



PARK POLICIES

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1. Agreements for use of park.

The city council may from time to time authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the city, the agreements not to exceed one year in duration, with any nonprofit group, organization or association to provide for the use of park ball fields or other similar facilities for organized or league sports, by such nonprofit group, organization or association. Such agreements shall specify the conditions under which such group, organization or association may use ball fields or facilities in organized or league activities.

2. Agreements for athletic, recreational facilities and activities.

The director shall have authority to establish fees for the use of city athletic and recreational facilities and for participation in city parks and recreational activities; provided that such fees shall be based on the policies set forth below.

(a) The policies for setting fees authorized by this article are as follows:

- (1) It is the policy of the city to finance through its tax base a reasonable balance of parks and recreation services that meet the needs of the general citizenry. This financing should be directed to assure the overall administration and coordination of leisure services and for the provision of parks, open space, landscapes, parks improvements, recreation facilities and their adequate maintenance.
- (2) As it relates to recreation activities, the city, through user fees and charges, may charge an amount to cover direct program costs for labor, leadership, supplies, materials and service charges that benefit identifiable and specific groups, i.e., enrichment classes, sports leagues.
- (3) When unusual or hardship circumstances apply, the city may make some compensatory efforts to support special service needs, i.e., disabled.

(4) When the operation of facilities require special operational costs involving materials, supplies, leadership attendance and services (i.e., swimming pool, community center) user fees will be appropriate.

3. Feeding of wildlife.

It is a violation of Park Policies for any person to leave, place or distribute foodstuffs of any kind or nature in any park, with intent to feed wildlife.

4. Boats and other watercraft.

It is a violation of Park Policies to have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other watercraft in or upon any slough, river or creek within the limits of any park, or to land the same at any point upon the shores thereof bordering upon any park or in any body of water.

5. Camping.

It is a violation of Park Policies to camp in any park except at places which may be set aside for such purposes by the director.

6. Circus, carnival or exhibitions.

It is a violation of Park Policies to hold, operate or conduct a circus, carnival or traveling exhibition in any park without a written permit from the director.

7. Concessions.

It is a violation of Park Policies to sell refreshments or merchandise in any park without the written permission of the director or a concession contract with the city.

8. Fires.

It is a violation of Park Policies to build any fire in any park except in an area designated and so posted by the director.

9. Game fish.

All laws, rules and regulations of the state game commission relating to season, limits and methods of fishing are applicable to fishing for game fish in park areas. No person may fish for, or possess any fish taken from any dam, dike, bridge, dock or beach which is posted with a sign prohibiting fishing.

10. Games and sports.

It is a violation of Park Policies to practice or play baseball, softball, football, hockey, tennis, badminton or other games of like character or to hurl or propel any airborne or other object in such a manner as to interfere with or put at risk other park users.

(1) It is a violation of Park Policies to practice or play golf or archery in any city park, unless authorized by the director

11. Meetings – Religious and political.

It is a violation of Park Policies to organize and hold any religious or political meetings or other assembly within a park without first obtaining a written permit from the director. Such permit shall be issued upon application but may be conditioned as to the time and place of holding such meeting or assembly so as not to unreasonably interfere with other lawful activities within the park. Such conditions may be appealed to the city council if the applicant feels such conditions to be unreasonable.

12. Model aircraft, boats, hydroplanes and other motorized models.

(a) No person shall fly rockets or model aircraft in any park area without first obtaining a permit from the director.

(b) All persons approved to fly model aircraft in designated park areas shall abide by the Official Academy of Model Aeronautics Safety Code.

13. Park scheduling, permits and fees.

Park and recreation facilities are available for public use whenever possible. First priority, however, for park usage will be given to city-sponsored programs. Reservations or scheduling for use of indoor and outdoor facilities is required for any community, special or private event involving more than routine use of a park, and is done by contacting the recreation division of the parks, recreation and community services department and completing the appropriate application forms. Applicable user fees must be paid before the special use or rental permit will be issued.

14. Pedestrian right-of-way.

At all times and at all locations within any park, pedestrians shall enjoy the right-of-way over any animal and over any motorized or un-motorized vehicle, bicycle, foot scooter, tricycle, skates or skateboard.

15. Riding vehicles or animals, and illegal parking.

It is a violation of Park Policies to ride or drive any bicycle, motor vehicle, horse or pony over or through any park except along and upon the park drives, parkways, park boulevards and/or appropriately marked paths; or at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour; or to stand or park any vehicle except in areas designated and posted by the director. Any car parked in an area not designated by the director for parking, or otherwise parked in violation of this article or in such a way as to obstruct traffic, or any car which is apparently abandoned in any park, may be summarily removed and impounded upon order of the director.

16. Signposting.

It is a violation of Park Policies to place or erect any signboard, sign, billboard or device of any kind for advertising or any other sign or decoration in any park without the prior consent of the director. It is a violation of Park Policies to place or erect any structure of any kind in any park.

17. Skateboards; bicycles; coasters; in-line skates; roller skates; and motorized foot scooters and similar devices.

(a) Bicycles, coasters, skates and skateboards. No person shall ride, drive, or operate any bicycle, coaster, skates or skateboard in any area within any park where such activity is prohibited by means of posted notice. The park director, or his or her designee, is authorized to place the appropriate notice or notices at such times, and/or within such areas, of any park which shall make it a violation of Park Policies to ride, drive or operate any bicycle, skates or skateboard within such designated areas, according to the posted notice.

(b) Designated skate facility. Use of skateboards, coasters, in-line skates and roller skates may be allowed in a designated skate facility.

(1) No skateboards, coasters, in-line skates and roller skates shall be ridden in a negligent manner but shall be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of the operator and other persons.

(2) Bicycles and BMX bikes are not permitted in the designated skate facility.

(3) Additional ramps, jumps or other elements may not be brought into any park or any designated skate facility.

(4) No formal contests of any kind shall be held without prior written approval of the director.

(5) An adult must accompany skaters under the age of eight years.

(6) Use of a skate park facility is voluntary; users assume risks and dangers associated and incidental to the skate facility.

(c) Motorized foot scooters and similar devices. It is a violation of Park Policies for any person to operate or ride a motorized foot scooter or similar device, upon any city park property, including sidewalks, streets, paths, trails and similar travel ways, unless specifically marked as being allowed. The restriction stated in this subsection does not apply to a motorized foot scooter or similar device when that device is operated by a person with a mobility impairment caused by a physical disability that uses that device to enhance that person's mobility.

18. Smoking.

No smoking is allowed in any public building except in areas so designated by sign or posting.

19. Swimming.

(a) Park swimming areas are marked with buoys, log booms or other markers, clearly designating the boundaries of such areas. Swimming shall be permitted only within these areas.

(b) No person shall swim or scuba dive in any body of water located within any park or open space area

20. Sound amplification equipment prohibited.

It is a violation of Park Policies for any person to use, operate, or play or permit to be used, operated or played in any park, any sound amplification device producing or reproducing sound at a volume that is audible at a distance of over 50 feet there from, except pursuant to a permit issued by the director.

21. Trail use.

(a) No person shall travel on a trail at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with others who are complying with the law and using reasonable care. Travel at speeds in excess of 15 miles per hour shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the person violated this section.

(b) No person shall travel on a trail in a negligent manner. For the purposes of this section "travel on a trail in a negligent manner" shall be construed to mean any form of travel on a trail in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any persons or property.

(c) For the purposes of this section "travel" shall be construed to include all forms of movement or transportation on a trail, including but not limited to foot, bicycle, horse, skateboard, and roller skates.

(d) Every person traveling on a trail shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with applicable laws unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(e) Every person who shall use or travel on a trail shall obey the following model trail user code of conduct:

(1) Using a trail. Every person using a trail shall stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, excepting those movements necessary to prepare to make or make turning movements, or while overtaking and passing another user moving in the same direction.

(2) Regard for another trail user. Every user shall exercise due care and caution to avoid colliding with any other trail user. All users shall travel in a consistent and predictable manner.

(3) Groups on trail. No group of trail users, including their animals, shall occupy more than one-half of the trail as measured from the right side, so as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of trail users.

(4) Audible signal when passing. Every user shall give an audible warning signal before passing another trail user. The signal must be produced in such a manner as to allow adequate time for response. The signal may be given by voice, bell or horn.

(5) Overtaking trail users on the left. Any trail user overtaking another trail user proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left of such overtaken user at a safe distance, and shall stay to the left until safely clear of the overtaken user.

(6) Entering and crossing trail. Trail users entering or crossing the trail at uncontrolled points shall yield to traffic on the trail.

22. Trials and competitions.

It is a violation of Park Policies to engage in, conduct or hold any trials or competitions for speed endurance, or hill climbing involving any vehicle, boat, aircraft or animal in any park, except pursuant to a permit issued by the director.

23. Metal detection devices.

It is a violation to use a metal detection device without first obtaining a permit from the parks director, on such application form as the city shall provide. Permits shall be issued on condition that the user cause no permanent damage to park property, and that any grass, other vegetation and soil that is invaded or disturbed by the user in efforts to recover detected items be promptly restored to substantially the same condition it was originally in. The permit of any person who shall fail to abide by such conditions shall be subject to immediate revocation by the parks director; provided, metal detection devices shall be allowed or used on unimproved park lands only. (Ord. 1536-04 § 3, 2004).

24. Adoption of rules and Policies by director.

The parks director shall have the power to promulgate and adopt reasonable rules and Policies pertaining to the operation, management and use of the parks, and shall post them in conspicuous places in the parks. (Ord. 1536-04 § 5, 2004).