

**CITY OF WILMINGTON**

**PARK BOARD**

**PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Adopted under the authority of R.C. 755.07

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As provided under the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 755 and 755.05 and in accordance with 755.07 the City of Wilmington Park Board has the right to create and enforce the following rules and regulations. Penalties, if any, for violations of designated provisions of each chapter are set forth within each provision or at the end of the chapter.

**CHAPTER 1 -- HOURS**

- a. All parks are open from dawn to dark year around, except for J.W. Denver Williams Jr. Memorial Park. J.W. Denver Williams, Jr. Memorial Park recreational activities are available after dark with the use of lights. Authorized patrons will be instructed as to how to turn off lights upon leaving. **Penalty of \$50 fine for being in the parks from dark until dawn. This penalty**

**does not apply to scheduled or authorized park events occurring after dark.**

b. Recreational trails are open from one (1) hour before dawn to one (1) hour after dark. **Penalty of \$50 fine for being on a recreational trail after one hour after dark to one hour before dawn. This penalty does not apply to scheduled or authorized events occurring after dark on the recreational trails.**

c. The Park Office is open during posted hours. Park concessions, bathrooms and other facilities will be closed from November 1 (or after the last scheduled sports activity) and March 1 of the following year.

## **CHAPTER 2 -- SHELTERS**

a. Reservations are necessary for the shelterhouses. Reservations are accepted after December 20 to book for the following year by calling 382-4781. We cannot carry over reservations from year-to-year.

b. Shelterhouse hours are 7 a.m. to dark.

c. Groups are expected to exercise reasonable care of the park property and to clean the area before leaving.

d. Fires may be started only in the grills provided at each end of the shelters and must be extinguished before you leave the park. **Penalty of \$100 fine for fires that are not in grills or that are not extinguished by the user prior to leaving the park.**

e. Motor vehicles shall be parked ONLY in the designated parking areas. No motor vehicles are permitted on the walkways or in the grass in the park. **Penalty of \$25 fine for motor vehicles that are not parked in accordance with this rule.**

f. Persons failing to use reserved shelterhouses at their designated time may not be permitted future reservations.

## **CHAPTER 3 -- SPEED/TRAFFIC/MOTORIZED VEHICLES/HORSES**

a. Unless authorized below, the only motorized vehicles permitted on park property are non-commercial passenger automobiles, trucks and motorcycles. Minibikes, mopeds, snowmobiles, ATV's and dirtbikes are not permitted on park property. **Penalty of \$100 fine for the use of unauthorized vehicles on park property.**

b. All vehicles must be operated in a legal and safe manner. No skidding or spinning tires is permitted. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**

- c. Drivers must obey all traffic signs. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violation of this rule.**
- d. No one shall operate a motor vehicle except on paths or roads designated unless otherwise authorized. **Penalty of \$200 fine for violations of this rule.**
- e. Parking is permitted only in designated areas. No person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle except in the areas off the road which are specifically designated. **Penalty of \$50 fine for violations of this rule.**
- f. Motorized vehicles may not be left in the parks after hours. **Penalty of \$200 fine for violations of this rule.**
- g. Horses are permitted on the 4-C Bicentennial Trail berm (and bridges) and are permitted on City streets.
- h. Unauthorized motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Recreational trails. Permission for use of a motorized vehicle on park roads and recreational trails by persons with disabilities (must have a handicapped parking sticker for user) can be obtained at the Park office. **Penalty of \$200 fine for violations of this rule.**
- i. Bicycles are permitted on the Park roads and on the designated recreational trails. Bicycles or other motorized vehicles may not be ridden off of the paved surfaces in the parks. **Penalty of \$25 fine for violations of this rule.**
- j. The speed limit is 10 miles per hour in all parks. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**
- k. Skateboarding is not permitted in the City parks. The Clinton County Youth Council operates a skateboard facility, which is not a city park, at 302 W. Sugartree Street (contact the CCYC at 382-2828 for permission).
- l. Motorized vehicles not parked in designated areas or not registered with the Parks and Recreation Department will be subject to towing and citation for being in violation of this provision or another provision of these rules.
- m. No person shall drive a vehicle in a park on a road or path in a direction other than that indicated by traffic signs. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violation of this rule.**
- n. No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians, drivers and all other occupants of any vehicle. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violation of this rule.**

## **CHAPTER 4 -- HANDICAPPED PARKING**

- a. No person who is not handicapped or operating a motor vehicle to transport a handicapped person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle at specially designated locations provided for those with official state handicapped parking stickers. **Penalty of \$200 fine for violations of this rule.**

## **CHAPTER 5 -- SIGNS ON PARK PREMISES/HANDBILLS**

- a. No person shall post, print, affix, distribute, deliver, place, cast or leave about any bill, billboard, placard, ticket, handbill, circular or advertisement in any City Park without permission of the Parks Director. **Penalty of \$50 fine for violations of this rule.**
- b. Persons desiring to place signs on a fence or other park property to advertise an event or cause must apply to the Parks Director for permission to place signs. Signs for the same event or cause may be placed for a maximum of thirty (30) days during a calendar year. Only government entities, 501(c)(3) or non-profit organizations so incorporated under the law of the State of Ohio, or similar federally tax exempt organizations that use 100% of the proceeds for the organization's charitable purpose may use the a park fence or park property to display signage.

## **CHAPTER 6 -- ALCOHOL**

- a. Beverages or food containing alcohol may not be brought into the City parks and may not be consumed on park property. **Penalty of \$100 fine per occurrence.**

## **CHAPTER 7 -- FIRES**

- a. Fires are permitted in grills for cooking purposes. Fires must be attended at all times and properly contained and extinguished. Wood may not be collected from park property for any reason. Portable stoves or grills may not be placed on picnic tables. Burning material or hot coals or ashes may NOT be placed on the on grass, plants, in bodies of water or in refuse containers. Patrons should allow coals or ashes to cool completely and should carry these out of the parks for disposal. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**

## **CHAPTER 8 -- LOITERING**

- a. No person shall loiter, delay, or stand idly around in the vicinity of a restroom located in a park. No person shall enter facilities in a park provided for the exclusive use of the opposite sex. **Penalty of \$25 fine for violations of this rule.**
- b. No person shall loiter in designated parking areas. **Penalty of \$25 fine for violations of this**

rule.

## **CHAPTER 9 -- ENGINE POWERED/ TOY AIRPLANES**

No person shall operate any engine powered model or toy airplane or other vehicle without the written authorization of the Parks Director. The Director has the discretion of determining whether or not authorization should be given based on other activities in the area, may limit the time and place of such activity, and require proof of any necessary licensing. **Penalty of \$50 fine for violations of this rule.**

## **CHAPTER 10 -- FIREARMS/WEAPONS**

- a. Except as stated in Part (b) below, no dangerous ordinance, air rifle, slingshot, missile or missile throwing device, switchblade knife, gravity knife, snare, trap or other weapon defined in City Codified Ordinance §549.09 is permitted on park property.
- b. Persons may carry firearms only in accordance with federal, state and local law.
- c. Discharging a firearm in a park is prohibited by O.R.C. § 3773.21 and City Codified Ordinance §549.08.

## **CHAPTER 11 -- RULES OF CONDUCT**

- a. No person using the park shall use profane, obscene, threatening or indecent language or shall act in an obscene or indecent manner.
- b. No person shall damage, deface or befoul any land, structure, or fixture of a city park, nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed. **Penalty of \$100 fine plus the cost of repairs for violations of this rule.**
- c. Persons in the park must conduct themselves in such a way as to not disturb the peace and quiet of the park and surrounding neighborhood.
- d. No person shall play a radio or other sound amplification device so loud as to be an annoyance to other people in the park or to nearby residents. Except for persons using the City Sound Stage, no person shall use any sound amplification device audible more than twenty (20) feet from the device without specific written permission from the Director. No speakers, amplifiers or similar equipment shall be displayed outside of a vehicle.
- e. Persons using the parks are expected to exercise reasonable care of the park property and to clean the area before leaving and to dispose of trash (preferably by carrying out of the park for disposal at home all trash that was carried into the Park). **Penalty of \$50 fine for littering on park property.**

- f. No person shall deposit any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, earth or any other waste material other than in receptacles provided for such purpose. **Penalty of \$100 fine plus the cost of repairs for violations of this rule.**
- g. No person shall swim, bathe or enter into any waters in the park. **Penalty of \$50 fine for violations of this rule.**
- h. No person shall hit a golf ball or swing a golf club on any park property.
- i. No person shall remain within a park who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Park Board for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within the park.
- j. No person shall remain within a park who does not abide by the instructions of a duly authorized peace officer or agent of the Park Board, in the lawful performance of their duties.
- k. Any person directed by a peace officer, park employees or other agents of the Board to leave the park shall do so promptly and peaceably.
- l. No person in a park shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another or engage in or abet or aid in any fight, quarrel or other disturbance. No person or groups of persons shall assemble in or adjacent to a park for any unlawful purpose or in riotous assemblage or with intent to annoy, harass or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon a person or persons or inflict damage to a park. No person with the intent to do so shall willfully interfere with, disrupt or prevent the conduct of any recreational program, event or activity conducted by or having been scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department. **Penalty of \$200 fine in addition to other penalties that may be imposed by law.**
- m. All persons shall give full consideration and regard to the rights and privileges of others.

## **CHAPTER 12 -- TENNIS COURTS**

- a. Only tennis players wearing tennis shoes shall be permitted on the courts.
- b. If players are waiting, the time limit is **one (1) hour**. The last player on the courts shall turn off the lights.
- c. Violation of the rules in this Chapter may result in forfeiture of the violator's use of the courts for up to one month following the violations.
- d. Tennis courts may be closed when poor weather warrants.

## CHAPTER 13 -- CAMPING

a. No person shall camp in any park unless he does so with written permission of the Director and in areas designated for such camping. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violation of this rule.**

## CHAPTER 14 -- FISHING

- a. Where fishing is permitted, only two poles per person may be utilized.
- b. Persons fishing must have a valid fishing license as required by law. Sixteen years and under requires no license.

## CHAPTER 15 -- ANIMALS

- a. Dogs and cats are permitted if they're controlled at all times and on a leash no more than eight (8) feet long. Owners are responsible for cleaning up any animal waste left by their animals in the parks. **Penalty of \$25 fine for violations of this rule.** Exception for 4C Trail: Horses or other leashed animals leaving waste on the grassy berm of the 4C Bicentennial Trail do not have to remove the waste, although patrons are encouraged to do so.
- b. No person shall bring, permit, have or keep in the park, any dog, cat, household pet, or other animal destructive to birds and other wildlife. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**
- c. No person shall manhandle, maim, kill or otherwise mistreat or abuse any animal, fish or bird within park property. **Penalty of \$200 fine for violations of this rule.**
- d. No person shall release or abandon any animal, fish or bird upon or adjacent to park property without prior approval of the Director. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**
- e. Trapping and removal of native and non-native animals to preserve native wildlife and habitats may be accomplished by Park personnel or wildlife/animal control officers. **Penalty of \$200 fine for persons other than Park personnel or wildlife/animal control officers trapping or removing non-native or native animals from the parks.**
- f. Persons may ride horses and ponies on the 4-C Bicentennial Trail, as set forth above. No person shall ride a mule, donkey, cattle or other animal in a park without specific written permit of the Director. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**
- g. No person being the owner or having charge of a dog, cat or other animal shall permit the dog, cat or other animal to be present in areas designated or posted as play areas within a park. **Penalty of \$50 fine for violations of this rule.**

h. The City shall have the right to impound or destroy a feral or diseased animal.

## **CHAPTER 16 -- NATURAL RESOURCES**

a. No person shall cut trees or disturb the natural environment.

b. Removal, damage or defacing of buildings, structures, natural features, plants, flowers and lawn areas is prohibited.

c. No person in a Park shall install or plant any materials except with a permit from the Director. No person shall dig, move or carry away any rock, stone sod, sand, earth, tree, wood, shrub, plant, flower, nut or other seed in a park.

d. No one shall climb, stand or sit upon the monuments, vases, planters, fountains, railings, fences or any other property not designated or customarily used for such purpose, or upon natural features.

e. **Penalty of \$200 fine for violations of a-d of this Chapter.**

f. Lawn pesticides and herbicides may be applied periodically by the Parks Department under manufacturer's or any required guidelines and procedures. Call the Director at 382-4781 for more information about when and where pesticides and herbicides are being applied.

## **CHAPTER 17 -- WATER AREAS**

a. No one shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or caused to be placed in the waters of any fountains, ponds, lakes, streams or other bodies of water in or adjacent to any park, or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such water, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters. **Penalty of \$300 fine for violations of this rule.**

b. No person shall operate, float or attempt to float a rubber craft, sailboat, rowboat, or watercraft of any kind in park waters. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**

c. No person shall bathe, swim, wade or enter into any waters within a park. No person shall ice skate on (frozen) park waters. **Penalty of \$50 fine for violations of this rule.**



## CHAPTER 18 -- GENERAL

### NO ONE SHALL:

- a. Possess or use any type of metal detection device in the public parks. No one shall excavate, dig or remove sod, turf or soil in the public works of the city without authority from the City. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**
- b. On all lighted softball, baseball, football or soccer fields, no inning ( or equivalent period) will start after 11 p.m. except at tournament time, then the game in progress may be completed.
- c. The Park Board and the City of Wilmington will not be responsible for loss or damage of personal property.
- d. No one is permitted on ball diamonds during inclement weather.

## CHAPTER 19 -- SPORTS PARTICIPATION

### UNIFORMS

- a. All sports teams and cheerleading units will be outfitted alike. If a team/unit is sponsored, all members are required to wear the T-shirts and caps (baseball/softball only) supplied by the sponsor. The Parks department will provide T-shirts and caps (baseball/softball only) if a team is not sponsored. Uniform items other than T-shirts and caps must be approved by the Parks Athletics Coordinator. Without good cause shown, no other uniform item will be permitted.
- b. Safety equipment will be supplied by the Parks Department. Players may use their own safety equipment (e.g. shin guards for soccer, batting helmet for baseball and softball) if approved by their coach, the Parks Director or Athletics Coordinator.

### GENERAL

- a. All recreation programs are governed under the youth sports models and all guidelines and rules will be enforced.
- b. A child can only participate in a specific age group for two (2) years regardless of grade level.
- c. No volunteer coach may ask parents to contribute monetarily towards the purchase of uniforms.
- d. A coach, player, fan and anyone else attending a sporting event at the park may not at any time make rude comments, use foul language, use disruptive behavior, language, volume of

voice

or gestures, or argue with an official, a park employee, or other patrons. **Penalty of \$100 fine for violations of this rule.**

e. In addition to any specific penalties set forth in any rule, any violations of the rules in this Chapter will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the park and will result in a one game suspension for a first occurrence and perhaps a one-month ban on re-entry to the park. A second occurrence will result in suspension from the park for a period of one year from the date of the occurrence. This rule applies to any and all park participants who are engaged in a sports activity regardless if it is sponsored by the parks and recreation department (e.g. high school sporting teams, knothole baseball and all adult softball tournaments.)

f. If a coach, player or fan is suspended for any reason he/she will lose their right to coach and/or be a part of the Parks Department.

g. If a player was previously on a roster for a Knothole, KTC or other league or program for that season, then the player is not permitted to play in the Parks & Recreation league for that particular sport for that season. If a player who was on a non-Park team roster leaves that team, the player must provide a written release from the outside league or organization to be eligible to play for the Parks & Recreation Department team.

## COACHING POLICIES

h. Coaches are chosen on the following priority basis:

- Number of years (seasons) coached
- Good review/ lack of negative incidents & complaints
- New volunteer coaches chosen in the order in which they signed up.

i. Head coaches in Soccer, Baseball and Basketball are allowed only one (1) assistant coach who may be chosen by the Head Coach and automatically be placed on that team. All others must be chosen through normal draft procedures.

j. The City of Wilmington Park Board's policy is to create and promote a safe and fun environment for all sports participants.

## CHAPTER 20 – ENFORCEMENT

a. The City of Wilmington Police Department, upon probable cause, is hereby authorized to issue citations for violations of any provision in these rules where a penalty may be levied upon a person found to have violated said provision.

b. In addition to penalties specified in some of the rules, any person repeatedly violating any

rule

or regulation may lose the privilege of entering a park for a period of days, weeks, months or years. Police officers, Park Board members, and park employees may order any person violating any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations to leave a park and not re-enter for a period of up to one month without Park Board approval and no person shall fail to obey such an order.

c. The Parks Director, at his/her discretion may ban repeat violators of these rules for periods of longer than one month. This action must be ratified by the Park Board at its next regular meeting after review of testimony presented by the Parks Director and, if they desire, by testimony or other evidence presented by the person(s) being banned.