



# MARQUETTE COMMUNITY GARDENS

## 2024 Bed Rental Agreement (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. 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.
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 garden related disputes. 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 agreement, agrees to the following rules:

1. Membership in the MCG shall be limited to residents of the City of Marquette. The membership is comprised of the persons designated as the renter on the Bed Rental Agreement, here after referred to as a "Member." One garden bed per member household. Transfer of membership is not permitted. MCG may require proof of residency.
2. It is the responsibility of MCG Members to become familiar with the MCG rules contained in this Bed Rental Agreement.
3. **Members must fulfill the community work requirements as determined by the Board of Directors.**
4. Members must plant their beds no later than June 15, or forfeit bed.
5. Members will supply their own seeds, plants, and fertilizer. Organic fertilizer is preferred. Perennials and all plants in the family Cannabaceae are prohibited in the garden.
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 keep the pathways around their beds unobstructed.

7. Members must **insure bed borders meet specified bed measurements** by June 15.
8. The construction of bed borders must first be approved by the Board and may not exceed original bed measurements. **All garden construction materials must be non-toxic and must not include chemically treated wood.**
9. Members will place garden debris in the designated composting areas.
10. Members will comply with all posted watering guidelines.
11. **The use of synthetic weed and insect killers, i.e. pesticides, insecticides, fungicides or herbicides is STRICTLY prohibited. Traps (ex. sticky traps) that kill or maim rodents, reptiles or birds are STRICTLY prohibited. Violation of this rule will result in bed forfeiture.**
12. Pets or other animals are prohibited in the gardens and the surrounding parks.
13. Smoking within the boundaries of the garden is prohibited.
14. Only garden-related postings are permitted on garden bulletin boards.
15. Beds must be cleared of plant debris and all plant stakes, posts, cages and decorations must be removed by **the date set by the board**, unless special arrangements have been made with the president of the board. Materials that are not cleaned out as stated above will be assumed abandoned.
16. Members permit the publishing of their 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 member bed at any time. The renter will be allowed up to seven days after the mailing of the termination notice to clean out the bed per rule #15 .

There will be no refund of the bed rental fee. 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 2024 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: payments will be held up to two months before processing**

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

**Check here if you would like to make your contact information available to other members.**

**I have read and understand the 2024 MCG Rental Agreement:**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date