

## Chapter 40 - PARKS, RECREATION AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES

### ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 40-1. - Applicability.

All places heretofore owned by the city and used as parks for public purposes and places which may hereafter be acquired or set aside for public park purposes are declared to be public parks within the meaning of this chapter, and are subject to all rules, regulations and provisions set out in this chapter.

(Code 1972, § 15-1; Code 2012, § 15-1-1)

#### Sec. 40-2. - General offenses.

Anything that is declared to be unlawful or an offense by any ordinance of the city shall be an offense when the same is committed or takes place in any public park under the control, supervision, ownership or operation of the city, the same as if the offense had been committed elsewhere within the city.

(Code 1972, § 15-27; Code 2012, § 15-1-27)

#### Sec. 40-3. - Special officers.

Special officers authorized to perform duties in the city's public parks shall have power to enforce the provisions of this chapter and exercise police powers insofar as necessary to properly enforce the same. It shall be the duty of the members of the police force to give such aid and service in the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter as may be necessary for the same.

(Code 1972, § 15-28; Code 2012, § 15-1-28)

#### Sec. 40-4. - Traffic restrictions.

No omnibus, wagon, cart, dray, truck or other vehicle carrying goods, merchandise, manure, waste or other materials, except such as are to be used in repairing, constructing or servicing public parks or parts thereof, shall be allowed to enter or be taken into any public park of the city.

(Code 1972, § 15-2; Code 2012, § 15-1-2)

#### Sec. 40-5. - Merchandising.

No person shall expose any article or thing for sale or do any hawking or peddling or soliciting of orders in any of the public parks of the city without approval of the authorized city official.

(Code 1972, § 15-3; Code 2012, § 15-1-3)

#### Sec. 40-6. - Advertising.

No person shall advertise in any manner or distribute or hand out any circulars, handbills, or posters of any kind or of any commodity or other thing in any public park. It is unlawful to affix any circulars, handbills, or posters of any kind on any tree, lamppost, hydrant, curbstone, sidewalk, fence, wall, building, or other place in any public park or on any street, avenue, alley, or other public grounds under the supervision of the city. No person shall drive any animal or vehicle displaying or advertising any merchandise of any kind in or through any public park in the city or any park under its supervision.

(Code 1972, § 15-4; Code 2012, § 15-1-4)

#### Sec. 40-7. - Property; injury.

No person shall cut, break or in any way injure or deface any of the trees, shrubs, plants, turf, grass, lampposts, fences, bridges, buildings or other property in or upon any park.

(Code 1972, § 15-5; Code 2012, § 15-1-5)

Sec. 40-8. - Bicycles, tricycles and motorcycles.

No person shall ride or drive any bicycle, tricycle, or motorcycle in any public park, except upon the roadways or designated trails thereof; and when passing another vehicle or equestrian from the rear of same to the front, such persons shall pass to the left side and at a moderate rate of speed. Bicycles, tricycles and motorcycles shall not be allowed to travel more than two abreast.

(Code 1972, § 15-6; Code 2012, § 15-1-6)

Sec. 40-9. - Disorderly conduct.

No persons shall be guilty of disorderly, unchaste, or lewd conduct or of habitual loafing, or sleeping in any park, or make, aid or assist in making any disorderly noise, riot, or breach of the peace within the limits of any public park belonging to the city.

(Code 1972, § 15-7; Code 2012, § 15-1-1)

Sec. 40-10. - Attach wires.

No person shall, without the written permit from the duly authorized agent of the city, attach any electric wire, insulator, or other device of any character to any tree, plant, or structure in any park.

(Code 1972, § 15-8; Code 2012, § 15-1-8)

Sec. 40-11. - Electric wires.

No persons shall establish, erect, or maintain any telegraph wires, telephone wires, or electric light and power wires or construction for the support of the same in, through or across any public park, except with the written permission of the duly authorized agent of the city.

(Code 1972, § 15-9; Code 2012, § 15-1-9)

Sec. 40-12. - Firearms and fireworks.

No person shall discharge firearms or fireworks in any public park, except with the written permission of the duly authorized agent of the city or the city council.

(Code 1972, § 15-10; Code 2012, § 15-1-10)

Sec. 40-13. - Defacing property.

No persons shall write upon, mark, deface or injure in any manner or use improperly any water closet, park seat, building, fence, or other property in any public park.

(Code 1972, § 15-11; Code 2012, § 15-1-11)

Sec. 40-14. - Speed.

No person shall drive or ride at a greater rate of speed than 15 miles an hour within any public park.

(Code 1972, § 15-12; Code 2012, § 15-1-12)

Sec. 40-15. - Nuisances.

No person shall commit any nuisance or any offense against decency or good morals in any public park.

(Code 1972, § 15-13; Code 2012, § 15-1-13)

Sec. 40-16. - Throwing stones, rubbish.

