

CITY OF REYNOLDSBURG
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS

971.03 PARK HOURS

All City parks except for publicly lighted areas shall be closed to the public between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning, unless prior permission to use or occupy a park during such hours has been obtained from the Mayor.

971.07 SCHEDULED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- a) No person shall schedule a public event in a park without written authorization of the Director.
- b) Parks and Recreation Department events and programs have priority over any other.
- c) Events and activities that are not scheduled in advance with the Parks and Recreation Department are subject to cancellation by the Department.
- d) Exclusive use of some parks or recreational facilities may require payment of a fee and proof of insurance.
- e) An organization utilizing a park or recreational facility for a reserved or scheduled function shall, as a condition of the reservation and scheduling, be responsible for providing adequate control and supervision over members and guests utilizing the parks or recreation facility. Organizations scheduling and reserving recreational facilities are thereby also insuring that the park or recreational facility used is not damaged by the use of their members and guests at the function. Upon notice and hearing before the Mayor or Hearing Officer designated by him/her, if it is determined that, by the exercise of adequate control and supervision, the organization could have prevented the violation or damage or substantially decreased the likelihood of same occurring, the Mayor or Hearing Officer may thereafter refuse to schedule or reserve a park or recreational facility for the organization for a maximum period of 18 months.

971.09 VEHICLES

- a) Driving in permitted areas. No person shall operate a vehicle except on and within the paths and roads provided for such vehicles.
- b) Barricades. No person in a park shall drive around, cause to be moved, or damage any barricade or barrier so placed to temporarily or permanently close a road to traffic.
- c) Speed. No person in a park shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour in a park or recreational facility.

- d) Parking. No person shall park any vehicle except in places designated for this purpose.
- e) After hours parking. No person shall leave a vehicle in a park during the hours when a park is closed.
- f) One-way roads. No person in a park shall drive a vehicle on a road or path in the direction other than that indicated by the traffic signs.
- g) Trucks. No person in a park shall drive a truck, tractor, or other vehicle, which is at that time used for transportation of goods or material, without a permit from the Director.
- h) Load limits. No person shall operate, move, park, or locate a vehicle, or combination of vehicles, having a gross load capacity in excess of three-fourths of a ton in a park or recreational facility unless the prior approval of the Department of Parks and Recreation is obtained.
- i) Safety. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians and drivers and all other occupants of any vehicle.
- j) Impounding vehicles. Vehicles in parks in violation of these Rules and Regulations shall be removed or caused to be removed by peace officers to a location, in or outside of the park where the same may be kept until owners, or their authorized representative, obtain an order from the Director or his/her agents releasing such vehicles to the owners thereof, or their authorized representatives.
- k) No person in a park shall intentionally accelerate a motor vehicle causing the rubber to mark park roadway surfaces.
- l) No person shall park any motor vehicle or other means of conveyance, walk, or trespass upon any area during the hours when a park is closed except by a permit from the Director.
- m) No person who is not handicapped or operating a motor vehicle to transport a handicapped person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle at specifically designated locations provided for the handicapped.
- n) No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road without complying with all traffic signs and posted regulations.
- o) No person shall operate any motorized vehicle along any path, walking path, bikeway or skate park without authorization of the Director.

971.11 PROTECTION OF NATURAL & ECOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

- a) No person shall injure, deface, disturb, or damage in any manner any part of the park property or part thereof, which is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Parks and Recreation Department; nor shall any trees, shrubs, wildflowers or other plants, animals, fossils or minerals be removed, injured or destroyed.
- b) Special exceptions to the above may be permitted for the purposes of scientific research, if approved guidelines are followed and collecting of natural minerals is authorized by written permit of the Director.
- c) Exceptions to the above could also be made for removal of non-native (alien or exotic) species by parks personnel and for general accepted land management practices.

- d) No person shall install or plant any materials except with a permit from the Director.
- e) No person shall climb or rappel any rock escarpment or other natural features.

971.13 ANIMALS

- a) No person in the confines of the park shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm harass, injure or disturb wild animals or take wild birds or animals, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird found in the confines of the park.
- b) Special exceptions to trapping of wild animals may be permitted for the purposes of scientific research, if approved guidelines are followed; including use of humane live trapping methods and release of the animals, and the trapping is authorized by written permit of the Director.
- c) Trapping and removal of non-native or nuisance animals to preserve native wildlife, habitats or the safety of park visitors may be accomplished by park personnel.
- d) No person in a park shall fish in park waters in violation of any sign or signs prohibiting fishing.
- e) No person in a park shall hunt fish with a crossbow.
- f) No person in a park shall have in his/her possession or shoot a crossbow or firearm except a peace officer or persons authorized by the Division of Police of Reynoldsburg.
- g) No person in a park shall ride a horse, mule, donkey, cattle, or other animal, in the park without the specific written permission of the Director.
- h) No person shall bring into, have, or keep in the park, any animal destructive of wildlife, nor shall any person bring into or permit within the park a domestic dog or domestic cat unless such is under constant control and supervision and held on a leash no longer than six feet in length.**
- i) No person shall fail to remove feces of animals they own which have defecated in a park or recreational facility.
- j) This section does not assure admittance of park visitors with their pets to such locations and at such times as may conflict with the Board of Health requirements or preservation of public safety and order within the park.
- k) No person being the owner or having charge of a dog, cat or other animal shall permit the dog, cat or other animal to be present in areas designated or posted as play areas or playgrounds within a park or recreational facility.**
- l) The City of Reynoldsburg shall have the right to impound or destroy a feral or diseased animal.

971.15 PERSONAL CONDUCT

- a) No person in or adjacent to a park shall conduct himself/herself by word or by act, in a riotous, disorderly, boisterous, threatening or other manner so as to disturb the peace and good order of the park.

- b) **No person shall use any sound amplification device audible more than 20 feet from the device without specific written permission from the Director.** No speaker, amplifiers, or similar equipment shall be displayed outside of a vehicle.
- c) No person shall remain within the park that does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Department for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within the park; and no person shall remain within the park who does not abide by the instructions of a duly authorized peace officer or Department staff member in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person directed by a peace officer or Department staff member shall do so promptly and peaceably.
- d) No person shall obstruct, resist, or be abusive of, or use profanity to a peace officer or Department staff member in and during the lawful performance of his/her duties.
- e) No person in the park shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another or engage in or abet or aid in any fight, quarrel, or other disturbance.
- f) No person or groups of persons shall assemble in or adjacent to a park for any unlawful purpose or riotous assemblance or with intent to annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person or persons or inflict damage to a park.
- g) No person in a park shall solicit or attempt to solicit another to engage in an act of sex perversion or solicit or request another to commit, perform or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior.
- h) No person with the intent to do so shall willfully interfere with, disrupt, or prevent the conduct of any recreational program event or activity conducted by or having been scheduled through the Department at a park or recreational facility.
- i) No person shall enter restrooms designated for the opposite sex unless necessary for maintenance, service or safety reasons.

971.16 INTOXICATING LIQUOR/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, HARMFUL INTOXICANTS

- a) No person in a park shall sell or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage.
- b) **No person in a park shall be intoxicated or under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage.**
- c) No person in a park shall consume, possess or display the presence of any alcoholic beverage in a park.
- d) No person in a park shall unlawfully sell, or offer for sale or possess any type of narcotic drug, opiate, or hallucinogen, or any equipment for administering such drugs, opiates or hallucinogens or any dangerous drugs or controlled substances.

971.17 POWER MODELS & TOY ENGINE UNITS

- a) No person in or adjacent to a park shall operate any engine powered model or toy airplane or solid fuel rocket, without the written authorization of the Director. Such Director has the discretion of determining whether or not authorization

should be given based on the other activities in the area and whether or not the operator has the necessary licensing.

971.19 FIREARMS & WEAPONS

- a) No person, except a police officer, shall possess or discharge a firearm, deadly weapon, dangerous ordnance, air rifle, slingshot or missile throwing device.
- b) Firearms, bows and arrows, knives, air or gas guns, missiles, slingshots or other missile throwing devices or any snares or traps brought into a park may be confiscated by peace officers.
- c) Affirmative defenses to a violation of division (a) hereof are self defense, the discharge of official duty, when otherwise authorized by law, when participating in a city sponsored Parks and Recreation program or a competition event approved by the Director of Public Safety and, if the event is to be held in municipal park, the Director of Parks and Recreation.

971.21 CAMPING

- a) No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place or sleeping place, within the park, without the specific written permit from the Director.

971.23 FIRES

- a) No person shall start a fire in the park except small fires for cooking purposes in park grills.
- b) **The Director may at his/her discretion prohibit fires or smoking for limited periods at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of the park.**
- c) The Director may provide written authorization for ceremonial or other open fires for special events or programs. The fire department for the area may require a permit to be issued for said fire.
- d) All fires shall be properly contained and extinguished by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.
- e) No person shall collect wood in a park for any purpose.
- f) No person shall place portable stoves or grills in shelters or on combustible picnic tables.
- g) No person shall deposit burning material or hot ashes on grass or plants, or in refuse containers.

971.25 COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- a) No person in a park shall sell or offer for sale any article, privilege, or services unless such sales or offer is pursuant to a contract with the Department.
- b) No person in a park shall beg, peddle, or solicit for money, a privilege or service.

- c) No park shall be used for commercial purposes except with a permit from the Director.

971.27 ERECTING AND ATTACHING SIGNS

- a) No person shall erect a sign or attach a sign to property owned or controlled by the Department, nor shall any person display any placard, notice advertisement, circular, banner, or statement of kind other than a permanent sign on a vehicle without the written consent of the Director.

971.31 FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES

- a) **No person in a municipal park shall have in his/her possession or ignite any fireworks.**
- b) No person in a municipal park shall have in his/her possession or detonate any explosives or explosive devices.
- c) All fireworks displays shall be governed by and must comply with Chapter 3743 of the Ohio Revised Code and the penalties for any violations of Chapter 3743 are to be in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3743.99.

971.33 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- a) No person in a park shall operate an all-terrain vehicle, air balloon, hang glider, or metal detector.
- b) No person in a park shall operate a snowmobile, engage in sledding skiing or ice skating except in areas and times designated by the Director.

971.37 EJECTION FROM THE PARK

- a) Peace officers and Department staff members may order any person violating any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations to leave the park and no person shall fail to obey such orders.
- b) Any person repeatedly violating rules and regulations may lose the privilege of entering a park for a period of time as designated by the Director therein.