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## Policy

1. The borrower must be at least 18 years of age.
2. The borrower must be a Resident/property owner, Courtesy, or Non-Resident purchased library card holder in good standing.
3. Before a library card holder may borrow a hotspot, they must complete a “Mobile Hotspot Lending Agreement” which will be associated with the card holder’s library record.
4. Hotspots circulate for a period of 14 days. Hotspots may not be renewed. However, library patrons may exchange the hotspot they are returning for a different device if one is available.
5. Overdue hotspots will be deactivated within 24 hours of the due date.
6. Late fees for past due library hotspots are \$10 per day, up to replacement cost of \$100. Replacement costs for damaged or missing mobile Internet hotspots and their associated accessories are as follows:
  - A. Hotspot Device: \$100
  - B. Battery \$30
  - C. Case \$20
  - D. Power Cord: \$15
7. The Library has received grants to purchase mobile Internet hotspots through the Federal Communication Commission Emergency Connectivity Fund. As the mobile Internet hotspots and data plans that supply them are funded by the Federal Government, the mobile Internet hotspots must be compliant with Federal and state laws enacted to protect minors from obscene and sexually explicit content deemed harmful to minors. Individuals under the age of 18 years old are prohibited from accessing or viewing obscene matter<sup>1</sup> and sexually explicit matter that is harmful to minors<sup>2</sup> using the Library’s Federally funded mobile Internet hotspots. To this end, all Library owned, Federally funded mobile Internet hotspots are filtered by the data service provider. Further, these mobile Internet hotspots will not be loaned to individuals under the age of 18 years old.
8. Borrowers may not use the Library’s wifi hotspots to access material that is obscene, or constitutes child pornography, as defined by Federal or state law or court decisions<sup>3</sup>. The viewing, transmitting, or downloading of such materials is prohibited.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in MCL 752.362

<sup>2</sup> As defined in MCL 722.673 and 722.674

<sup>3</sup> Including but not limited to 18 USC 2256(8)

# Mobile Internet Hotspot Lending Policy

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