

CHAPTER 935

Parks

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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law
 Authority to control traffic - see TRAF. 301.01
 Hunting prohibited - see GEN. OFF. 505.11
 Juvenile Curfew - see GEN. OFF. 531.03
 Parks and Recreation Commission - see CHTR.7.03;
 BDS. AND COMMS. Ch. 207
 Parks Division - see ADMIN. Ch. 164.
 Unlawful congregation - see GEN. OFF. 509.09

935.01 PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) Rules and Regulations: The following rules and regulations govern the use of City-owned parks and park property, and are in addition to all local, federal and state laws. "Park" as used herein, includes "playground."

- (1) *Animals* - No dogs or any other animal of any kind, including horses, cattle, goats, swine and fowl are allowed within or on park property, without the consent of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (2) *Baseball or Golf* - No person shall throw or bat a hard ball, or drive, putt, or play with a golf ball within or on park property, except at such places as are set aside therefor by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (3) *Concerts* - No person or musical group shall hold any form of musical entertainment within or on park property without the consent of the Public Works Director or the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (4) *Curfew* - No person shall be permitted in any public park after 11:00 p.m., unless he or she is participating in an activity authorized by the City.
- (5) *Disorderly conduct* - Loud, boisterous, threatening, insulting or indecent language or disorderly conduct or behavior, or any act tending to cause a breach of the public peace or the annoyance of the public is prohibited on or within park property.
- (6) *Display of Permit* - It shall be the duty of every person claiming to have a permit from the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Manager, or the Public Works Director to produce and exhibit such permit upon the request of any authorized person who desires to inspect the same.
- (7) *Fires* - No person, other than city employees, except with the written permission of the Parks and Recreation Commission, shall light, make or use any fire within or on park property or close to any park fence, gate or other structure. Barbecue and charcoal grilling shall be permitted in designated areas.
- (8) *Firearms or Other Weapons* - No persons shall carry or discharge firearms, slings, bows or any other device by which persons, animals or birds may be injured or frightened and no one shall throw stones or other missiles within, from, to, or on park property.
- (9) *Flags and Banners* - No person, except with the written consent of the Parks and Recreation Commission, shall display any banner, flag, target, sign or device for advertising or other purpose on or within park property.
- (10) *Fireworks* - No person, except with the written consent of the Parks and Recreation Commission, shall bring or display any fireworks within park property.

- (11) *Gambling* - No person shall operate, gamble, or play at any game of chance for stakes within or on park property without the written consent of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (12) *Interference with Park Employees* - No persons shall in any way interfere or hinder or prevent any park employee from discharging his duty, nor offer or endeavor to do so.
- (13) *Liquor and Beer* - No person shall have in his or her possession any kind of intoxicating liquor or beer within or on park property.
- (14) *Lakes* - No person shall bathe, swim or fish in, or send or throw anything whatsoever into, any of the lakes, pools, streams or fountains, nor in any manner disturb the waterfowl, birds or animals, within or on park property.
- (15) *Motorcycles and Motorbikes* - Motorcycles and motorbikes shall be permitted within and on park property only as a means of convenience to and from park property. Riding shall be restricted to main thoroughfares only. Hill climbing is prohibited.
- (16) *Parking Lights* - No person shall drive or take any vehicle into or on park property at night unless the vehicle's headlights and taillights are lighted. No person shall park any vehicle within or on park property at night unless the vehicle's taillights are lighted, except that taillights need not be lighted if the vehicle is parked and unoccupied while the passengers are using park facilities or viewing a game or authorized show.
- (17) *Parking Time* - No person shall park, or permit to remain parked, an automobile or other vehicle within or on park property after 11:00 p.m.
- (18) *Playground Equipment* - No person shall erect any equipment within or on park property without the prior authorization from the Public Works Director or the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (19) *Public meetings* - Persons desiring to hold any public meeting, debate or other gathering (in excess of 100 people), shall request a permit from the City Manager or Parks & Recreation Commission so that proper arrangements can be made. Family parties or small groups of picnickers shall not be required to obtain such written permission.
- (20) *Refuse* - No person shall drop or cause to be dropped or throw any paper, lunch box, refuse or litter on or within any park property, but shall place the same in receptacle provided for such purpose.
- (21) *Residents and Guests* - The privilege of using the city parks and their various facilities shall be extended to residents within the corporate limits of the City. The privileges mentioned herein may be extended to nonresidents, but only if conflicts concerning crowded conditions do not arise.
- (22) *Sales* - No person shall sell or expose anything for sale within park property or on any sidewalk bounding such property except with written permission of the City Manager or the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- (23) *Skating* - Except by permission of the Public Works Director or the Parks and Recreation Commission, no person shall place or use any boat, skiff, or other vessel on the waters of park property, nor shall anyone walk, skate, or coast on the ice until the Public Works Department has ascertained the condition of the same and the Public Works Director or Parks and Recreation Commission has given permission, nor shall anyone sled or coast anywhere on or within park property except where areas have been declared safe.
- (24) *Vehicles* - Vehicles may be driven only on the roadways provided. All vehicular traffic through the park areas shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Speed in excess of the following shall be prima-facie evidence of reckless driving: on roads within parks, ten miles per hour (10 mph).
- (25) *Use of Park Property* - No person shall give, receive, or participate in automobile driver training, nor wash any automobile or other vehicle within or on park property, except by written permission of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(b) Compliance with Rules and Regulations: All permits issued by the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Manager, or the Public Works Director shall be subject to the rules and regulations contained in division (a) of this section, and the person to whom such permit is issued shall be bound by said rules and regulations as fully as if the same were set forth in such permits and shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury caused to any park property.

(c) Park Signs: Signs posted for specific purposes within or on any park property become a part of the park's rules and regulations and any violation of such sign is subject to the penalty provided in Section 935.99.

(d) Park Opening/Closing Times: The Public Works Director shall have the authority to change the closing and opening hours of all parks, and to close any or all parks when, in his opinion, such changes or closings are necessary to maintain peace and safety and/or preserve and maintain the parks and equipment.

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935.99 PENALTIES.

(a) Penalty: Whoever violates divisions (a), (b) or (c) of Section 935.01 of this Chapter shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(b) Restitution: Where a violation of divisions (a), (b) or (c) of Section 935.01 of this Chapter results in damage or injury to any City property, facility, or employee, the Court shall order the offender to pay restitution for the same.

(c) Trespass: Nothing in this Chapter shall be interpreted to prevent the City from trespassing any person from any City-owned park property, in accordance with ORC 2911.21 or Section 541.05 of the City's General Offenses Code.