

CHAPTER 93: PARKS AND RECREATION

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PARK BOARD; MEMBERSHIP

§ 93.01 ESTABLISHMENT.

There is hereby created and established a Park Board.
(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

§ 93.02 MEMBERSHIP.

(A) *Members, generally.* The Park Board shall consist of seven voting members and a non-voting City Councilor who shall act as Chair. The Mayor shall appoint the members, with confirmation by the City Council. One voting member may be appointed, who need not live within the corporate limits of the city. The remainder of the voting members shall live within the corporate limits of the city. One member, selected by the Board, shall serve as Secretary to the Board and shall prepare minutes of each meeting.

(B) *Unexcused absences.* In the event of three consecutive unexcused absences from the regularly scheduled meetings of the City Park Board, the Mayor shall declare that position vacant and may fill the position as per division (A) of this section.

(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007; Ord. 643, passed - -)

§ 93.03 TERMS.

The initial terms of the members shall be as follows: Chair for two years, beginning with the first meeting in January of even-numbered years; three members for one year; two members for two years; and two members for three years. Thereafter, all terms shall be for three years. All terms, except the Chair, shall expire on January 31 of the appropriate year.

(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

§ 93.04 QUORUM; RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

Four voting members of the Park Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall make rules, regulations and procedures as it deems necessary, but all the rules, regulations and procedures shall be consistent with the laws of the state, the City Charter and city ordinances. The Board shall meet at least once every three months.

(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

§ 93.05 COMPENSATION.

Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for services rendered, but may be reimbursed for any incidental expenditures approved by the Mayor and City Council.

(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

§ 93.06 POWERS AND DUTIES.

In general, the Board shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and the City Manager in the creation, development and implementation of park rules, regulations, activities and development, including structures located with the park system. In addition, the Board shall have the authority to grant or deny permission for certain activities not allowed or not addressed in the park rules and regulations in place at the time of request. If the Park Board recommends a special events contract, there may be a fee passed for the promise of year-to-year reservations. Decisions of the Park Board concerning usage can be appealed to the City Council at its next regular meeting upon written request of the applicant or any member of the Park Board. All decisions of the City Council in these matters shall be final.

(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

§ 93.07 REPORTS.

The Board shall submit copies of its minutes to the City Council and shall, in February of each year, make and file an annual report of its activities to the City Council; and any other reports as from time to time may be requested of it by the City Council.
(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

§ 93.08 LIFE OF BOARD.

The Park Board shall continue in existence so long as directed to do so by the Mayor and City Council.
(Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

§ 93.20 RULE AND REGULATIONS.

(A) Fires in the park areas shall be confined to:

(1) Park camp stoves or fireplaces provided for that purpose;

(2) Portable stoves in established campsites and picnic areas where fires are permitted; and

(3) No fire shall be left unattended, and every fire shall be fully and completely extinguished before its user leaves the park area.

(B) No person shall:

(1) Hunt, pursue, trap, kill, injure or molest any birds or animals or disturb their habitats;

(2) Discharge any firearm, pellet gun, bow and arrow, slingshot or other weapon capable of injuring any person, bird or animal; or

(3) Possess any loaded firearm in any park area except under agreement or special regulation of this city.

(C) Flowers, shrubs, foliage, tree or plant life or products of any type shall not be planted, picked, cut, mutilated or removed from any park area without written permission from the Park Board.

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(D) No person shall mutilate, deface, damage or remove any table, bench, building, sign, marker, monument, fence, barrier, fountain, faucet, traffic recorder or other structure or facility of any kind in a park area. This proscription does not include ordinary control or maintenance of park areas or park property by park employees.

(E) No person shall, except under special regulation of the Park Board, dig up, deface or remove any dirt, stones, rock or other substances whatever, make any excavation, quarry any stone, lay or set off any blast, roll any stones or other objects, or cause or assist in doing any of the things within a park area.

(F) No person shall erect signs, markers or inscriptions of any type within a park area without the permission of the Park Board.

(G) Without prior approval of the Park Board no person in a park area may:

(1) Operate a concession, either fixed or mobile;

(2) Solicit, sell or offer for sale, peddle, hawk or vend any goods, wares, merchandise, food, liquids or services; or

(3) Advertise any goods or services by any means whatsoever.

(H) Motor vehicles shall be operated only on roads and in parking areas constructed or designated for motor vehicle use. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any trail or in any part of a park not constructed or designated for motor vehicle use, or on any road or trail posted as closed to public. Automobiles, trailer or other vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas. This division (H) shall not apply to control and maintenance of park areas or park property by city employees.

(I) No bottles, cans, ashes, waste, paper, garbage, sewage or refuse shall be left in the park area without the permission of the Park Board.

(J) No person shall set up or use a public address system in the park area without the permission of the Park Board.

(K) No person shall ride, drive, lead or keep a saddle horse or other animal in any park area except on roads, trails or areas designated for that purpose. No horse shall be hitched to any tree or shrub in a manner that may cause damage to the tree or shrub.

(L) No person shall operate or use any noise-producing machine, vehicle, device or instrument in a manner that is disturbing to other park area visitors.

(M) No person shall operate any motor vehicle within a park area at a speed in excess of 15 mph unless the roadway is posted otherwise.

(N) (1) Except for authorized overnight camping in accordance with these Council rules and regulations, no person other than law enforcement officers or authorized personnel shall enter or remain in any park area between the daily closing time and the daily opening time as established by the Park Board and posted at the entrance to the park area.

(2) Authorized camping is limited to that needed by vendors or security for special events, or by special provisions of a contract with the city. All camping must be in self-contained units and parked only in designated parking areas.

(O) No child under the age of five shall be allowed in any park area unless attended by a person responsible as an adult under the circumstances.

(P) The use or possession of fireworks on park property is not allowed.

(Q) Any security that will be provided must be state certified and approved by the City Police Chief.

(R) Rental fees must be paid for all days of use, including setup.

(S) No alcohol is permitted on park property unless approved by the Park Board and City Council.

(T) Parking is only allowed in areas designated for parking on the River Bend park map.

(U) Park hours of use shall be posted as daylight to dark. (Only scheduled events with special permission are allowed to conduct activities outside these hours.)
(1993 Code, Comp. No. 4-9) (Ord. 197, passed 10-1-1975; Ord. 413, passed 12-21-1987; Ord. 614, passed 4-17-2006; Ord. 633, passed 6-4-2007)

