

# Marquette Community Gardens

## Bed Rental Agreement 2020 (Appendix A)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this lease, the bed renter becomes a Member of the Marquette Community Gardens (MCG) and agrees to obey all MCG rules as outlined in this agreement and the MCG Bylaws. Under this lease, the responsibilities of the MCG and the renter are as follows:

### **MCG agrees to:**

1. Provide manure or other soil conditioners to gardeners at the beginning of the season.
2. Identify beds with stakes.
3. Provide a source of water during the growing season.
4. Use the monies collected from bed rentals for improvement of the community gardens.

The MCG Board of Directors shall be responsible for enforcing the written rules, including determining if a member has violated MCG rules and must forfeit his/her garden bed for the following year. The Board will be the final judge in settling any disputes about the garden beds.

Note: MCG is not responsible for theft of plants, tools, or any other vandalism. Members of MCG hereby agree to hold harmless MCG and City of Marquette from and against any damage, loss, liability, claim, demand, suit, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or in connection with the use of the garden by MCG, its officers, members of its Board, successors, assigns, employees, agents and invites.

### **The Member, by signing this form, agrees to the following rules:**

1. Members must be residents of the City of Marquette and may only rent ONE bed per household. Transfer of membership is not permitted. Proof of residency may be requested.
2. It is the responsibility of the Member to become familiar with the MCG By-laws, FAQ and work day dates. All of this information can be found on the MCG website.
3. **Members must attend a minimum of 2 separate scheduled work days per season. Work days occur rain or shine. Members must work for the entire scheduled work session in order to get credit for the work day. Additional work day attendance credit will not be given if more than one member of the household works at any given work day.**
4. Members must plant their beds no later than June 15.
5. Members will supply their own seeds, plants, and fertilizer. Organic fertilizer is preferred.
6. Members must maintain their beds in a clean and weed-free manner, including removing all weeds

and grasses within a **one-foot perimeter around the exterior of the bed**. Members must also keep pathways unobstructed.

7. Members will place garden debris in the designated composting areas.
8. Members will comply with all watering guidelines, which will be posted on the bulletin board at each site.
9. **The use of synthetic weed and insect killers, i.e. pesticides, insecticides, fungicides or herbicides is STRICTLY prohibited.**
10. Pets or other animals are prohibited in the gardens and the surrounding parks.
11. Smoking within the boundaries of the garden is prohibited.
12. Beds must be cleared of debris and all plant stakes, posts, and cages must be removed by **the day before the last scheduled work day of the season**, unless special arrangements have been made with the president of the board. On the final work day, beds which are not cleaned out as stated above will be assumed abandoned.
13. Members permit the publishing of their name and MCG related pictures on the MCG website.

Failure to follow the above rules may result in forfeiture of membership. The MCG Board has the authority to terminate this agreement and repossess the bed at any time. The renter will be allowed seven days after the mailing of the termination notice to enter and remove plants or remaining produce.

There will be no refund of the bed rental. Payment of the *amount indicated below* entitles the above person to use bed # \_\_\_\_\_ Park Cemetery/Presque Isle (circle one) in the Marquette Community Gardens for the 2020 growing season (May through October).

**Bed Sizes/Cost:**

- \_\_\_ \$15 6'x12' (Park Cemetery, Presque Isle)
- \_\_\_ \$15 3.5'x22' (Park Cemetery)
- \_\_\_ \$20 6'x18' (Park Cemetery)
- \_\_\_ \$25 6'x22' (Presque Isle)
- \_\_\_ \$25 6'x25' (Park Cemetery)

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

- \_\_\_ CHECK      Make check out to *City of Marquette*
- \_\_\_ CREDIT CARD      Card Type: Discover / Master Card / Visa / Amex (circle one)  
                                 Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                 CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and understand the 2020 MCG Rental Agreement:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date