



University City
Parks, Recreation and Forestry



MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Park Rules and Regulations

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I. PURPOSE

To establish policies, procedures, rules and regulations to better manage the finite resources of the department and to assist park users and the public's health and safety.

II. REVISION HISTORY

III. REFERENCES

IV. PERSONS AFFECTED

Park patrons, police, and park department employees.

V. POLICY

HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING

Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, maintenance, rentals, programs and/or special events, parks shall be generally open to the public every day of the year during the following designated hours:

- a. Adams, Eastgate, Greensfelder, Kingsland, Metcalfe, Mooney, Rabe, and Ruth Park Woods Parks shall be open to the public for use between one-half hour prior to sunrise and one-half hour after sunset each succeeding day. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons (other than City personnel and/or concession/vending operators conducting City business therein) to occupy or

be present in said park during any hours in which the park is not open to the public.

Any person within the confines of any City park between one half hour prior to sunrise and one-half hour after sunset shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided however, any organization, group or individual who sponsors an activity lasting after one-half hour after sunset shall get prior approval from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, who is authorized to issue a permit for a date certain to any applicant upon application thereof; such permit may include the applicant and members of the applicants group, and the use of the park thereunder may be authorized.

- b. Ackert, Flynn, Fogerty, Heman, Kaufman, Lewis, Majerus, Millar Parks and the Dog Park shall be open to the public for use between 5:00 am and 10:30 pm each succeeding day with the exception of special use facilities such as the Heman Park Community Center/Parking Lot and Heman Park Centennial Commons/Parking Lot, which the City may elect to be open up to twenty-four (24) hours per day. In such cases, it shall only be open to the public for use during posted hours of operation. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons (other than City personnel and/or concession/vending operators conducting City business therein) to occupy or be present in said park during any hours in which the park is not open to the public.

Any person within the confines of these Parks between the hours of 5:00 am and 10:30 pm shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided however, any organization, group or individual who sponsors an activity lasting after 10:30 pm and before 5:00 am shall get prior approval from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, who is authorized to issue a permit for a date certain to any applicant upon application thereof; such permit may include the applicant and members of the applicants group, and the use of the park thereunder may be authorized.

- c. Ruth Park Golf Course, Driving Range and Short Game Practice Area shall only be open to the public for use during posted hours of operation. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons (other than City personnel and/or concession/vending operators conducting City business therein) to occupy or be present in said golf course, driving range or short game practice area during any hours in which the golf course, driving range or short game practice area is not open to the public.

Any person within the confines of the golf course, driving range or short game practice are not within the hours of operation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

PARK PROPERTY

1. Park Usage.

- a. The City through its representatives, agents and employees, reserves the right to control the use of all City parks. In general, all City parks are to be open for the use by its residents; however, the City reserves the right to restrict use of City parks for programs, special events, festivals, rentals, construction, and ongoing maintenance and operations.
- b. The City through its representatives, agents, and employees, reserves the right to control all activities at any City park and to eject any person(s) who is objectionable and causes disfavor to the rules and regulations.
- c. Park patrons, lessee's/permittee's agents, servants, employees, assigns, successors, invitees, and licensees always agree to fully abide by all federal, state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances.
- d. No private property may be placed on or in City parks without the expressed written consent of the Director.
- e. The City will not assume any responsibility for any private property that may be approved for placement.
- f. The City shall have the sole right to determine all decisions regarding the condition and usage of parks.

2. Meetings, Exhibitions, Parades, etc.

No person shall, without a permit:

- a. Conduct a public assembly, parade, classes, lessons, camps, clinics, special events, festivals, walks, runs, rides, parades, athletic events, etc.
- b. Conduct any exhibit, music or dramatic performance, fair, circus, concert, play, filming or photo shoot, radio or television broadcast, other than a news transmission.
- c. Station or erect any building, tent, canopy, stand, bandstand, stage, tower, scaffold, sound stage, platform, riser, rostrum or other structure.

3. Permits.

A permit for the use of a specific park, park area, facility or trail area may be obtained by applying to the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department for which the use of a specific park, park area, facility or trail area is sought. Person(s)

issued a permit for the use of a specific park, park area, facility or trail area shall have preference to the use of the specific park, park area, facility or trail area reserved upon the dates and during the times indicated on the permit.

4. **Intoxicating Beverages.**

- a. No Person shall drink any intoxicating liquor in or on the streets, sidewalks, parkways, alleys, or parking lots of the City, or any other outdoor area open to the public for vehicular or pedestrian, whether publicly or privately owned, unless such public consumption takes place at a social event for which the City has issued a public consumption permit (i.e. block party, park rentals and special events). The Section shall not apply to consumption at Ruth Park Golf Course, when intoxicating liquor is purchased from the course, or to sidewalk cafes duly licensed under this Code.

The City shall prepare and maintain forms for permits for the privilege of public consumption as permitted herein and shall establish an application fee for the processing of same for the recovery of the City's processing costs. The City shall adopt reasonable regulations applicable to such consumption, which shall be stated on the permit, the violation of which shall be grounds for immediate permit revocation and the closing of the permitted event.

- b. No person shall enter any of the parks while in an intoxicated condition nor shall that person remain therein while in an intoxicated condition whether intoxicated at the time of entering the parks or becoming intoxicated after entering.
- c. No minor shall possess or consume any intoxicating beverages at any time in any park.

5. **Vandalism.**

It is prohibited for any unauthorized person in a Park to:

- a. *Disfiguration and removal.* Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any building, bridge, table, bench, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving materials, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof; signs, notices, or placards whether temporary or permanent; monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers; or other structures or equipment, facilities, trail, or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
- b. *Restrooms, washrooms, and locker rooms.* Fail to leave the restrooms, washrooms, and/or locker rooms in a clean and sanitary condition. No

person over the age of four (4) years shall use restrooms, washrooms, and/or locker rooms designated for the opposite sex.

- c. *Removal of natural resources.* Dig or remove any soil, rock, stones, sand, shrubs, trees or plants, downed timber or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency.
- d. *Erection of structure.* Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except by special written permit by the Director.
- e. *Injury and removal.* Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant, or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant. Nor shall any person attach any nail, staple, rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant material. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb the root area, or in any other way injure or impair the flow of oxygen and water to the root of any tree or plant material; landscape and/or grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area. Cause or permit any wire charged with electricity to come in contact with any tree or plant material or allow any gaseous, liquid, or solid substance, which is harmful to such trees or plant materials to come in contact with them.
- f. *Climbing trees, etc.* Climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, sculptures, vases, fountains, railings, buildings, fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.

SANITATION

It is prohibited for any person to:

1. ***Pollution, discoloration or contamination of waters.*** Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lakes, stream, or any other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters and substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which shall result in the pollution, discoloration or contamination of said waters.
2. ***Refuse and trash.*** Litter or cause to be littered any of the grounds, driveways, buildings or other structures of the parks, dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse, animal feces or other trash on or in park properties, except in the proper receptacles where they are provided. Where receptacles are not so provided, all the rubbish and waste shall be carried away from the park

by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

3. **Illegal Dumping.** Bring in and deposit waste, garbage, refuse, animal carcasses, animal feces, dirt, leaves or other trash not normally associated with the use of a park, on or in park properties, trash receptacles, etc.
4. **Scattering of Ashes.** Bring in and deposit, throw, discharge, bury, or otherwise place or cause to be placed the scattering of cremated ashes on City Park Lands, except by special written permit by the Director.

TRAFFIC

It is prohibited for any person to:

1. Fail to comply with all City ordinances and applicable provisions of the State motor vehicle traffic laws in operating equipment and vehicles in all City Parks.
2. Close, barricade, or block any streets or roads within park boundaries without obtaining a permit from the City. In the case of special events such as fairs, rodeos, demolition derbies, concerts, parades, festivals, etc., the sponsor of such event shall coordinate the traffic flow, temporary parking areas, and closing of streets with the City.
3. Fail to observe carefully all signs which are posted for proper control of the parks and to safeguard life and property.
4. Park a vehicle on other than an established or designated parking area or on temporary parking areas established by the Director.
5. Operate a motor vehicle on a sidewalk, pathway, or trail designated for pedestrian and/or bicycle use only. Except for a motor vehicle used by a disabled person as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act. In such cases where a motorized vehicle is permitted, it shall not exceed a weight of 300 pounds or travel at a speed greater than five (5) miles per hour.
6. Drive any motor vehicle on a driveway, street, parking lot, etc. located in any of the City park at any speed over twenty (20) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
7. Drive any vehicle on any area except the graveled or paved park and/or facility roads or parking areas provided for that purpose, or such other areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary parking areas by permit issued by the Director.

8. Leave, park or stop a vehicle within any City park after the designated closing time unless authorized by the Director.
9. Leave a parked vehicle in a City park for the purpose of carpooling, advertisement to sell said vehicle, vehicle maintenance, or any other non-park related activity, etc.
10. Park, stop, or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of any park after and/or before hours open to the public, unless approved in writing by the Director.
11. Operate a motorized vehicle or equipment such as a golf cart, utility cart, go cart, ATV, mini-bike, motorcycle, car, truck, segway, hover board, scooter, etc., or any other such motorized riding apparatus in any parks except where posted for designated use (designated trails/pathways, skate parks, special use facilities, etc.) and/or unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director.
12. No minor shall operate a motorized vehicle or equipment such as a golf cart, utility cart, go cart, ATV, mini-bike, motorcycle, car, truck, segway, hover board, scooter, etc., or any other such motorized riding apparatus in any parks except where posted for designated use (designated trails/pathways, skate parks, special use facilities, etc.) and/or unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director.
13. Park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended and whether temporarily or otherwise, upon any portion of any park reserved by official traffic signs indicating the restriction.

BEHAVIOR

It is prohibited for any person to:

1. ***Fireworks and Explosives***. Bring or have in his possession or set off or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any fireworks, torpedo, rocket, or other fireworks or explosives of inflammable material, or discharge them or throw them into any such area from land, street, or highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture, or article that in conjunction with any other substance or compound would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints, unless specifically approved by a Special Use Permit issued and signed by the City.

2. **Firearms.** Carry or have in his possession any firearm, air rifle, bow and arrow, or any other instrument capable of launching or firing any projectile or noxious substance, whether propelled by gunpowder, gas, air, spring, or any other means, while within any park of the department, unless specifically approved by a Special Use Permit issued and signed by the Director. This shall not apply to persons who have the proper permit and are authorized by law to carry a firearm (with the exception of park buildings/facilities).
3. **Tobacco and Smoking.** Smoke or use tobacco products in any City park or recreational area designed in part to be used by children that has play or sports equipment installed or that has been designated or landscaped for play or sports activities; or where people assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events, including sports pavilions, stadiums, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, and bowling alleys.
4. **Fires.**
 - a. Drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other inflammable material, within any park.
 - b. Build or attempt to build a cooking fire, except where such cooking fires are limited to City provided park barbeque grills. In such cases, hot coals must be cooled or doused with water after use. Disposing of coals on grass, at the base of a tree, in a storm sewer, or at any other location is strictly prohibited.
 - c. Use of a portable commercial barbeque grill/pit, unless specifically approved by a Special Event Permit issued and signed by the Director.
 - d. Build or attempt to build a fire in a park (other than cooking fires in City provided park barbeque grills), unless specifically approved by a Special Event Permit issued and signed by the Director.
 - e. Ignite, launch and/or release of celebratory lanterns.
5. **Closed Areas.** Enter an area posted as "Closed to the Public"; nor shall any person use or abet the use of any area in violation of posted notices, unless authorized by the Director.
6. **Games of Chance.** Gamble, or participate in or abet any games of chance in a park, unless approved by a Special Use Permit by the Director.
7. **Going Onto Ice.** Go onto the ice of any body of the water in any park, except such areas as are designated specifically as ice skating areas.

8. ***Loitering and Boisterousness.***

- a. Sleep or proactively lounge on the seats, or benches, or other areas.
- b. Engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language; or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to breach the public peace.
- c. The playing of any radio, phonograph or other musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to tend to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any dwelling, hotel or any other type of residence; provided that any such noise that can be distinctly heard at a distance of more than one hundred (100) feet from its source shall be deemed excessive.
- d. The use of loudspeaker or other instrument or device, unless a **permit** be obtained therefor from the City Manager, which permit shall specify the place where such device is to be used and the hours thereof; or the unnecessary calling with the voice for the purpose of attracting attention by the creation of noise or for advertising purposes.

9. ***Exhibit Permits.*** Fail to produce and exhibit any permit from the Director, park attendants, auxiliary police, or Police who shall desire to inspect the same for the purpose of enforcing compliance with this Chapter and other park rules.

10. ***Interference With Permittee.*** Disturb or interfere unreasonably with any person or party occupying any area, or participating in any activity, under the authority of a permit issued by the Director.

11. ***Dogs and Domestic Animals.***

- a. Bring any animal into areas of a park that have been marked by signs bearing that animals/pets are not allowed. Except for service animals used by a disabled person as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- b. Bring any animal into playground areas, swimming pools, tennis courts, skate parks, buildings and facilities. Except for service animals used by a disabled person as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- c. Permit the running of a domestic animal at large, unless in a designated program or area such as a "Dog Park", "Off-Leash Area", or other Special Use Areas.
- d. All domesticated animals permitted shall be restrained by a leash no more than six (6') feet in length and held by a competent person.

- e. Permit any vicious animal of any kind to be brought into a park even though restrained as described above.
 - f. Allow an animal to defecate in a park without removing and properly disposing all feces left by such animal.
 - g. Tether any animal to any bush, tree, shrub, or to any park structure.
12. **Feeding of Wildlife.** Feed any wildlife in any park.
13. **Glass Bottles or Containers.** Bring into any park any glass bottles or containers.

MERCHANDISING, ADVERTISING AND SIGNS

It is prohibited for any person to:

1. **Vending and peddling.**
 - a. It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer or expose for sale any lunch or candy, ice cream or other confection whatsoever on the streets, alleys or public places in the City within three hundred (300) feet of any public park, or within any public park within the City. Excluding Ruth Park and Heman Park Community Center, exception is made as to any licensed or permitted concessionaire acting by and under the authority and regulation of the Director.
 - b. Expose or offer for sale any article or thing; nor shall he station or place any news box, stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, sale, or display of any such article or thing. Exception is here made to any person acting by and under the authority of the Director.
 - c. The City reserves the exclusive right to all concession and vending at all parks, facilities and/or trail areas. This shall include, but not limited to, food/beverage operations, bicycle and boat rentals, t-shirt and novelty sales etc.
2. **Solicitation.**
 - a. Solicit alms or contributions for any purpose whatsoever, whether public or private within any Park, except by written permission of the Director.
 - b. Offer to sell exchange any article or thing, or do any hawking, peddling or soliciting of sales, or buy or offer to buy any article or thing in any park, except by written permission of the Director.

- c. Announce, advertise or call the public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire without the expressed written permission of the Director.
- d. Utilize any City park or facility to conduct any private or group instruction/lesson or conduct a service for private or commercial gain without obtaining a permit through the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.
- e. Campaign or solicit for petition whether public or private within any park, except by written permission of the Director.

3. **Signs.**

- a. Paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatever; nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatever, on any park lands without the written permission of the Director.
- b. Leave any approved sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription longer than a period of twenty-four (24) hours after a special event, as heretofore mentioned in this Article, is over. If any of the aforementioned items are left longer than the set period, the Director shall have the authority to have the above items removed.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

It is prohibited for any person in a Park, Trail, or Special Use Area to:

- 1. **Designated Areas.** Swim, bathe, or wade in any waters, ponds, lakes or waterways in any park, except a) In such waters and at such places as are provided therefore, and in compliance with such regulations as are set forth or may be hereafter adopted. Nor shall any person frequent any waters customarily designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate thereat, when such activity is prohibited upon finding that such use of the water would be dangerous or otherwise inadvisable; or b) As part of an organized, authorized, or supervised Parks and Recreation program/special event.
- 2. **Bath Houses and Restrooms.** To dress or undress on any beach, shore, or in any vehicle or other place, except in such restrooms, bathing houses or structures as provided for that purpose.
- 3. **Indecently Exposed or Nude.** Be indecently exposed or nude in a park, unless in a bath house or restroom, as defined by Missouri State Statutes.

4. **Certain Hours.** Frequent any waters or places designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate thereat, except between such hours of the day as shall be approved by the Director.
5. **Designated Areas.** Bring into or operate any boat, raft, canoe, kayak, paddle board or other watercraft upon park waters except at places designated for boating by the Director, or as part of an organized, authorized, or supervised Parks, Recreation and Forestry program/special event or when acting pursuant to a concession/vending contract. Such activities shall be in accordance with applicable regulations as are now or may hereafter be adopted.
6. **Boat Motors.** Use any motors on any boat, raft, or other watercraft upon park waters.
7. **Model Boats.** Bring into or operate any model boat upon park waters except at places and/or times designated for model boating by the Director.
8. **Operation of Boats.** Navigate, direct or handle any boat in such manner as to unjustifiability or unnecessarily annoy or frighten or endanger any person or animal.
9. **Prohibition During Closed Hours.** Launch, dock or operate any boat of any kind on any waters between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and opening hour the following morning, nor shall any person be on, or remain on or in, any boat during the closed hours of the park.
10. **Life Preservers.** Remain on or in any boat, raft, canoe, kayak, paddle board or other watercraft unless a Coast Guard approved life preserver is provided for each occupant of the boat, raft, canoe, kayak, paddle board or other watercraft.
11. **Fishing Laws.**
 - a. Fail to observe the State of Missouri fishing laws.
 - b. Fish offshore in a park except where such locations have been specifically designated for such activity.
12. **Equipment.** Use of any net, trap, gig or other device other than use of hook and line to obtain fish from park waters.
13. **Frogs.** Use any gig, net, trap or other device to obtain frogs from a park or park waters.

14. ***Hunting and Firearms.***

- a. Hunt, molest, harm, trap, kill, shoot, pursue any animal, reptile or bird; or remove the eggs or nest or young of any bird; except snakes known to be deadly poisonous in any park.
- b. Give or offer to give any animal or bird any noxious substance.
- c. Use, carry or possess firearms of any description, or air rifles, spring guns, bow and arrows, slings or any other forms of weapons potentially inimical to wildlife and dangerous to human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device except the use of bows and arrows at archery ranges as established by the Director. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is forbidden. This provision shall not apply to any programs presented by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

15. ***Camping.***

- a. Camp or sleep in the parks and other than in designated areas as approved by the Director.
- b. Camp or sleep overnight at any park unless first obtaining a permit. The permit shall be displayed in a place visible to all representatives of the City. Camping includes all tents, shacks, shelters or special vehicles to be used or that could be used for such purposes.
- c. Erect, hang, or construct any tent/awning/canopy in any park, unless where specific written approval has been made by the Director.

16. ***Horseback Riding.***

- a. Ride or otherwise bring any horse, mule, pony or other such riding animal in any park, except where posted for use of special trails etc. or unless special written permission for said use is obtained from the Director, or for service animals used by a disabled person as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- b. Allow an unbroken or unrestrained horse, mule, pony or other such riding animal in a park, and shall not allow them to graze or go unattended.
- c. Allow a horse, mule, pony or other such riding animal to defecate in a park without removing and properly disposing all feces left by such animal.
- d. Tether any horse, mule, pony or other such riding animal to any bush, tree, shrub, or to any park structure.

17. **Games.**

- a. Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as stones, arrows, javelins, lawn darts, flying disc, golf, model airplanes, kites, bocce ball, dodge ball and horseshoes except in areas specifically set apart for such forms of recreation or upon the written approval of the Director.
- b. Take part in or setup/construct the playing of any games involving the use of volleyball/badminton nets/poles; baseball, softball, stickball, whiffle ball, and kickball; soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, rugby, and cricket; except in areas specifically set apart for such forms of recreation or upon the written approval of the Director.

18. **Skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards.**

- a. Ride or otherwise bring any skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus in any parks except where posted for designated use (designated trails/pathways, skate parks, etc.).
- b. Bring any skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus on other than a paved vehicular road, trail or pathway designated for that purpose.
- c. Fail to comply with all traffic rules and regulations as apply to the operation of skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus on City streets.
- d. Every person operating a skateboard, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus upon a City trail or pathway shall ride as near to the right side of the trail or pathway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a pedestrian or cyclist.
- e. Persons operating skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus upon a City trail or pathway shall ride single file when passing a pedestrian or other cyclist.
- f. No person shall operate a skateboard, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus upon a City trail or pathway at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour and as reasonable and prudent under conditions then existing.

- g. Every person operating a skateboard, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus upon a City trail or pathway shall give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian or cyclist.
- h. Every person operating a skateboard, in-line skates, roller skates, coasters, scooters, hover boards or any other such riding apparatus upon a City trail or pathway shall at all times exercise the highest degree of care to avoid colliding with another trail or pathway user and shall always yield to pedestrians.

19. Bicycles

- a. Bring a bicycle(s) in any parks except where posted for designated use (designated trails/pathways, skate parks, etc.).
- b. Leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided, and space is available.
- c. Leave a bicycle lying on the pavement or in any place or position where other persons may trip over it or be injured by it.
- d. Ride a bicycle on other than a graveled, wood chipped or paved vehicular road, trail or pathway designated for that purpose, except a bicyclist may wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail or on any paved area reserved for pedestrian use.
- e. Fail to comply with all traffic rules and regulations as apply to the operation of bicycles on City streets.
- f. Every person operating a bicycle upon a City trail or pathway shall ride as near to the right side of the trail or pathway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a pedestrian or other user.
- g. Persons operating bicycles upon a City trail or pathway shall ride single file when passing a pedestrian or other user.
- h. No person shall operate a bicycle upon a City trail or pathway at a speed greater than fifteen (15) miles per hour and as reasonable and prudent under conditions then existing.
- i. Every person operating a bicycle upon a City trail or pathway shall give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian or another user.

- j. Every person operating a bicycle upon a City trail or pathway shall at all times exercise the highest degree of care to avoid colliding with another trail or pathway user and shall always yield to pedestrians.

20. Pedestrians

- a. Shall remain as near to the right side of the trail or pathway as practicable.
- b. Shall give an audible signal before passing another pedestrian or other user.

21. **Model Airplanes, Drones, and other Unmanned Aircraft Systems.** Control, use, fly or otherwise cause to become airborne any model airplane, helicopter, drone or similar unmanned aircraft systems, if such device is operated by some type of electric, gas, battery, or other self-contained motorized power, whether such device shall have been unprogrammed, preprogrammed or controlled by a remote controlled device of any type, on, from, or within twenty-five (25') feet of any public park property without the written consent of the Director. In such cases, the operator must be in full compliance and adhere to all applicable Federal, State, County and Municipal regulations, rules and laws regarding their use, and as may be amended from time to time, and implemented thereafter.

22. **Amusement Rides, Games, Booths, Activities, Bands and D.J.'s.** Use amusement rides, inflatables, games, booths, activities, portable commercial barbeque pits, bands or D.J.'s in a park, without the written approval of the Director.

23. **Photos, Film and Video.** Take part in the taking of filming/commercial photography, film or video shoots etc. in a park, without the written approval of the Director.

24. **Geocaching.** Deface, injure, destroy, remove or use without authority any public facility or public property including wildlife, plants, animals and archeological, historic or geological objects found within a park. Digging to hide geocaches is prohibited.

- a. All cache containers must display the words "Official Geocache" clearly on the outside of the container.
- b. All cache containers may not be constructed of piping, tubing, ammunition boxes or any other suspicious containers.
- c. Cache containers are not permitted inside or upon a City Park building, structure, monument, historical or archaeological feature.

- d. Cache containers are not allowed within close proximity to streams, marshes or ecologically sensitive water features.
 - e. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has the right to restrict or limit geocaching within a park under its authority.
 - f. All geocaches must be registered with the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department.
 - g. All caches must be registered on the Internet with Geocaching.com.
25. **Metal Detectors.** Deface, injure, destroy, remove or use without authority any public facility or public property including wildlife, plants, animals and archeological, historic or geological objects found within a park.
- a. The use of metal detectors is strictly prohibited in historic, cultural or ecologically sensitive areas and in highly managed lawn and landscaped areas in Parks.
 - b. Users may probe with a screwdriver, ice pick or similar device so long as the shaft is no larger than ¼” diameter and the user does not damage plants or geological features. Any further disturbance of topsoil or digging is not permitted.
 - c. Any collecting may be done for personal use only and not for commercial purposes.
 - d. City has the right to restrict or limit metal detecting within a park.
 - e. Any items found must be reviewed by parks and recreation staff and may be retained by the Department for further investigation except for modern jewelry or modern coins.

VI. DEFINITIONS

The following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word “*shall*” is always mandatory. The word “*may*” is suggestive.

AUTHORIZED: Any City employee, volunteer, contractor, or other person or organization authorized by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director.

BICYCLE: Shall mean any device, other than a wheelchair, which is propelled by human power and has one or more wheels.

CITY: The City of University City, Missouri

DIRECTOR: The term Director shall mean the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry or his/her respective designee(s).

EXCESSIVE LOUD OR UNUSUAL NOISES: The creation of any unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise in the City is prohibited.

PARK: A park, pavilions, playgrounds, recreation center, swimming pools, splash pads, athletic fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, ice rinks, skate parks, trails, dog parks, ponds/lakes, golf facilities, amphitheaters, greenways, nature areas and or any other area in the City, owned or used by the City, and devoted to active or passive recreation.

PEDESTRIAN: Includes any person walking, jogging, running, in-line skating, baby carriage, children's wagon, or riding in a wheelchair or other device used by a disabled person as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

PERMIT: The term permit shall mean written authorization for specific uses of parks, facilities or areas as required.

PERSON/INDIVIDUAL: Any person/individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY: Includes demonstrations, exhibitions, temporary structures/displays, picketing, speechmaking, marching, holding vigils or religious services, meetings, or gatherings, and all other like forms of conduct, which involve the communication or expression of views or grievances, engaged by individuals at all City of University City parks, trails, nature reserves and facilities.

SPECIAL EVENT: Activity or Activities that are not normally associated with the general public's use of a park and/or facility. Special Events shall be regulated by permits, contracts or agreements approved by the City.

SPECIAL USE AREAS: Shall include properties and/or facilities under the jurisdiction of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department that are generally regulated by permits, contracts or agreements approved by the City. Special Use Areas may be exempt from certain regulations set forth in this chapter subject to terms of the agreement and uses permitted therein as approved by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

TRAIL: The term trail shall mean routes maintained by the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, and ten (10) feet on either side, that are designed and

intended specifically for non-motorized public travel (with the exception of where motorized vehicles are permitted as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act) through city-owned and/or managed areas or through public property that is designated and operated as a public park for general recreational use.

VEHICLE: Any wheeled conveyance, whether motor powered, animal-drawn, or self-propelled. The term shall include any trailer in tow of any size, kind, or description. Exception is made for baby carriages, children's wagon, and wheelchairs; and motor vehicle(s) used by a physically disabled person as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and vehicles in the service of the City's parks and recreation system.

VII. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Director is hereby authorized to establish rules, which he determines are necessary to properly maintain, operate, develop, or construct City parks, facilities and/or trail areas, or to assure the safety of users of said parks and recreation facilities.
2. The Director and any authorized park employee shall have the authority to eject from the park any person acting in violation of this Article.
3. The Director and park attendants shall, in connection with their duties, diligently cooperate with the Police Department to insure the enforcement of the provision of this Article.

VIII. PROCEDURES

The provision of these rules and regulations shall not be applicable to City employees, volunteers or contractors of the City, while actually engaged in their official duties, nor shall the provisions of these rules and regulations be applicable to City Officials while attending to official park business.