

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 of Park Falls 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 Common Council, or designated committee thereof.
 - (3) 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 Common Council, or designated committee thereof.
 - (4) Throwing Stones and Missiles Prohibited. No person shall throw stones or other missiles in or into any park.
 - (5) Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited. No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.
 - (6) Trapping. "Trapping" when used in this Section includes the taking, or the attempting to take, of any wild animal by means of setting or operating any device, mechanism or contraption that is designated, built or made to close upon, hold fast or otherwise capture a wild animal or animals; live traps on a

person's property are excluded. The trapping of wild animals is hereby prohibited in City parks.

- (7) 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.
- (8) 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.
- (9) 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 Common Council authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading.
- (10) Snowmobiles. No person shall operate a snowmobile in a City park except in designated areas. Snowmobiles shall only be operated on designated trails.
- (11) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any vehicle in a City park in excess of ten (10) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- (12) 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.
- (13) 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
- (14) Parking in Parks. No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the City except in a designated parking area.
- (15) 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 Common Council 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.
- (16) Removing Tree Protectors. No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees or shrubs.

- (17) 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.
- (18) Arrows. No person shall use or shoot any bow and arrow in any City park, except in authorized areas.
- (19) 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.
- (20) Pets. Pets, including animals of any species, shall be kept leashed in all City parks.
- (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.

Cross-Reference: Section 11-4-1.

SEC. 12-1-2 OPERATION OF REMOTE OR RADIO-CONTROLLED TOYS OR DEVICES PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fly, operate or make use of any remote or radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter, vehicle or any other such device in, over or upon any street, park or other public or private property except in areas specifically designated and posted for such purpose and with the consent of the property owner or lessee of the property.

SEC. 12-1-3 TURF PROTECTION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Except as authorized by the Common Council, no person shall dig into the turf of any City-owned park or recreational property for any purposes whatsoever or remove any trees or flowers. Absent authorization by the Common Council, the use of metal detectors and digging for buried objects on City parks or recreational property, except beaches where no vegetation is present, is prohibited.

SEC. 12-1-4 PARK HOURS.

- (a) **PARK HOURS.** Subject to certain exceptions listed below, all City parks shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. the following day.
- (b) **AFTER HOURS.** It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to enter any City park after closing hours. Any unauthorized person who enters any City park after closing hours will be issued a citation.
- (c) **PARK CLOSING AND OPENING DATES.** The Chief of Police or Common Council will have full authority to open and close any park, facility or area because of weather conditions, physical condition, construction or when, in the interest of public safety, it is deemed necessary.

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SEC. 12-1-5 HINES PARK REGULATIONS.

- (a) **Motorized Vehicles.** No person shall drive, operate, or park an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other motorized vehicle in Hines Park, except on the paved roads and in designated parking areas. However, a camper may park at his camping site but only if he parks within fifteen (15) feet of his tent, trailer, or other camping unit.
- (b) **Snowmobiles.** No person shall drive or operate a snowmobile in Hines Park, except on designated snowmobile trails.
- (c) **Camping.** Camping will be allowed in Hines Park only in designated camping sites and only by permit. The charge for the permits is as follows:
 - (1) Ten Dollars (~~\$10.00~~) per day for each trailer, camper, or other unit with wheels pulled by, carried, or incorporated as part of a vehicle.
 - (2) Three Dollars (\$3.00) per day for each tent.
 - (3) For the purposes of the above permits, a day begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. of the following day.
 - (4) Payment of fees shall be made within one (1) hour of arrival and the permit shall be conspicuously displayed.
- (d) **Closed Hours.** Hines Park shall close between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. No person shall enter or remain in Hines Park from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., except that a camper with a valid permit may enter and remain in his camping site.
- (e) **Animals.** No dogs, cats, or other pets or domestic animals shall be allowed in the designated picnic area.
- (f) **Alcoholic Beverages.** No person shall consume any alcoholic beverage in Hines Park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except that campers with a camping permit may consume alcoholic beverages inside their tent, trailer, or other camping unit.
- (g) **Glass Containers.** No glass beverage containers are allowed in Hines Park, except as specifically provided in this Section. It shall be a violation of this Section to possess a glass beverage container in Hines Park or to bring or transport a glass beverage container into Hines Park except that:
 - (1) A camper with a valid permit may transport glass beverage containers to his camping unit and from his camping unit to a trash receptacle.
 - (2) A camper with a valid permit may possess a glass beverage container inside his camping unit.
 - (3) The roads traveling through Hines Park may be used for the purpose of transporting glass beverage containers to points outside Hines Park.
- (h) **Definitions.** As used in this Section:
 - (1) "Designated" means as shown on the map kept by the City Clerk-Treasurer and indicated by signs at Hines Park.
 - (2) "Unit" or "camping unit" means any enclosed thing or device commonly used to provide shelter while camping such as a tent or travel trailer.

- (3) "Glass beverage container" means any vessel or container made of glass and containing or used for containing any drink or beverage.