

TITLE 12

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SEC. 12-1-1 PARK REGULATIONS.

- (a) **Purpose and Definition.** In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the City from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term “park” as hereinafter used in this Chapter shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, recreation facility or conservancy district in the City.
- (b) **Specific Regulations.**
- (1) Littering Prohibited. No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park.
 - (2) Sound Devices. No person shall operate or play any amplifying system unless specific authority is first obtained from the Park Commission.
 - (3) Pets. No person shall permit any dog, cat or other pet owned by him to run at large in any park.
 - (4) Bill Posting. No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Park Commission.
 - (5) Throwing Stones and Missiles Prohibited. No person shall throw stones or other missiles in or into any park.
 - (6) Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited. No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.

- (7) Trapping. No person shall trap in any park unless specific written authority is first obtained from the Park Commission.
- (8) Making of Fires. No person shall start, tend or maintain a fire except in personal grills or designated fireplaces. Personal grills shall be used only in designated picnic areas. The use of personal grills is permitted provided lawns and vegetation are not endangered. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property.
- (9) Protection of Park Property. No person shall kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any park, except as permitted by this Chapter. No person shall climb any tree or remove flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, fountain, ornament, building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign or other property within any park.
- (10) Motorized Vehicles. Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas except vehicles which have a Park Commission authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading. No person shall operate any off-the-road vehicle, motorcycle, trail bike, all-terrain vehicle, truck or other motorized vehicle in any park, playground or other public ground where pathways or trails have been developed and/or designated for walking, hiking, jogging, running, bicycling, cross-country skiing, sledding or other pedestrian use. All motorized vehicles are limited to use of roadways specifically for their use and according to other restriction in this Code.
- (11) Snowmobiles. No person shall operate a snowmobile in a City park except in designated areas.
- (12) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any vehicle in a City park in excess of 15 m.p.h. unless otherwise posted.
- (13) Glass Beverage Bottles in Parks Prohibited. No person shall bring into, carry onto or possess while in any public park glass bottles or glass containers, including those containing or normally used for containing soda water, fermented malt beverages or alcohol.
- (14) Reckless Driving in Parks Prohibited. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any of the public parks of the City.
- (15) Parking in Parks. No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the City except in a designated parking area.
- (16) Horse and Carriages. No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park, except on roads or designated bridle paths, except when approval of the Park Commission is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner which may endanger the safety and well-being of others. Horseback riding shall be allowed only during the daylight hours. No person shall ride a horse which cannot be held under such control that it may be easily turned or stopped. No horse shall be ridden

in a reckless manner. Pedestrians shall have the right-of-way when crossing a bridle path, and whenever groups of people are visible within three hundred (300) feet, horses shall be ridden at slow gait.

- (17) Removing Tree Protectors. No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees or shrubs.
- (18) Golfing and Sporting Activities. No golfing or practicing golf in City parks or recreation areas shall be allowed except with the use of a whiffle ball. All sporting activities must be held in areas so designated for that purpose.
- (19) Arrows. No person shall use or shoot any bow and arrow in any City park, except in authorized areas.
- (20) Fees and Charges. The Common Council shall have the authority to establish such fees as deemed necessary for use of any park facility, shelter or land area. It shall be unlawful to use such areas without payment of such fee or charge when required.
- (21) Firearms; Hunting. Possessing or discharging of any firearm or weapon of any kind is prohibited in all City parks.
- (22) Fish Cleaning. Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilet facilities or picnic areas is prohibited in all City parks.
- (23) Controlled Substances. Possessing, using or dispensing of a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act is prohibited in all City parks.
- (24) Camping. Overnight camping is not permitted in any City park.
- (25) Utility Installation and Construction. Any private construction which may in any manner encroach upon or affect the parks and parkways shall be under the direction and jurisdiction of Park Commission and no such installation, repair or construction shall commence without the written permission therefore from the Commission. All public works, including construction and installation of power lines, hydrants, sewers and the like shall be commenced only after notice to the Commission of the City's intention so to do. Where practicable, such construction and installation shall be performed pursuant to recommendations by the Board.