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CHAPTER 12.02

Park Regulations

12.02.010 Title.

The provisions of this Chapter shall be known and cited as the Town park regulations. (Ord. 12.03 §1(1), 1989)

12.02.020 Definitions.

As used in this Chapter:

Director refers to the Recreation Director. The Director shall make and publish such regulations, not inconsistent with the terms of this Chapter, as he or she deems necessary for the orderly use and management of the Town's park and recreation facilities and programs.

Law enforcement officers means all authorized officers of the Police Department.

Park lands means all public recreation lands, waters or facilities owned, leased or operated by the Town.

Town means the Town of Parker, Colorado. (Ord. 12.03.4 §1, 2003; Ord. 12.03 §1(2), 1989)

12.02.030 Closed areas.

It is unlawful for any person to enter into or trespass upon any enclosed areas of a park, including, but not limited to, fenced swimming pools, tennis courts, baseball fields and related buildings whenever such facilities are closed to the public by locked gates, doors or barricades or where any enclosed area of a park is posted with a sign restricting the use of such facility. (Ord. 12.3.4 §2, 2003; Ord. 12.03 §1(3), 1989)

12.02.040 Vandalism.

It is unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate, deface or damage any real or personal property which includes but is not limited to any structure, poster, sign, marker, rock or any object of archaeological, geological or historical value or interest located on park lands. (Ord. 12.03 §1(4), 1989)

12.02.050 Litter.

(a) It is unlawful to deposit or leave any refuse, trash or litter in or upon any park lands except by depositing such refuse, trash or litter in designated refuse receptacles.

(b) It is unlawful to leave any household or commercial garbage or trash on park lands. Refuse or rubbish generated on the site or in connection with the use of park lands must be removed or deposited in designated receptacles. (Ord. 12.03 §1(5), 1989)

12.02.060 Glass containers.

No glass bottles or other glass containers shall be allowed on park lands. (Ord. 12.03 §1(6), 1989)

12.02.070 Fires.

(a) It is unlawful to build, start or light any fire of any nature on any park lands except in outdoor fireplace grills or camp stoves located within designated areas by the Town.

(b) It is unlawful to burn any material in a careless manner, or to leave any fire unattended, or to fail to completely extinguish any fire, on any park lands. (Ord. 12.03 §1(7), 1989)

12.02.080 Hunting.

It is unlawful on any park lands to hunt, trap, catch, molest, harm, kill or chase any wild animals or bird, or to molest their habitat. (Ord. 12.03 §1(8), 1989)

12.02.090 Discharge of firearms.

It is unlawful to be in possession of fireworks, explosives, firearms, B-B guns, pellet guns, air guns, cross bows, long bows or slingshots while upon any park lands, except in designated areas when authorized in writing by the Town or by law enforcement officers on official duty. Nothing in the previous sentence shall apply to persons who possess a valid permit or license to conceal a firearm, which license or permit was issued pursuant to applicable state or federal law. It shall be unlawful to discharge or use fireworks, explosives, firearms, B-B guns, pellet guns, air guns, cross bows, long bows or sling shots while upon any park lands, except in designated areas when authorized in writing by the Town or by law enforcement officers on official duty. (Ord. 12.03.3 §1, 2004; Ord. 12.03 §1(9), 1989)

12.02.100 Use of motorized vehicles.

(a) It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to operate any motorized vehicle on any park lands, except on designated roadways which are open to public use.

(b) It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to operate a motorized vehicle upon any roadway located upon any park lands which is designated as a "service road." (Ord. 12.03.4 §3, 2004; Ord. 12.03 §1(10), 1989)

12.02.110 Parking.

It is unlawful to park vehicles or trailers on park lands where prohibited or in such a manner as to create a hazard to vehicular, pedestrian, equestrian or bicycle traffic. (Ord. 12.03 §1(11), 1989)

12.02.120 Camping.

It is unlawful to camp overnight, or to park a trailer or camper for overnight camping purposes, on any park lands, except in areas which are designated for camping, or to camp, or to park a trailer or camper, in such a designated area for a period of time in excess of the posted or permitted limits. (Ord. 12.03 §1(12), 1989)

12.02.130 Curfew.

It is unlawful to enter, use or occupy park lands between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., except when such entry, use or occupancy is authorized in writing by the Town. (Ord. 12.03 §1(13), 1989)

12.02.140 Livestock.

(a) It is unlawful to molest, harm or chase any livestock upon any park lands.

(b) It is unlawful to turn livestock onto or to negligently or intentionally allow livestock to graze upon any park lands without written permission from the Town. (Ord. 12.03 §1(14), 1989)

12.02.150 Swimming.

It is unlawful to swim or wade in, or float upon by the use of any boat or other flotation device on, any waters within park lands unless authorized in writing by the Town. (Ord. 12.03 §1(15), 1989)

12.02.160 Hazardous activity.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to engage in any activity on any park lands which constitutes a hazard to the safety of the other persons, except in areas where such activity is specifically authorized by the Town.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to engage in any activity on park lands which unduly interferes with the health, safety and welfare of the users or neighbors in the area or create a nuisance or hazard to the use and safety of persons using or neighboring such areas. (Ord. 12.03 §1(16), 1989)

12.02.170 Commercial activity.

It is unlawful to conduct any commercial activity, or provide any service, product or activity for which a fee is charged, on any park lands, except when such activity is authorized in writing by the Town. (Ord. 12.03 §1(17), 1989)

12.02.180 Control of domestic animals.

Without the written permission of the Town, dogs, cats and other domestic animals must be restrained by a leash, cord or rope. An owner or person having control of any dog or other animal shall not permit such dog or any other animal to defecate on maintained park lands, unless such defecation is removed immediately. It is unlawful to allow domestic pets to harm, kill, chase or otherwise harass any wild animal, bird, fish, reptile, amphibian or park user on any park lands. It is unlawful to relocate or release animals, fish, birds or insects onto any park lands without the written permission of the Town. (Ord. 12.03.4 §4, 2004; Ord. 12.03 §1(18), 1989)

12.02.190 Speed limits.

The speed limit on all roadways and parking areas within park lands is fifteen (15) miles per hour. (Ord. 12.03 §1(19), 1989)

12.02.200 Alcohol.

It is unlawful for any person to possess or consume alcohol beverages on park lands except in compliance with a special permit issued by the Town. (Ord. 12.03.1 §1, 1994; Ord. 12.03 §1(20), 1989)

12.02.210 Rules and regulations.

(a) The Director may adopt rules and regulations governing the specific use of parks and recreational facilities within the Town. Such rules and regulations may be adopted as are reasonable and necessary to ensure the safe, orderly and efficient use of the public parks and recreational facilities in accordance with the laws of the Town.

(b) Upon adoption of such rules and regulations, three (3) copies thereof shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and shall be kept available for public inspection during regular business hours. (Ord. 12.03.4 §5, 2004)

12.02.220 Town employees.

These regulations shall neither apply to nor prohibit any act by an officer or employee of the Town who is engaged in the performance of any act within the scope of his or her employment. (Ord. 12.03 §6, 2004; Ord. 12.03 §1(21), 1989)

12.02.230 Violation; penalty.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined the sum of not more than nine hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$999.00) or by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each such violation. (Ord. 12.03.4 §7, 2004; Ord. 5.30.1 §28, 1993; Ord. 12.03 §2, 1989)

CHAPTER 12.03

Adopt-a-Park Program

12.03.010 Findings of fact.

The Town finds that the creation of an "Adopt-a-Park" program will foster civic pride, help beautify the Town and encourage greater participation in the Town's affairs. Moreover, the Adopt-a-Park program will enable volunteer groups to perform a useful community service while receiving community recognition for the group's efforts. (Ord. 12.06 §1, 1993)

12.03.020 Adopt-a-Park program created.

An Adopt-a-Park program is hereby created within the Town, whereby civic-minded volunteer groups can contribute to the Town's effort of maintaining litter-free parks and greenbelts. The Town may post a sign in the park or greenbelt identifying the group that will maintain the park or greenbelt. (Ord. 12.06 §1, 1993)

12.03.030 Designation and establishment of Adopt-a-Park.

The Public Works Director or his or her designee will work with the volunteer groups to establish parks or greenbelts within the Town which shall be "adopted" by the volunteer groups. The Public Works Director or his or her designee shall be responsible for the operation of the Adopt-a-Park program. (Ord. 12.06 §1, 1993)

12.03.040 Safety regulation requirements.

All Adopt-a-Park volunteers shall be required to observe safety regulations provided by the Town. Distribution of safety regulations to individual volunteer members shall be the responsibility of the volunteer group. Any volunteers working on or around roadways shall be required to wear orange safety vests. (Ord. 12.06 §1, 1993)

12.03.050 Agreement and release.

Prior to participating in the program, all volunteer groups shall execute an agreement setting forth the obligations of both the Town and the volunteer groups relative to the Adopt-a-Park program. As a condition of participation, all volunteers who participate in the Adopt-a-Park program shall execute a release of liability document in a form provided by the Town, absolving the Town from liability for harm arising out of participation in the program. (Ord. 12.06 §1, 1993)

12.03.060 Services provided by the Town.

The Town shall furnish orange safety vests for each participant, as well as the trash bags needed for trash removal. The Town shall arrange for the removal of full trash bags on a specified day. (Ord. 12.06 §1, 1993)

CHAPTER 12.04

Recreation Activities Fee Schedule

12.04.010 Fee schedule adopted.

The fee schedule as fully set forth herein and set forth under Section 12.04.020 below is hereby adopted and shall replace all other fee schedules previously adopted by the Town for recreation activities, including, but not limited to, O'Brien swimming pool and lesson fees; park play field fees; and existing recreation activity fees for indoor soccer. (Ord. 12.04 §1, 1990)

12.04.020 New fee schedule set forth.

The formula for fees shall not exceed but may be less than:

ALL DIRECT EXPENSES + ALL INDIRECT COSTS + A MARKUP NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF DIRECT EXPENSES AND INDIRECT FEES.

Direct expenses are defined as materials and supplies purchased for the recreation activity, including, but not limited to, promotion materials, printing and coaches.

Indirect expenses are defined as those costs which may include but not be limited to administration, facility operation, maintenance and cleanup.

Not to exceed fifty percent (50%) is defined as a charge up to an additional fifty percent (50%) over all costs. This charge may be imposed to either subsidize other recreation activities or to just simply break even. (Ord. 12.04 §2, 1990)