

## CHAPTER 6

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#### SEC. 4-6-1      PARK REGULATIONS.

- (a) PURPOSE AND DEFINITION. In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Village from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term "park," as hereinafter used in this chapter, shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, recreation facility or conservancy district in the Village.
- (b) SPECIFIC REGULATIONS.
- (1) Littering Prohibited. No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth, or other material in any park. No person shall dispose of any rubbish, refuse, or any other material not generated incidental to park usage in a dumpster or other refuse container located in or upon a park, unless specific written authority is obtained from the Village Administrator or his/her designee.
  - (2) Sound Devices. No person shall operate or play any amplifying system unless specific authority is first obtained from the Village Board.
  - (3) Pets. Dogs, cats, and other pets are not permitted in Village Parks, except for Culver Community Park, Veterans Memorial Park and Village multiuse paths under the following conditions:
    - a. Where allowed, no person shall permit any dog, cat, or other pet owned by, or under their care or control to run at large in any park or upon any trail. Pets shall be on a leash, no longer than six (6) feet, in a harness, or in a stroller or bag/carrier made for the purpose of carrying pets. Dogs are permitted to run at large within designated fenced dog exercise areas if posted rules for such areas are followed.
    - b. No person in any park shall train or exhibit animals without written approval by the Village Administrator or his/her designee unless such is being conducted within designated fenced dog exercise areas if posted rules for such area are followed.
    - c. The owner or person in charge of any dog or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to deposit on any public property, unless such matter is immediately removed there from by said owner or person in charge. Anyone walking a dog or other animal without proper cleanup materials may be deemed in violation of this Section. This Section shall not apply to a person who is visually or physically handicapped.

- d. Dogs, cats, and other pets shall not be allowed within areas posted during an approved Special Event when such prohibition is approved by the Village Administrator or his/her designee.
- e. Dogs, cats, and other pets shall not be allowed upon sports fields, sports courts, skate parks, playgrounds, mountain bike trails, or areas posted.
- (4) Bill Posting. No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint, or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree, or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Village Board.
- (5) Throwing Stones and Missiles Prohibited. No person shall throw stones or other missiles in or into any park.
- (6) Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited. No person shall remove benches, seats, tables, or other park equipment from any park, unless authorized by the Administrator.
- (7) Trapping. No person shall trap in any park unless specific written authority is first obtained from the Village Board.
- (8) Making of Fires. No person shall start, tend, or maintain a fire except in personal grills or designated fireplaces. Personal grills shall be used only in designated picnic areas. The use of personal grills is permitted provided lawns and vegetation are not endangered. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property.
- (9) Protection of Park Property. No person shall undertake the following activities without the written approval of the Village Administrator or his/her designee:
  - a. Kill, injure, or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds, or animals, wild or domestic, within any park.
  - b. Climb any tree or remove flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon, or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, fountain, ornament, building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign or other property within any park.
- (10) Motorized Vehicles. Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted.
- (11) Snowmobiles. No person shall operate a snowmobile in a Village park except in designated areas.
- (12) Speed Limit. No person shall operate any vehicle in a Village park in excess of 15 m.p.h. unless otherwise posted.
- (13) Glass Beverage Bottles in Parks Prohibited. No person shall possess any glass beverage bottle within the limits of the parks of the Village.
- (14) Reckless Driving in Parks Prohibited. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any of the public parks of the Village.
- (15) Parking in Parks. No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the Village except in a designated parking area. No overnight parking shall be allowed in any park, except as allowed in Veterans Memorial Park, Section 4-6-4.
- (16) Horse and Carriages. No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park, except on roads or designated bridle paths, except when approval of the Village Administrator or his/her designee is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or drive a horse drawn vehicle in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner which may endanger the safety and well-being of others.
- (17) Golf. No person shall golf or hit any golf ball in a Village park.

- (18) Tree Protectors. No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees and shrubs.
- (19) Fees and Charges. The Village Board shall have the authority to establish such fees as deemed necessary for the use of any park facility, shelter, or land area. It shall be prohibited to use such areas without payment of such fee or charge when required.
- (20) Fish Cleaning. Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilet facilities, or picnic areas is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (21) Tennis, Pickle Ball, and Basketball Courts. No person shall operate, ride, or use a skateboard, bicycle, tricycle, or other similar device, or roller skates, or rollerblades on any village tennis, pickle ball, and basketball courts.
- (22) Swimming or Bathing. No person shall swim or bathe in any pond, lake, river, lagoon, beach, or public swimming pool under the jurisdiction of the Village.
- (23) Bicycles, Electric Personal Assistive Mobility, Electric Scooters and Motor Bicycles. Bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric scooters, electric bicycles, and motor bicycles shall be defined as set forth in Sec. 340.01, Wis. Stats., and may be ridden on multiuse paths and pathways only. Motor bicycles shall not be operated with the motor in use. The Village Board may designate certain multiuse paths or pathways as off limits for bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric scooters, electric bicycles and motor bicycles and no person shall ride a bicycle or any such vehicle on such multiuse paths or pathways. Bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric scooters, electric bicycles, and motor bicycles shall be parked only in areas so designated. Electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric scooters, electric bicycles, and motor bicycles are prohibited within the Culver Community Park Skate Park. Any Person with a disability that limits or impairs the ability to walk as defined in Sec. 340.01(43g), Wis. Stats., is exempt from this ordinance subsection. Statutory Reference Secs. 340.01, 349.23 and 349.237 Wis. Stats.
- (24) Smoking Prohibited. Smoking is prohibited in specified outdoor areas. No person may smoke in the following areas of a village park or outdoor areas of village property:
  - a. Shelters and Playgrounds.
  - b. Sports fields, sports field seating areas, and concession areas.
  - c. Skate parks, sledding hills, and dog parks.
  - d. Tennis, basketball, volleyball, and pickle ball courts.
  - e. Within fifty (50) feet of the areas listed in Subsection a.-d. above.
  - f. Those park areas posted as no smoking by the Village Administrator or his/her designee.
  - g. Those areas posted no smoking during an approved Special Event for which no smoking has been requested by the event permit holder.
  - h. Signs prohibiting smoking in designated outdoor areas shall be of sufficient size and placed so that the general public has reasonable notice of the prohibition.
- (25) Hours. All Village Parks shall be closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., except as authorized in writing by the Village Administrator or his/her designee. Veterans Memorial Park hours shall as set in Section 4-6-4.

SEC. 4-6-2 RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL AIRPLANES PROHIBITED IN PARKS.

No person shall fly a radio-controlled model airplane or drone in any park in the Village of Prairie du Sac except in areas specifically designated and posted for such purpose or with the written approval of the Village Administrator or his/her designee.

SEC. 4-6-3 USE OF METAL DETECTORS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Absent authorization by the Village Board, the use of metal detectors and digging for buried objects on Village property, except beaches where no vegetation is present, is prohibited.

SEC. 4-6-4 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK USE RESTRICTIONS.

- (a) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation except law enforcement officers or persons authorized by the Village of Prairie du Sac, to enter Veterans Memorial Park by vehicle by way of any route, or to drive or otherwise maneuver any vehicle within Veterans Memorial Park between the hours of eleven (11:00) p.m. and five (5:00) a.m. The term "vehicle" means and includes, but shall not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, minibikes, and all forms of recreational vehicles.
- (b) Unlicensed vehicles are prohibited at all times.
- (c) The speed limit shall be ten (10) miles per hour.
- (d) Overnight camping in Veterans Memorial Park shall be prohibited except during the following time period: Commencing at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday before Memorial Day of each year and ending at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of October of each year. During such period, no person or persons shall camp in Veterans Memorial Park for more than seven (7) consecutive days.

SEC. 4-6-5 CULVER COMMUNITY PARK USE RESTRICTIONS

- (a) No person shall bring an alcoholic beverage upon the premises of the Culver Community Park at any time a business or organization licensed and authorized to sell alcoholic beverages in Culver Community Park is selling alcoholic beverages.
- (b) Any person violating this section shall be subject to the penalty set forth in Section 1-1-6.

History. Code of Ordinances, 1986. Sec. 4-6-5 added. Ordinance No. 8, Series of 2022.

SEC. 4-6-6 RESERVATION OF PARK BUILDINGS

- (a) POLICY ON RESERVATION. The Village-owned parks, park facilities, and the buildings in Marion Park, Westwynde Park, Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, and Florence Park are primarily for the nonexclusive use of the residents and visitors of the Village. However, under proper circumstances, exclusive use of the Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, Marion Park, Westwynde Park & Florence Park buildings and sports fields may be permitted. This section is intended to regulate exclusive use of Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, Marion Park, Westwynde Park & Florence Park buildings and sports fields to the end that the general welfare of the Village is protected.
- (b) RESERVATION OF PARK BUILDING OR SPORTS FIELD. A person or group, firm, organization, partnership, or corporation may reserve the use of a Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building or sports field by written application filed with the Administrator or his/her designee. The Administrator or his/her designee shall issue permits for such exclusive use of a park building.
- (c) APPLICATION. Applications shall be filed with the Administrator or his/her designee at least three (3) days prior to the date on which a Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building or sports field is to be used. An application may be filed after January 1 for the year of the requested

reservation. Each application shall set forth the following information regarding the proposed exclusive use:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.
  - (2) If the exclusive use is proposed for a group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation, the name, address, and telephone number of the headquarters of the same, and the responsible and authorized heads or partners of the same.
  - (3) The name, address and telephone number of the person who will be responsible for the use of the Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building.
  - (4) The date when the exclusive use is requested and the hours of the proposed exclusive use.
  - (5) The anticipated number of persons to use the park buildings.
- (d) PAYMENT. All applicants for reservation of a Culver Community Park, Riverwalk Park and Overlook, Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building or sports field shall pay, with the application, a non-refundable fee as stated in the Schedule of Fees per building. Upon approval of the application, a permit will be issued. If the permit is denied, the fee will be returned. Additionally, the person, entity, or organization to whom the permit is issued shall be held responsible for any damages to the facility which occurs while a permit is in force and shall be liable for costs of repairs for that facility.
- (e) REASONS FOR DENIAL. Applications may be denied for any of the following reasons:
- (1) If it is for a use which would involve a violation of Federal or State law or any provision of this Code.
  - (2) If the granting of the permit would conflict with another permit already granted or for which application is already pending.
  - (3) If the application does not contain the information required by Subsection (c) above.
  - (4) The application is made less than the required days in advance of the scheduled exclusive use.
  - (5) If the law enforcement requirements of the exclusive use will require so large a number of persons as to prevent adequate law enforcement to the park, park facility or shelter area involved, or of the rest of the Village.
  - (6) The exclusive use will reasonably create a substantial risk of injury to persons or damage to property.
  - (7) The exclusive use is so poorly organized that participants are likely to engage in aggressive or destructive activity.
- (f) INDEMNIFICATION. Prior to granting any permit, the Village may require the permittee to file evidence of good and sufficient sureties, insurance in force or other evidence of adequate financial responsibility, running to the Village and such other third parties as may be injured or damaged, in an amount depending upon the likelihood of injury of damage as a direct and proximate result of the use to indemnify the Village and such third parties as may be injured or damaged thereby, caused by the permittee, its agents or participants.
- (g) PERMIT NOT REQUIRED FOR VILLAGE ACTIVITY. A permit is not required for exclusive use of a park facility for an event sponsored by the Village.
- (h) PERMIT REVOCATION. The Village Board may revoke a permit already issued if it is deemed that such action is justified by an actual or potential emergency due to weather, fire, riot, other catastrophe, or likelihood of a breach of the peace, by a major change in the conditions which formed the basis for the issuance of the permit, or for any of the reasons mentioned in paragraph (e) above.
- (i) FORM OF PERMIT. Each permit shall be in a form prescribed by the Village Board and shall designate the park facility involved, date, hours of the exclusive use, purpose of the exclusive use and the name of the person, group, firm, organization, partnership, or corporation to which the permit is issued.

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