

Policy Name: Park Use
Section: 3000 Operational: 3500 Parks
Policy Number: 0000

Purpose: To identify the rules and regulations regarding use of park property and define how the rules and regulations are to be established, reviewed, enforced, and posted.

Reference: Resolution 72-2 Park Use Policy is hereby rescinded

Policy:

1. Establishment and Revisions:

- a. All rules and regulations of park use will be established, reviewed, and updated by the Board of Commissioners based upon staff recommendations.
- b. In addition to adopted park rules and regulations, all State, County, and municipal codes and regulations are enforceable on park property.

2. Enforcement and Consequences:

- a. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may result in violators being directed to leave the park or park property immediately and possibly prohibited from future use of any park property, facility, or service.

3. Park Rules and Regulations:

- a. Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, park property will be open to the public for general park use on a daily basis from dawn to dusk unless otherwise posted or determined by the Executive Director or designee.
- b. Motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways and designated parking areas;
- c. Vehicles are prohibited from being left on site after park is closed.
- d. Only Park District vehicles, emergency vehicles, or vehicles approved for use during "special events" are allowed in restricted areas.
- e. No vehicle will be used to tow a person on a bicycle, skateboard, or other non-motorized equipment.
- f. Bicycles, skateboards, and other non-motorized equipment are allowed on designated paths and areas only and must comply with all applicable signage.
- g. No littering or dumping of any household waste, yard material or polluting substance is allowed on park property.
- h. All refuse generated by park users will be discarded in provided waste containers, or hauled out of park by user if none are provided.
- i. Alcohol use is prohibited on park property unless authorized by the Executive Director. Excluded from the Park District's "no alcohol policy" is Fay Bainbridge Park, since camping has been and will continue to be a primary use of the park and alcohol consumption was permitted there by WA State Parks prior to its transfer to the Park District. All applicable State, County, and municipal laws on alcohol will be in effect.

- j. Use of graffiti, defacing or damaging park property is prohibited.
- k. Fireworks are prohibited on park property.
- l. Campfires are allowed only in designated areas unless authorized by the Executive Director or his/her designee.
- m. Camping is allowed only in designated parks unless authorized by the Executive Director or his/her designee.
- n. Archery practice, recreation, or demonstrations are prohibited on park property unless authorized by the Executive Director or designee.
- o. The use of metal detection devices is not allowed on sport fields. The use of metal detection devices in other areas must be approved by the Executive Director or his/her designee. If approved, any disturbance caused by digging must be rectified in a manner that leaves the park in its original condition and is acceptable to the Executive Director.
- p. Fishing is allowed on park property, unless otherwise posted, as long as those participants involved are properly licensed and fishing during an open season. Catch and release practices are encouraged. No fishing is allowed in Gazzam Lake at anytime.
- q. Disturbance of wildlife is prohibited. Wildlife is recognized as having intrinsic value and is integral to the Park District ecosystem. Specific measures may be instigated to address access, corridors and other wildlife issues.
- r. No hunting is allowed on park property.
- s. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times unless in designated off leash areas. Applicable City codes will apply. (Section 6 animals on public property)
- t. Unauthorized cutting and removal of plant material or other natural resources is prohibited.
- u. Private businesses, groups, or individuals can not use park property for private gains unless authorized by the Executive Director or consistent with the Park District's Facility Fee Schedule.
- v. The sale of goods and services, solicitation, advertising, and posting pamphlets for commercial use is prohibited on park property unless authorized by the Executive Director or as specified in the Concession Operations Policy.
- w. Photography or filming of park staff or patrons on park property for commercial or publication purposes is prohibited unless authorized by the Executive Director in writing.
- x. No cameras or image recording devices may be used in park restroom or locker room facilities.
- y. Kiosks in parks are for the purpose of publicizing Park District programs and events and posting other District information, Notice of community events sponsored by other organizations may be posted subject to approval by Executive Director or his/her designee. Commercial notices and campaign literature are prohibited.
- z. Campaign and outside party signs posted on park property are prohibited and will be removed.
- aa. The discharge of firearms is prohibited.

Notwithstanding any other rules the District reserves the right to stop any activity which may be unsafe, disturb park users, or cause damage to park property.

4. Posting of rules and regulations:

- a. Park rules and regulations will be posted at sites as determined by the Executive Director or his/her designee.
- b. Posted rules will list the most common and basic rules to ensure basic health and safety, and are not necessarily a comprehensive list of Park District rules.