge of the water.
- (j) At the City's sole discretion, the fish population will be controlled as deemed necessary, through means approved by City to include, but not limited to fishing derbies and City-sponsored fishing events.
- (k) Unauthorized stocking or dumping of fish or bait is prohibited.