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**19.01 PARK MANAGEMENT.** The Parks and Recreation Director shall be responsible for the day to day operation of City parks in accordance with policies established by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Council.

**19.02 PARK DEFINITION.** As used in this chapter, the term "park" is defined to mean all lands and water hereto-fore and hereafter acquired by the City for park or recreational purposes, or placed under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, and includes, without limitation, parks, parkways, greenways, recreational facilities and structures, and privately owned lands the use of which has been granted or leased to the City for park, recreational or like public purposes.

**19.03 UNLAWFUL CONDUCT PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any of the following acts in or upon any public park within the City.

- (1) **VANDALISM.** To soil, deface, injure, remove, damage, upset or destroy any building, fence, fountain, bench, table, receptacle, fireplace, tree, bush, flower or other object situated, used or kept upon park grounds.
- (2) **FIRES.** To build any fire, except in grills or fireplaces provided for that purpose. No person shall leave any fire unattended and all fires shall be extinguished before leaving the area.

- (3) **DEFACING PARK PROPERTY.** To intentionally break, destroy or deface any park properties, features, facilities or structures, including natural objects, upon or within the parks.
- (4) **LITTER.** To leave, throw or break any bottle, box, refuse or other object, except in clearly marked refuse receptacles provided for that purpose; or throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the water of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, river or other body of water or on the ice thereof in or adjacent to any park, any substance, matter, or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters. Where receptacles for rubbish are not provided, all waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for it.
- (5) **GLASS CONTAINERS.** Glass beverage containers of any kind are prohibited in all parks.
- (6) **MOVING PARK EQUIPMENT.** To remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park or park facility unless prior approval of the Parks and Recreation Director is obtained.
- (7) **FIREWORKS.** To set off fireworks of any kind, except when a public display permit has been issued by the Mayor pursuant to sec.

9.05 of this Code. No sparklers shall be permitted.

- (8) GAMES, ATHLETICS AND SPORTS. To engage in any athletic contest, game or activity, except in areas specifically designated for such activity, whereby large areas of public grounds are usurped by the participants to the exclusion and at the peril of injury to others. Specifically, no one shall participate in playing ball, golf, tennis or archery in any City park, except upon ball fields, golf links, tennis courts or archery ranges, respectively, established by the Commission.
- (9) PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND MEETINGS. To take part in any entertainment or exhibition or hold any public meeting or engage in public speaking in any City park without written consent of the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- (10) SALES. To vend, sell or offer for sale any food, beverage or other commodity or article to the public within any park without written authorization from the Commission.
- (11) LOUD AND UNNECESSARY NOISE. To make any loud, disturbing or unnecessary sounds or noises such as may tend to annoy or disturb another in or about any public street adjacent to any City park or within any City park, or to operate a loudspeaker from any vehicle within any City park except upon written permit issued by the Commission upon such terms and conditions as will ensure that the public peace will not be disturbed.
- (12) RULES. To fail, refuse or neglect to obey the regularly posted rules and regulations of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the use or enjoyment of any facilities.
- (13) PETS. To take, have, keep or permit any dog, cat or other pet in any park in the City, except a dog, cat or other domesticated pet is permitted in Deppe Park, a/k/a Deppe Recreation Area, when such animal is properly restrained. A seeing eye dog, when properly restrained, shall be permitted in a City park. A dog, cat or domesticated pet may be kept within a motor vehicle legally parked in posted parking areas within City parks. (1843 11/28/95)
- (14) MOLESTING ANIMALS. To molest, disturb, chase or throw objects at any animal or bird within any park.
- (15) SIGNS. To paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard or advertisement, or solicit business of any nature in any park without written authorization from the Parks and Recreation Director.

- (16) DISORDERLY CONDUCT. To engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct under circumstances in which such conduct tends to cause or provoke a disturbance, endangers other persons or property, or interferes with the use of the park by others.

**19.04 CLOSING HOURS.**

- (1) All parks shall be closed to the general public during the following hours: (1836 10/24/95)

November 1 to April

30: Between 7:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

May 1 to October 31:

Between 9:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.

It shall be unlawful for any person or group to occupy or be present in any park during hours in which the park is not open to the public, except when permission, in writing, has been granted by the Parks and Recreation Commission or its Director for a group to conduct an activity or use specific facilities or buildings for an activity which extends beyond the regular closing hours.

- (2) Any park or part thereof may be declared closed to the public by the Parks and Recreation Commission or its Director at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or be present in any park or portion thereof which has been closed to the public.

**19.05 CONDUCT IN ZOO REGULATED.**

- (1) HARASSMENT OF ANIMALS. No person shall engage in any conduct under circumstances which tends to harass, annoy, disturb or endanger the health, welfare, safety and living environment of the Ochsner Park Zoo animals including, but not limited to, teasing, harassing, mocking, throwing objects, spitting, making loud and disturbing noises, feeding harmful foods or drink, touching or hitting with objects, or intentional molestation.
- (2) FEEDING OF ANIMALS. No person shall feed or give any substance to any Ochsner Park Zoo animal except for those animals where feeding is specifically allowed by a sign located on or near the animals' cage or enclosure.
- (3) BARRIERS. All persons visiting the Zoo shall adhere to and stay behind all barrier structures.

- (4) DESTRUCTION OF PLANTS PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb or destroy any of the vegetation within the zoo grounds, specifically for the purpose of feeding the animals.
- (5) FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROHIBITED. Visitors are prohibited from taking food or beverages into the zoo.

**19.06 MOTOR VEHICLES.**

- (1) No person shall drive or park a motor vehicle in any park, except on such roads or parking lots specifically designated for the use of motor vehicles.
- (2) No person shall operate a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour or in excess of any other posted speed limit, whichever is less.
- (3) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless or imprudent manner or in any manner which may tend to create a disturbance or endanger the safety of persons using the parks.

**19.07 SNOWMOBILES PROHIBITED.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile in any park.

**19.08 OFF-THE-ROAD VEHICLES PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any mini-bike, go-cart, motorcycle or other off-the-road vehicle in any park.

**19.09 CAMPING.** No camping shall be permitted in any park, except upon the written permission of the Parks and Recreation Commission and in campground areas designated by the Commission.

**19.10 USE OF PARK FACILITIES; FEES AND DEPOSIT.**

- (1) RENTAL FACILITIES. The Schedule of Rental Facilities and respective fees as established by the Parks and Recreation Commission on file in the office of the Parks and Recreation Director is hereby adopted by reference. It shall be unlawful for any person to

use such rental facilities without paying the designated fee.

- (2) RESERVATION OF OTHER PARK FACILITIES. Other park facilities and park areas may be reserved on a first-come first-served basis upon making application to the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (3) DEPOSITS. The Parks and Recreation Director may require a cash deposit for any reserved park facilities. All or part of said deposit may be retained in the event the facility or area is not cleaned up or if facility keys are not returned.

**19.11 CONSUMPTION OF BEER OR WINE IN PIERCE PARK COMPLEX PROHIBITED EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LEASE.** (1512 05/10/88)

- (1) No person shall sell, possess or consume any alcohol beverages within the Pierce Park Complex except as authorized by and pursuant to the Park and Recreation Commission Lease of the Concession Stand at the Park.
- (2) During the times when the Tenant of the Pierce Park Concession Stand is not open for business, fermented malt beverages and wine may be brought in and consumed in the Pierce Park Complex if specifically permitted in writing by the Director or Assistant Director of the City's Park and Recreation Department.

**19.12 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES IN LOWER OCHSNER AND ATTRIDGE PARKS PROHIBITED DURING ANNUAL ZOO CREW FEST, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LEASE.** (1643 05/12/92) No person shall sell, possess or consume any alcohol beverages within Lower Ochsner and Attridge Parks during those dates and times as established by resolution of the Park and Recreation Commission for the annual Baraboo Zoo Crew Fest held at Ochsner and Attridge Parks, except as authorized and pursuant to any Park and Recreation Commission lease of said Parks.

**19.13 to 19.14** (Reserved)

**19.15 PENALTY.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter may be subject to a penalty as provided in §25.04 of this Code.