

Ch. 12.20 - PARKS & RECREATION AREAS

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12.20.010 - Park defined.

"Park" means any park, playground, recreation field, building, swimming pool and other areas which are under the jurisdiction of the park and recreation boards.
(Prior code § 23.02)

12.20.020 - General rules.

A. **Park Hours.** No cars, campers or pedestrians' shall be in the park or park area between eleven p.m. and five a.m. except as follows:

1. Those involving prescheduled activities;
2. Hoffman Park in the area signed and marked for overnight campers. This exception is for campers only.

B. **Defacing Park Property.** No person shall cut, break or in any way injure or deface any building, fence, lamp, equipment or facility, or any feature or property, including natural objects, upon or within any park.

C. **Wild Flowers.** No person shall remove, damage or disturb any plant, timber or vegetation unless authorized by designee.

D. **Pets.** Pets shall be leashed in the park and no person shall allow his or her pet to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by others.

E. **Littering.** No person shall throw, deposit, place or leave in any park or waters therein any paper, rubbish, waste cans, bottles or refuse of any kind except in receptacles provided for waste.

F. **Bill Posting.** No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or affix any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising upon any structure or erect any structure for that purpose unless authorized by the park and recreation boards.

G. **Athletics.** No adult persons shall play organized hardball upon the athletic grounds. The use of the athletic grounds by organized teams shall be subject to the approval and scheduling of the board or designee.

H. Benches and Tables. No person shall move benches, seats or tables from the park property.

I. Selling Goods. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article or thing in any park. This prohibition shall not apply to sales of refreshments and other articles authorized by the park board.

J. Alcohol Beverages.

1. Subject to the permit provisions of subdivision 1 of this section, no person shall possess or consume any intoxicating beverages in any city park or recreation area, with the exception of Hoffman Park, Glen Park and DeSanctis Park. Alcohol beverages may be consumed or possessed in these three designated parks. The city council may by resolution authorize an exception for a special event.

2. No person shall possess beer in containers larger than one liter in any city park, except that containers larger than one liter may be possessed in any city park in accordance with a special permit obtained five days prior to the event from the parks and recreation department. A fifty-dollar (\$50.00) deposit shall also be required at the time of permit issuance, which is refundable upon inspection of the area by city staff. The approved permit shall conform with all requirements of Chapter 125, Wis. Stats.

3. No person shall possess or consume any beverage in glass containers in any park or recreation area.

K. Vehicles on the Grass. No motorized vehicle shall be parked on the grass of any municipal park except areas delineated as parking by the placement of parking posts.

L. Swimming Pool. No person shall enter the fenced pool area to swim unless the pool is officially open under the jurisdiction of the appointed lifeguards. All are subject to the regulations concerning pool use as determined by the park and recreation board.

M. Traffic Rules. No vehicle shall be driven at more than fifteen (15) miles per hour on any park road. The driver of any vehicle shall bring such vehicle to a complete stop where there is in place any sign or marking which says, "STOP." Upon a park street that has been established as a one-way drive, a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction indicated. A vehicle shall enter and exit only in the exits and entrances indicated.

N. Fires. No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire or burn any refuse except at designated fireplaces or personal grills. No person shall leave any fire unattended.

O. Horses. No person shall ride a horse in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or person of others in the parks. Horse riding shall be confined to the road or parkways.

P. Weapons. No person shall have in his or her possession or under his or her control, any air gun, as defined in Section 939.22, Wis. Stats. unless the same is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case or any bow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case.