

Park Ordinances

PERMITS TO USE PARK BUILDINGS

Permits are required for reserved use of park system buildings for reunions, gatherings and all other groups, and shall be issued by the Recreation Board.

TRESPASSING, DAMAGING PROPERTY

No person shall climb, walk or sit upon any fence or gate, ornamental fixture or structure around or in any City park, or stand, lie or walk upon, except on walks so provided for foot traffic. No person shall mutilate, damage, molest, destroy or in any manner injure any property or growing things in any public park in the City including, but not limited to, any grass, shrubbery, plants, flowers, fences, gates, fountains, animals, ornaments, fixtures, structures, equipment or trees.

THROWING OBJECTS

No person shall throw or pitch any stones, bottles, glass or the like within the boundaries of the public parks of the City.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS

All persons using park property shall place all refuse, litter, paper or garbage in containers provided for that purpose.

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE PROHIBITED

No person shall dump or dispose of any garbage or other refuse on the City park property, except as permitted in Section 961.04.

PARKING WITHIN PARK BOUNDARIES

No person shall operate any motorized vehicle within City Park boundaries (including multiple-use trailers), except within areas designated as park roadways and parking areas or for emergency or maintenance accessibility.

SPEED LIMITS: TRUCKS

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in and upon any driveway or road within the limits of a public park in the City at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour, and no person shall operate a truck in and upon driveways or roads within public park boundaries except for the purpose of making delivery within such park area.

CLEANING AND REPAIRING VEHICLES

No person shall wash, paint, repair or clean any motor vehicle within the boundaries of the public parks of the City.

FIRES

No person shall build or maintain a fire on any parkland in the City except in units constructed as outdoor ovens or fireplaces, and all fires shall be extinguished before the persons starting such fires shall leave the park property.

FIREARMS OR FIREWORKS

No person shall fire, discharge or set off within the boundaries of the City parks any firearms, rockets, torpedoes, or fireworks of any character whatsoever, unless a written permit is first obtained from the Park Board.

ADVERTISING

No person shall place or otherwise permanently affix any bill, notice, advertisement, sign, or paper within City park boundaries, nor upon any fence, tree, or other protective or decorative device surrounding City park property, or upon such property without approval of City Council.

GAMBLING

No person shall be permitted to indulge in any game of chance or gambling in any manner or form within the boundaries of the City parks.

LIQUOR, DRUGS, PROHIBITED

No person shall possess or use any intoxicating liquor, beer, illegal drugs or controlled substances of any form whatsoever on park property in the City.

PUBLIC DECENCY

No person shall use threatening, abusive, boisterous, profane or indecent language on any public park grounds, and no person shall commit any obscene or indecent act while on the premises.

ANIMALS

No person shall tie or release in a public park, or permit any animal whatsoever to run at large within the boundaries of any City park. Further restrictions shall be imposed in South Sippo Park, Genshaft Park and Eagles #190 Sports Complex prohibiting all domestic animals other than for assistance to visually impaired persons. Dogs are allowed off-leash in the designated area at Furnas Park.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

No person shall play upon any musical instrument in a boisterous manner within the boundaries of the City park property, nor shall any group of persons (two or more) play as a unit for dancing or the like for fee or otherwise, without having proper written consent of the Recreation Board or its proper representatives. Further, no person shall utilize any type of amplification devices in City parks without first obtaining the written approval of the Park Board.

HOURS OF OPERATION

a. No person shall be permitted on park system land before 7:00 am and one (1) hour after sunset. Persons utilizing a rented enclosed pavilion or playing tennis and basketball shall be permitted to use lighted courts and remain in the park until 10:00 pm, November through March; and, 11:00 pm, April through October. Persons using paths (in lighted parks) for aerobic exercise/fitness shall be permitted to use the paths from 6:00 am until 11:00 pm throughout the year.

BOATING, SWIMMING, WADING

No person shall use the reservoir, any pool, creek or other waterway located in any of the City parks for boating, swimming or wading except by written permission of the Park Board. Wading shall be permitted in the pool located at Oak Knoll Park.

WALKING/JOGGING PATH

The following is prohibited on the Walking/Jogging Path located in Reservoir and North Sippo Parks: (1) Possession of open containers or consumption of any intoxicating beverages; (2) Roller-skates, skateboards, bikes, mopeds, ATV's or vehicles of any type. No person shall be permitted on the Walking/Jogging Path before 6:00 am and after 11:00 pm.

FEEDING OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED

No person other than park personnel shall feed the birds, ducks, geese, squirrels, or other animals in or upon any public park with any food item.

COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, item, things, privilege or service within a City Park or recreational facility without a written permit from the Parks and Recreation Board.

GOLFING

Golfing is not permitted in any City Park.

PENALTY

Any person violating any of the sections of this chapter shall be guilty of a third degree misdemeanor.

