

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND  
**MACKINAC ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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To All Senior Citizens:

All participants will need to review and **INITIAL** the last page of this packet, which explains the rules and policy for transports. Also attached is the Waiver of Liability form, which needs to be completed by each qualified individual that will be transported in the police vehicle.

Please call the police department at **(906) 847-3300** to request a ride **at least (2) hours prior** to your requested transport time. You may also call the transport cell phone for pick up or return rides at **(906) 287-0445**. If you have an appointment and are able to call the day before, it would be appreciated. Transports will be scheduled on a first call, first pick up basis. Weekend requests should be called in on Friday before 4:00pm.

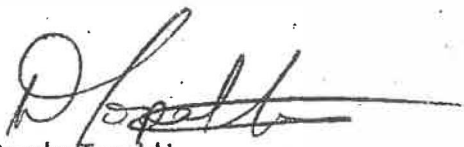
We are still observing COVID precautions. If you are sick, please wear a mask. Passengers will only be transported in the rear seat.

Please be aware, there may be instances when we are not available to pick you up due to official police business, which is prioritized over senior transports. Severe weather and impassable streets may restrict transports as well. We will not risk taking an emergency vehicle out of service due to being stuck.

Once you have completed the waiver, please drop off the form at the Police Department. We must have a completed form for **each person**, not one per family, on file at the Mackinac Island Police Department before any transports can be conducted.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation for the upcoming winter transport season.

Sincerely,



Douglas Topolski

Chief of Police

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**Senior Citizen Transport Rules and Policy**

**PURPOSE:** To establish uniform policy and procedure to be followed when an individual requests permission to be transported in an emergency vehicle.

**ELIGIBILITY:** For the purpose of this policy, consideration will be afforded to the following:

- 1) Senior citizens aged **58 and over**.
- 2) Physically handicapped citizens who cannot be accommodated in a taxi.
- 3) Those persons who, due to special needs, require additional consideration.

- LIMITATIONS:**
- 1) Due to the Emergency mission of Public Safety vehicles, transports will be limited to trips of a **NECESSARY NATURE ONLY**.
  - 2) The number of persons being transported will be limited to 2-3 passengers to comply with COVID 19 social distancing requirements.
  - 3) Transports of the sick and injured will be the mission of the ambulance, **WILL NOT** be done by the Police Department and will be subject to the needs of Public Safety response.
  - 4) Persons who are visibly intoxicated **WILL NOT** be transported, unless the need for medical attention is a concern. The Police Department cannot support alcoholism.
  - 5) When transportation is supplied, it will for **PERSONS ONLY**. Freight (ex.: luggage, totes of groceries) and pets **WILL NOT** be transported.

**PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:** 1) Waiver of Liability form and a copy of the initialed Rules and Policy form **MUST** be on file with the Police Department prior to participation.

- 2) Weekend requests should be made by 4:00 pm on Friday at 906-847-3300.
- 3) All pertinent information must be provided. You may be denied transport if you refuse to give your address.
- 4) All transports are subject to time constraints and weather conditions.
- 5) COVID precautions: If you are sick, please wear a mask. Passengers will only be transported in the front seat, at the discretion of the officer.
- 6) Rude or demanding behavior towards Officers, or other passengers, will **NOT** be tolerated.
- 7) All participants are subject to the direction of the officers. Failure to comply with these directions will result in the termination of the transport privilege. Reinstatement is subject to review by the Chief of Police.

**Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

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***WAIVER OF LIABILITY***

**PERMISSION TO RIDE**

<b>NAME:</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>
<b>STREET ADDRESS:</b> (REQUIRED)	
<b>ISLAND PO BOX NUMBER:</b>	<b>PHONE:</b>

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*I accept ALL responsibility and will in no way hold the MACKINAC ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT, its officers, nor the CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND liable for any injuries or damages, or the possibility of injuries or damages, should anything happen if I am injured during the transport. This includes any point during the transport, while in the vehicle, getting into or out of the vehicle or walking to or from the vehicle.*

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_