

**Section 570 - Park Regulations**

**570.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this Section which is enacted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, shall be to secure the quiet, orderly and suitable use of public parks, trail systems, and public access to lakes established by the City, and to further the safety, health, comfort and welfare of all persons in the use thereof.

**570.02 Definitions.** For the purpose of this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings given to them:

**Subd. 1 Big Lake Parks.** “Big Lake Parks” shall mean the park organization or system in the City.

**Subd. 2 Domestic Animal.** “Domestic Animal” shall mean a dog, cat or horse.

**Subd. 3 Drugs.** “Drugs” shall mean any substance defined as a controlled substance by Chapter 152, Minnesota or other statutes of Federal law or regulation.

**Subd. 4 Intoxicating Liquor.** “Intoxicating Liquor” shall mean any liquor which is intoxicating pursuant to Minnesota law and includes ethyl alcohol, distilled, fermented, spirituous, vinous and malt beverages containing in excess of 3.2 percent alcohol by weight.

**Subd. 5 Motorized Recreational Vehicle.** “Motorized Recreational Vehicle” shall mean any self propelled, off-the-road, or all terrain conveyance, including but not limited to a snowmobile, minibike, amphibious vehicle, motorcycle, go-cart, trail bike, dune buggy, or four-wheel drive vehicle.

**Subd. 6 Non-intoxicating Malt Liquor.** “Non-intoxicating Malt Liquor” shall mean a beverage containing not more than 3.2 percent alcohol by weight.

**Subd. 7 Park.** “Park” shall mean any land or water area and all facilities thereon, established as a park of the City pursuant to Minnesota Statutes.

**Subd. 8 Park Director.** “Park Director” shall mean the person appointed by the City Council to serve as the chief administrative officer of the City Park System.

**Subd. 9 Park Visitor.** “Park Visitor” shall mean any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, governmental unit, company or organization of any kind within a park.

**Subd. 10 Skate Park.** “Skate Park” shall mean the Big Lake Skate Park located at Lakeside Park.

**Subd. 11 Vehicle.** “Vehicle” shall mean any motorized, propelled, animal drawn or human powered conveyance.

**Subd. 12 Weapon.** “Weapon” shall mean any devise from which shots or projectile of any type can be discharged by means of explosive, gas, compressed air or otherwise propelled, including but not limited to firearms, bow and arrows, slings and spring guns.

**Subd. 13 Wildlife.** “Wildlife” shall mean all living creatures, not human, wild by nature, endowed by sensation and power or voluntary motion, including quadrupeds, mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans and mollusks.

**570.03 General Conduct.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Use threatening, abusive, insulting, obscene or indecent language or to at in an indecent manner, or to do any act which constitutes a breach of the public peace in a park.
- B. Have in possession or bring into a park “Non-intoxicating” or “Intoxicating” Malt Liquor or beer in kegs or barrels.
- C. Consume any alcoholic beverage, whether “Intoxicating” or “Non-intoxicating Liquor” in a park after 10:00 o’clock p.m. and before the park is open the following day.
- D. Disturb, harass or interfere with any park visitor’s property.
- E. Deposit, scatter, drop or abandon in a park any bottles, cans, broken glass, sewage, waste or other material, except in receptacles provided for such purposes.
- F. Enter a park with glass beverage containers.
- G. Dig trenches or make other excavations in a park.
- H. Throw, discharge or place on or upon any lake, stream, creek, pond or other body of water in or adjacent to a park, or tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into the waters any substance, liquid or gas.
- I. Gamble or participate in any game of chance in a park.

- J. Use any land or body of water within a park for starting landing field for aircraft, balloons, or parachutes, without a permit from the Park Director.
- K. Start a fire in the park, except a small fire for culinary purposes in a designated area, or fail to fully extinguish such a fire.
- L. Drop, throw or otherwise leave unattended in a park, lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, paper or other combustible material.
- M. Sell, solicit or carry on any business or commercial enterprise or serve in a park unless authorized by the Park Director in writing.
- N. Use loudspeakers or other amplifying systems in a park, except with written permission from the Park Director.

**570.04 Protection of Natural Resources and Wildlife.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Injure, destroy, or remove any tree, flower, shrub, plant, rock, soil or mineral in a park.
- B. Kill, trap, hunt, pursue or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed any species of wildlife within a park except that fishing may be permitted in designated areas.
- C. Shoot any weapon into a park from beyond park boundaries.
- D. Bring a dog, cat, horse or other domestic animal into a park unless under the control of the owner or attendant and the custodian shall have the responsibility of cleaning up any feces of any animal and shall dispose of such in a sanitary manner.
- E. Bring or permit any dog, cat, horse or other domestic animal to enter a beach area, nature center, picnic area, park building, skating rink or Lakeside Park.
- F. Permit a dog, cat, horse or other domestic animal to disturb, harass or interfere with any park visitor or visitor's property.
- G. Possess any weapon within a park.
- H. Release within a park any plant, chemical or other agent potentially harmful to the vegetation or wildlife or the park.

**570.05 Camping.** It shall be unlawful for any person to camp in a park.

**570.06 Swimming.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Wade or swim within a park except at beaches designated for that purpose, and then only between sunrise and sunset, or such hours as may be designated by the Park Director. Any park visitor shall swim or wade at their own risk.
- B. Take bottles or glass of any kind, except eyeglasses into a designated beach area.
- C. Use air mattresses, inner tubes or other inflatable devices except in designated beach areas.

**570.07 Boating.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Launch or land any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other watercraft upon any water, lagoon, lake, pond or slough within a park except at locations and times designated for that purpose.
- B. Leave unattended any boat or watercraft except in areas designated for that purpose.
- C. Operate any watercraft in a designated swimming area or other prohibited area.
- D. Operate any watercraft in a park in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 86B, or Section 560 of this Code.

**570.08 Horseback Riding.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or bring an untrailered horse into a park.

**570.09 Bicycling.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a bicycle except on park designated bikeways and roadways, and kept as close to the right hand side thereof as conditions shall permit.

**570.10 Meetings, Speeches, Demonstrations and Parades.** It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct public meeting, assemblies, entertainment, parades or demonstrations within a park without first obtaining a written permit from the Park Director, and then only in an area designated by permit.

**570.11 Vehicles.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate any vehicle within a park except upon designated roadways and parking areas.
- B. Operate vehicle in a park at a speed in excess of posted speed limits.
- C. Park or leave a vehicle standing within a park except at a designated parking area.
- D. Operate a vehicle which emits excessive or unusual noise, noxious fumes, dense smoke or other polluting matter.
- E. Operate a vehicle in a reckless or careless manner in the park.
- F. Wash, polish, grease, change oil or repair any vehicle in a park, except that emergency repairs may be made.

**570.12 Motorized Recreation Vehicle.** It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate a motorized recreation vehicle within a park except on designated roadways and parking areas.
- B. Operate a snowmobile within a park other than on designated trails within the park for snowmobile traffic.

**570.13 Park Operation.**

- A. A person may be granted a permit for temporary exclusive use of reserved space within a park. Said permit shall be for a maximum of eight hours.
- B. No person shall remain within a park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- C. Any permit granted pursuant to this Section may be revoked upon the violation by the permittee of any provision of this Section, or any other ordinance, rule or regulation of parks adopted by the City.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the City without payment of the fee or charge.

- E. The City shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by a park visitor.
- F. Any park or portion thereof may be declared closed to the public by the City Council or the Park Director at any time and for any interval of time or to certain uses, as the City Council or Park Director shall find reasonably necessary.
- G. The City Council or Park Director shall have the right to issue administrative rules and regulations that shall be established by the Council or Park Director.
- H. Nothing in the Section shall prevent employees or agents of the Big Lake Parks from performing their assigned duties.
- I. No person shall impersonate any employee for the Big Lake Parks, nor interfere with, harass or hinder any employee in the discharge of his or her duties.

**570.14 Skate Park.** Rules and Regulations shall be posted at the Skate Park:

- A. Skate Park hours are from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- B. Skateboard skates and bicycles are the only equipment allowed in the Skate Park.
- C. Parents are strongly encouraged to be in attendance at all times if user is under the age of ten.
- D. No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products allowed.
- E. Personal Protective Equipment should be worn, including helmets, knee and elbow pads, gloves, wrist supports, and proper footwear.
- F. Adding or altering the ramps and/or equipment is prohibited.
- G. Keep noise to a minimum.
- H. Profanity is prohibited.
- I. Protect your Park from graffiti and abuse.
- J. Put trash in trash receptacles.
- K. No food or drink is allowed in the skating area.
- L. Do not cross in front in others.

M. No horseplay, or “crack the whip”.

N. Follow all other Park rules and regulations.

O. Skating privileges will be revoked if these rules are not followed.

P. The City of Big Lake does not assume any responsibility for injury. Any use of the Skate Park is “at your own risk”.

**570.15 Waiver.** Any provision of this Section may be waived at the discretion and direction of the City Council.

**570.16 Enforcement and Penalties.**

**Subd. 1 Misdemeanor.** A person guilty of violating any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Subd. 2 Ejection.** Designated Big Lake Parks employees may, in connection with their duties imposed by law, diligently enforce the provisions of this Section and eject from parks, persons acting in violation of this Section.

**Subd. 3 Permit Revocation.** The Park Director shall have the authority to revoke for good cause any permit or reservation issued by the Park Director.

**570.17 Enforcement and Penalties (Parks Advisory Board).**

**Subd. 1** The City is establishing a Parks Advisory Committee.

**Subd. 2** The City Council will establish the bylaws for the Committee and amend the bylaws as they deem necessary.

**Subd. 3** The Parks Advisory Committee’s responsibilities will be determined by the Council through the bylaws.

**Subd. 4** The Parks Advisory Committee will consist of seven (7) voting members including at least one (1) City Council and one (1) Planning Commissioner as defined in the bylaws. The City Administrator or his/her designee will act as the recording secretary and staff for the Parks Advisory Committee.

