CHAPTER 91 PARKS AND RECREATION

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91.01 Parks Defined

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

PARK or **PARKS**. A park, parkway, greenway, trail, playground, greenway, athletic field, swimming pool, recreation center, or other area in the city, owned, leased, or used, wholly or in part, by the city for recreational purposes and for such uses that are normally associated with parks.

(2013 Code, § 14.01) (Ord. 862, passed 12-27-2012)

91.02 Activity Scheduled In Parks

The city parks are intended for the benefit of all. To facilitate maximum, uniform and orderly usage of park facilities, the City Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department is delegated as the agency to coordinate and schedule the use of park areas and facilities.

(2013 Code, § 14.02) (Ord. 862, passed 12-27-2012)

91.03 Regulations

The following regulations shall apply to all city parks unless otherwise specified.

A. *Speed laws*. It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle in any park at a speed in excess of 15 mph except an emergency vehicle.

B. *Parking*. It is unlawful for any person other than park personnel to park any motor vehicle in any place in a public park except in designated areas or to operate any motor vehicle in any place except on established roads, driveways, or parking areas.

C. *Hours*. It is unlawful for any person to be or remain in any park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except those who, without delay, are traveling through the parks on established walks, paths, or streets, or are in activities that have been scheduled through the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department. Overnight parking in any park is prohibited without specific approval from the City Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department or the City Police Department.

D. *Camping*. No person shall set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter, nor shall any person leave in any park after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle such as a house trailer, camp trailer, camp wagon, or the like, without permission of the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department.

E. *Building of fires*. It is unlawful for any person to light or make fires in any park except in places and in containers intended for such purposes. This division (E) does not apply to city employees engaged in cleaning, maintaining the areas, or special events.

F. *Firearms or bow and arrows*. It is unlawful for any person or persons to discharge any firearm in a park without first securing specific approval from City Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department and a permit from the Chief of Police. This division (F) shall not apply to the use of a bow and arrow in a range authorized by the Council.

G. *Littering*. It is unlawful for any person to cast, deposit, throw, lay, place, or scatter any lighted or unlighted cigars or cigarettes, chewing gum, chewing gum wrappers, glass, bottles, cans, nails, wire, crockery, or other sharp or cutting substances, or any refuse matter of any kind anywhere, except in refuse containers provided for this purpose. Live charcoal coals and ashes shall be deposited only in containers designated for this purpose.

H. *Swimming and bathing*. Swimming and bathing will be permitted only in designated and posted areas.

I. *Dangerous games*. It is unlawful for any person to play any game dangerous to the welfare of other persons and property excepting in areas provided for this purpose.

J. *Vandalism*. It is unlawful for any person to write upon, skate upon, mark, destroy, or otherwise deface in any way any property or thing pertaining to or in said parks. It is also unlawful for any person to paste or affix or inscribe any handbill or poster on any structure or property within any park or on any road or roadway adjacent thereto, or to break, cut, mutilate, injure, remove, or carry away any tree, plant, flower, shrub, rock, soil, or any other park property except in the case of city personnel engaged in maintenance and development thereof.

K. *Control of pets*. Except as otherwise allowed in a city-approved off leash dog park, no pets shall be allowed in any park except when they are under control on a leash or confined. It is unlawful for any person to ride a horse or other animal within a city park, or to disturb or interfere with any wildlife. The person having control of the leashed pet shall immediately remove any feces left by the pet. The person in control of the pet must have in their possession equipment for picking up and removing the feces.

L. *Sales; solicitation; advertising*. It is unlawful for any person or persons other than city personnel to solicit, sell, or offer any article, product, or service in any park without a permit from City Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department.

M. *Tennis courts.* It is unlawful for any person to ride bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades/skates, or any other vehicle on the tennis court or drive them thereon or use the courts for any other purpose than playing tennis without specific permission from City Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department.

N. *Ice skating rinks.* Ice hockey will only be permitted on rinks posted for hockey. No hockey sticks or pucks, sleds, or toboggans shall be allowed on any other park rink. No vehicles of any kind excepting those used by city personnel will be allowed on any skating area.

O. *Alcoholic beverages*. It is unlawful for any person to serve, possess, or consume liquor except beer or wine (included in this exception is beer which contains in excess of 3.2% of alcohol by weight) in any area of a city park except in a picnic, grandstand, or shelter area or where permission has been specifically granted or licensed by the Council; to possess a beer keg or serve or consume beer from a beer keg unless a special permit has been obtained from the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department.

P. *Wildlife*. It is unlawful for any person, except authorized city personnel, to kill, hunt, trap, pursue, catch, or remove any wildlife, other than fish, except as may be authorized through a permit.

Q. *Structures*. It is unlawful for any person to construct or place any type of structure including but not limited to, trampolines, deer stands, ground blinds, playhouses, treehouses, temporary storage buildings, motorcycle or bicycle launches, temporary shelters, tents, or other such devices upon park land without a permit.

R. *Encroachments*. It is unlawful for any person to encroach on park property with such items as fences, gardens, lawn/yard waste, other personal property, or to disturb the natural landscape, vegetation, or structures on park property or otherwise use park property for private use. All setbacks and other local zoning regulations are in effect and apply against properties adjacent to city parks as they would be against property adjacent to private property.

S. *Golf*. It is unlawful for any person to drive, putt, or in any other manner, play or practice golf in a city park.

T. *Parades and races*. For parades and races, see § 130.47.

U. *Permits*.

1. A permit shall be obtained from the City Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department before participating in any organized activity.
2. Some examples are the following Insurance requirements may apply.
    a. Carnivals;
    b. Community celebrations or events open to the public;
    c. Parades;
    d. Amplified or live music;
    e. Large barbeques (i.e., pig roasts);
    f. Dunk tanks;
    g. Weddings;
    h. Inflatables;
    i. Car shows;
    j. Contests and exhibitions, including, among other things, those that require exclusive use or charging admission; and
    k. Wildlife/animals.
3. The proposed activity or use shall not be contrary to the policies and guidelines for community use of parks and recreation rental facilities as determined by the City Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department. This division (U) does not apply to city-run events.

V. *Motorized vehicles*. It is unlawful for any person or persons to operate a motor vehicle in any area other than a street, roadway, or parking area; or operate any recreational motor vehicle in an area other than an area designated by the city. This division (V) does not apply to city employees engaged in cleaning or maintaining the areas.

W. *Smoking.*

1. No person shall use tobacco products on City-owned property such as parks, conservation areas and open spaces, including trails used doe walking and biking. These areas shall be posted by appropriate signs and markers as directed by the Parks Director.
2. No person shall use tobacco products on the exterior premise of the Shakopee Ice Arena, Shakopee Community Center, SandVenture or the Youth Building. These areas shall be posted by appropriate signs and markers as directed by the Parks Director.
3. No person shall use tobacco products at City-owned picnic shelters during private rentals of these facilities. These areas shall be posted by appropriate signs and markers as directed by the Parks Director.
4. This Section does not apply to the use of tobacco products in motor vehicles parked on the premises of City-owned parks, conservation area, open spaces and recreational

facilities.

(2013 Code, § 14.03) (Ord. 73, passed 9-10-1981; Ord. 202, passed 7-1-1986; Ord. 862, passed 12-27-2012) Penalty, see § 91.99

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91.99 Penalty

Every person violates a section, subdivision, paragraph, or provision of this chapter when that person performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when such failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof.

(2013 Code, § 14.99) (Ord. 73, passed 9-10-1981; Ord. 337, passed 7-23-1992)