

# City of Mason City Parks and Recreation Department

## 2025 Metal Detection Permit Application

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant ("Applicant"), should they be granted a permit, agrees to fully obey all the conditions set forth on this application as well as the Mason City Parks and Recreation (hereinafter "Parks") Rules and Regulations, and other applicable City, State, or Federal laws, rules, or regulations.

- (1) Provide to Parks an acceptable form of photo identification which documents Applicant's current address (e.g., State Driver's License or other government issued identification)
- (2) Surrender all expired Metal Detecting Permit(s) previously issued to the applicant by the Parks (if applicable)
- (3) Always have current permit with them while metal detecting in designated park areas
- (4) Applicant will be given a map of approved park areas that metal detecting is allowed. Detecting in "restricted" areas will result in Applicant's permit possibly being revoked for up to one year
- (5) Individuals under the age of 18 may metal detect with a parent or guardian who has been issued an approved permit

### **Metal Detecting Conditions and Restrictions:**

One permit can be used for metal detecting in all approved Parks

A hand tool for digging purposes is permitted. Holes should be no more than 6 inches in depth. Hand tools for digging shall be limited to 4" wide and 8" long

Any holes created must be filled immediately. Failure to comply with this condition will result in the revocation of metal detecting permit

Metal detecting must take place during established park operating hours

A litter apron or bag is to be worn or carried and used for containing any litter collected during metal detector use and all litter collected shall be disposed of in an approved trash container

Any "Identifiable" property found by Applicant (such as jewelry or other tangible items) must be turned over to the Mason City Recreation Office where applicable procedures will be followed. The Recreation Office staff will provide Applicant with a receipt and hold the object(s) for 30 days. The Recreation Office staff will post the type of item and location found on social media and will check with the MCPD evidence tech on any reported lost property matching the identifiable property found. Any item not returned to its proper owner will be returned to the applicant after the 30 days have lapsed.

Applicant shall show all found objects in their possession to any Parks Officer (with proper Parks Officer identification) upon request.

Parks retain the right to keep anything of historical, archeological, or culturally significant value recovered by Applicant. Since all coins minted are still considered legal tender, coins are not considered historical in nature.

Applicant shall comply with any directive to move or cease their actions by any Parks or City Official

**Probing or digging is strictly prohibited in the following areas:**

- Central Park
- The playing areas of any ball fields

**Special Considerations:**

- MacNider Campgrounds - metal detecting will only be allowed when grounds are closed for the camping season
- Highland Park Golf Course - must receive written permission from Golf Course Management. Only for recovery of an item of value that has been recently lost and can be recovered without digging of any kind. Surface Recovery only.

\*\* I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the terms set forth in this permit, the metal detecting rules, and the rules and regulations of the City of Mason City Parks and Recreation Department. I have received a copy of the Parks Rules with this application. I understand that failure to do so may lead to the cancellation of the permit, the denial of future permits, or other legal action by the Parks. In addition, I hereby acknowledge and agree that any objects (exception: coins) I find while metal detecting on City owned property shall, at the option of Parks, become the property of the City of Mason City.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Mason City Metal Detecting Permit**

Permit Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of City Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Hand Outs received: (Check) Map of Parks \_\_\_\_\_ Metal Detecting Code of Ethics \_\_\_\_\_

**This permit must be in Permit Holder's possession at all times while metal detecting in approved areas of any Mason City Parks.**