

## **Chapter 24**

### **Parks and Parkways**

#### **Section 24-1 Control of parks and parkways.**

All lots, parcels of ground or tracts of land, whether inside or outside of the corporate limits of the city and designated as city parks, and all parkways on streets or boulevards, shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the city council.

#### **Section 24-2 Picnic and recreational areas.**

All persons using any picnic, recreational, or playground area and equipment in any city park shall be responsible for the proper care of such equipment and shall clean up all litter and refuse, caused by their occupancy, before leaving such area.

#### **Section 24-3 Animals in parks or parkways.**

No person shall allow any animal to be at large in any city park or parkway in the city, nor shall any person lead, drive, or ride any horse upon any lawn, flowerbed, sidewalk, or any other area in any city park or upon any parkway.

#### **Section 24-4 Disorderly conduct and loafing in parks.**

No person shall act in a disorderly, unchaste, or lewd manner or habitually loaf or sleep on the ground or on benches within the city parks.

#### **Section 24-5 Traffic.**

All ordinances governing travel or traffic upon the streets of the city shall be applicable within and upon all city parks.

#### **Section 24-6 Hours.**

All city parks shall be closed to the public each day from 12:00 midnight until daylight the following morning, except upon special permission from the council parks committee in charge of the area. This section shall not apply to overnight campers utilizing the city park for camping purposes.

#### **Section 24-7 Park property.**

No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any building, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, waterlines, 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 of park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

The mayor or council parks committee may grant permission for picnic tables or benches to be removed and used for special occasions.

**Section 24-8    Camping.**

Overnight camping shall be allowed at the city park for ten (10) days in any calendar year without charge to the camper. Any person camping more than ten (10) days in any calendar year shall pay a fee as set by resolution of the city council.