

## 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.
  - (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 are prohibited in Village Parks.
  - (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 kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any park. No person shall 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 or any of the facilities of the municipal swimming pool.

- (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.
- (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 Property, Parks and Insurance Committee is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or drive a horsedrawn 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.

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

No person shall fly a radio-controlled model airplane in any park in the Village of Prairie du Sac except in areas specifically designated and posted for such purpose.

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 time period, no person or persons shall camp in Veterans Memorial Park for more than seven (7) consecutive days.

SEC. 4-6-5 MARION PARK, BASIN PARK AND OTHER LANDS SET ASIDE FOR PARK PURPOSES.

- (a) It is unlawful for vehicles (licensed or unlicensed) with the exception of bicycles, firefighting equipment and authorized municipal vehicles, to enter Marion Park, Basin Park and the other parks so designated under this Section.
- (b) Dogs are prohibited at all times.
- (c) Parks designated in this Section shall be closed from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

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 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 Marion Park, Westwynde Park & Florence Park buildings may be permitted. This section is intended to regulate exclusive use Marion Park, Westwynde Park & Florence Park buildings to the end that the general welfare of the Village is protected.
- (b) **RESERVATION OF PARK BUILDING.** A person or group, firm, organization, partnership or corporation may reserve the use of a Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building by written application filed with the Administrator. The Administrator shall issue permits for such exclusive use of a park building.
- (c) **APPLICATION.** Applications shall be filed with the Administrator at least three (3) days prior to the date on which a Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building 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 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 Marion Park, Westwynde Park and/or Florence Park building 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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