A. General Provisions

Section 1. Definitions
- “Administrator” shall mean the Community Services Administrator or designee.
- “Authorized Personnel” shall include any City of Renton agent, contractor, employee, official, representative, and/or volunteer performing their assigned duties.
- Park” shall include the following areas, facilities and buildings owned, operated, maintained or managed by the City of Renton: parks, trails, open space areas (a non-developed physical area, including but not limited to natural areas and wetlands), the Maplewood Golf Course, and recreation buildings.

Section 2. Priority of Use
Programs and activities scheduled by the Community Services Department will have first priority for use of parks and facilities. Otherwise, use of parks and facilities will be on a “first-come first-served” basis.

Section 3. Designee of Administrator
The authority granted to the Administrator is granted to the Administrator’s designee.

Section 4. Exemptions from Rules and Regulations
- Section B3, Possession of Weapons & Fireworks, does not apply to law enforcement personnel or to persons performing authorized duties.
- Section B6, Overweight Vehicles in Parks, does not apply to City of Renton maintenance vehicles or to authorized or emergency vehicles.
- Section B7, Wildlife Harassment, does not apply to Administrator authorized wildlife control efforts.
- Section B11, Domestic Animals in Parks, does not apply to law enforcement K-9 officers in the conduct of their official duties or to animals used by independent contractors if required in performance of the contract.
- Section C10, Parking and Moorage, does not apply to park maintenance, law enforcement watercraft.
- Section C9, SCUBA Diving, does not apply to Fire Department personnel, persons performing rescue operations, or authorized persons.

B. Criminal Violations
Unless otherwise posted, or approved by the Administrator in writing, it shall be a misdemeanor to do any of the following in a Park:

Section 1. Posting of Signs
Use, place or erect any advertising in any park; or to attach any notice bill, poster, sign, wire, rod, or cord to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within any park; or to place or erect in any park, a structure of any kind.

Section 2. Park Closing
Remain in any park after the posted closing time except when engaged in activities, programs and events scheduled by the Community Services Department.
Section 3. Weapons & Fireworks
Possess any fireworks, firecracker, torpedo, explosive, air gun, sword, knife, bow and arrow, BB gun, paint ball gun, slingshot, or any other weapon, unless otherwise permitted by federal or state law.

Section 4. Swimming Areas
Disobey rules, signs or lifelines designating swimming areas; transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning; or to disobey any posted rules and/or instruction of any lifeguard, facility manager, or other authorized Community Services Department employee. Swimming shall be permitted only within the designated swimming areas.

Section 5. Overweight Vehicles in Parks
Operate or drive any vehicle with a gross weight of over 32,000 pounds or a maximum width of over 102 inches except for places set apart for such purposes by the Administrator and designated by signs.

Section 6. Wildlife Feeding & Harassment
Tease, annoy, disturb, molest, catch, injure or kill, throw any stone or missile of any kind at or strike with any stick or weapon, any animal, bird, or fowl in any manner; or to feed any fowl or bird in any park.

Section 7. Concessions, Sales, Commercial Activities, Distribution & Posting Pamphlets
Perform the following activities in a park area:
- Operating a fixed or mobile concession or event or traveling exhibition.
- Soliciting, selling, offering for sale, peddling, hawking, or vending any goods or services.
- Advertising any goods or services other than the direct handing of written advertising to any one person.
- Filming, recording, or photographing for commercial purposes without authorization from the Administrator.
- Conducting classes or organized competitions.
- Distributing any commercial circular notice, leaflet, pamphlet or printed material of any kind in any Community Services buildings. These facilities are not public forums or limited public forums and are designated solely to the specific purposes for which they are dedicated.
- Entering upon, using or traversing any portion of a park for commercial purpose, including fund raising and/or fund solicitation.
- Attaching or securing to any vehicle or structure any commercial circular notice, leaflet, pamphlet or printed material of any kind.

Section 8. Water Craft
Have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other water craft in or upon any bay, lake, slough, river or creek, or to land the same at any point upon the shores of a park except at places set apart for such purposes by the Administrator and so designated by signs.

It shall be unlawful to launch a boat or other water craft larger than 10,000 lbs. or longer than 30 feet, at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach boat launch.
Section 9. Domestic Animals in Parks
Allow or permit any domestic animal, including service animals, to run at large, or enter any swimming area, pond or fountain. A dog brought into or kept in a park or trail area shall be on a leash not more than six (6) feet in length and under direct control of owner. Exceptions to leash requirements may be made only for approved scheduled events.

- No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed in any Park that permits swimming. Dogs, except for service animals, are not permitted in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Kennydale Beach Park, or the beach at Cedar River Park.
- Any person with a dog or other pet in their possession in any park shall be responsible for both the conduct of the animal and for removal from the park of feces deposited by such animal. The person with the dog or other pet must have in their possession the equipment or supplies required for feces removal.
- No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed at any special event held neither at any park nor in any area in a park posted with signs, unless permission is granted by the Administrator.
- No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed at the Maplewood Golf Course, the Farmer’s Market and Meadow Crest Playground.

Section 10. Authority to Remove Persons in Parks
Stay in a park when directed to leave by an authorized Community Services Department employee or any police officer. Pursuant to RMC 6-30-2, any person violating these Park Rules and Regulations may be subject to Expulsion from all city parks.

Section 11. Vandalism
Remove, destroy, mutilate, deface or tie any material to any structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, fern, plant, flower, lighting system or sprinkling system, or other park property.

Section 12. Littering
Throw or deposit any refuse or other material in any park, except in designated receptacles, or to take garbage or refuse generated outside a park to a park for disposal; unlawfully dump yard waste, litter, debris in any park; fail to remove or properly dispose of party decorations, including, but not limited to, piñatas, streamers, or balloons, or picnic items, including, but not limited to, paper or plastic plates or cups or table coverings.

Section 13. Noise Restrictions
Violate any applicable noise restrictions of the RMC 8-7, and in particular the following provisions:
- It is unlawful to play car stereos, radios, or “boom boxes” - portable audio equipment, such as tape or compact disc players or musical instruments - so loudly they interfere with normal conversations or cause annoying vibrations at a distance of 75 feet or more.
- It is unlawful to operate or use any loudspeaker or other mechanical means of amplifying sound in any park without a written permit from the Administrator.

Section 14. Conduct
Use abusive, vile, profane, or obscene language or threats, which interfere with the reasonable use of a park by the general public; engage in acts of violence, including but not limited to fights of any kind, or to act in a violent, threatening, intimidating, or hostile manner toward another person whereby such person is put in reasonable fear for his/her safety; jump off of any bridge or structure into a lake, river, creek or other body of water except as permitted in Section 5 in designated swim areas.
**Section 15. Lost Property**
Fail to turn in any property or objects found on any park premises to the park staff or directly to the office of the Police Department, at City Hall, Renton, Washington. The article shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable city and state laws.

**Section 16. Introduction of Foreign Matter**
Construct any structure, wall, fence, footing, drive, walk, steps, or path on park property, or to deposit invasive plants onto park property, or to use or maintain park property as an extension of private property.

**Section 17. Additional Violations**
Violate any state or municipal criminal laws.

**C. Civil Violations**
Unless otherwise posted, or approved by the Administrator, it shall be a civil violation to do any of the following in a Park:

**Section 1. Alcohol** (Amended by Ordinance No. 5694 adopted October 7, 2013)
Possess or consume alcoholic beverages except in areas designated by the Administrator. Designated areas are 1) Maplewood Golf Course, when such beverages are purchased and consumed within the concessionaire’s licensed premises; 2) and designated areas of the Renton Community Center and Renton Senior Activity Center facilities as part of a facility rental. All activities shall comply with all Washington State Liquor Control Board requirements.

**Section 2. Activities**
Practice or play golf, baseball, cricket, soccer, polo, archery, hockey, volleyball, badminton or other games of like character, or to fly a kite, or to hurl, propel, or fly any airborne or other missile, including model airplanes, radio operated airplanes or other flying devices except in places and times set apart for such purposes by the Administrator; erect any inflatable structure, such as ‘bounce houses’, with the exception of city-sponsored events; or access Maplewood Golf Course property for the purpose of ‘hunting’ golf balls, or to remove practice range balls from the Maplewood Golf Course driving range.

**Section 3. Trail Signs**
Disregard or disobey trail signs. All trail users must obey all posted trail signs. It is not a defense in any proceeding that the trail user did not see the posted sign.

**Section 4. Motorized and Non-motorized Vehicles in Parks**
Ride, park or drive any bicycle, tricycle, motorcycle, motor vehicle, skateboard, rollerblades, roller-skates, land sailing device, scooter, unicycles or any other wheeled or similar vehicle, horse or pony on, over, or through any park designated by signage; or use the Renton Skate Park at Liberty Park with any device other than a skateboard or in-line skates. This section does not apply to a disabled person using a wheelchair, wheeled prosthetic(s) or other wheeled vehicle.

**Section 5. Motorized Vehicles on Trails**
Operate any motorized vehicle on City of Renton trails, EXCEPT those vehicles used by Authorized Personnel in the performance of their assigned duties or authorized projects.
Section 5. Dismount Zones
Bicycle operators must dismount their bicycle and remain dismounted in a “Dismount Zone”. Failure to dismount or remain dismounted in a Dismount Zone is a violation of these Rules and Regulations. Failure to see a sign is not a defense. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations the Dismount Zones on the Cedar River Trail (Trail) are:
- The Trail between the South East side of the Bronson Way bridge to the North West side of the Logan Avenue Bridge.
- The Trail between North 6th Street and the mouth of the Cedar River at Lake Washington.
- The Pedestrian Bridge under I-405

For purposes of this Section 5 the term “dismount” means:
- The bicycle operator walks on foot alongside the bicycle.
- It is not a dismount if the bicycle operator remains seated on the bicycle seat.
- It is not a dismount if the bicycle operator has either foot on a pedal of the bicycle, whether or not the bicycle is being propelled by the rotation of the front sprocket.

Section 6. Speeding on Trails
Travel on a trail at a speed in excess of posted speed limits or greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions or in disregard for actual and potential hazards (such as pedestrians or poor visibility). In every event, speed shall be so controlled as is necessary to avoid colliding with others using the trail. Travel at speeds in excess of 15 miles per hour on any trail shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the person violated this section. Travel on the Cedar River Trail, i) between 149th Avenue S.E. and I-405 Termination Point, or ii) between the NW side of Logan Avenue to North 6th Street at speeds in excess of 10 miles per hour shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the person violated this section.

Section 7. Vehicle and Boat Repair in Parks
Operate, repair or service any motor vehicle, motorcycle or boat on park property, including docks, for the purpose of testing, servicing or repairing.

Section 8. Racing in Parks
Engage in, conduct or hold any trials or competitions for speed, endurance or hill climbing involving any vehicle, watercraft, aircraft, or animal.

Section 9. SCUBA Diving
SCUBA diving from park docks or shorelines, or from areas of boat parking or moorage or at the boat ramp at Gene Coulon Park.

Section 10. Camping and Overnight Stays in Parks
Erect a tent or shelter or to arrange bedding, or both, for the purpose of, or in such a way as will permit remaining overnight; or park a trailer, camper or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.

Section 11. Fires and Barbecues
Build fires except in areas designed and set aside for such purpose by the Administrator; use any portable barbecue over 36 inches in length or less than 30 inches in height over a combustible surface unless said surface is protected by a heat shield or fireproof device placed under the barbecue; or place hot coals onto park grounds or into any trash containers or water bodies.
Section 12. Metal Detecting
Use in any park a device to detect ores or metals, without prior written Administrator approval.

Section 13. Glass Containers in Parks with Swimming Areas
Possess any glass container in any portion of the park or park facility that permits swimming.

Section 14. Group Rally/Special Use Permit
Conduct any group rally in a park area or designated facilities where such activities will conflict in any way with normal park usage, without prior written Administrator approval.

Special permit required. Groups that desire to use City of Renton facilities may be granted Special Use Permits by the department, but will be subject to a user fee. Where appropriate, special conditions of use shall be established by the Community Services Department and so noted on the Special Use Permits.

Section 15. Parking and Moorage
- Park in an area designated for a particular recreational activity, unless participating in that activity. Vehicles parked in violation of this section may be impounded at owner’s expense.

D. Penalties

Section 1. Criminal Violations
Pursuant to Ordinance No. 5678, Park Rules and Regulations identified as criminal violations are punishable pursuant to RMC 1-3-1 and 6-18-20 and any related RCW.

Section 2. Civil Violations
Pursuant to RMC 2-9-6C, Park Rules and Regulations identified as civil violations are punishable pursuant to RMC 1-3-2.

Trail Etiquette

All Users:
- Obey all trail signs and regulations.
- Show courtesy for other trail users at all times.
- Keep dogs on leash, maximum length 6 feet (Dogs are not allowed in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Kennydale Beach Park, or the beach at Cedar River Park.).
- When entering or crossing a trail at an uncontrolled point, yield to traffic already on the trail.
- No group of trail users shall occupy more than half of the trail nor impede the normal movement of trail users.
- Stay to the right except to pass.
- Pass others, going your direction, on the left. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past.
- Use lights at night.

Pedestrians:
- Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users to pass safely. When possible walk to the right.

Bicyclists:
- Cyclists are required to wear safety helmets on all trails in King County.
- Yield to slower and oncoming users. Always give an early audible (voice, bell, horn) warning before passing another trail user, allowing them adequate time to react.
- When possible pass on the left.
City of Renton Parks and Facilities

Black River Riparian Forest
North of Oaksdale SW & SW 7th Street

Burnett Linear Park
502 Burnett Avenue S

Carco Theatre
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway

Cascade Park
16165 126th Avenue SE

Cedar River Dog Park
1500 Houser Way S

Cedar River Park
1717 Maple Valley Highway

Cedar River Trail
From Lake Washington (1060 N. Nishiwaki Lane) to 149th Avenue S. (Ron Regis Park)

Earlington Park
272 Thomas Avenue SW

Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park
1201 Lake Washington Blvd. N

Glencoe Park
4440 NE 24th Street

Henry Moses Aquatic Center
1719 SE Maple Valley Highway

Heritage Park
233 Union Avenue NE

Highlands Neighborhood Center and Park
800 Edmonds Avenue NE

Jones Park
98 Wells Avenue S

Kennydale Beach Park
3601 Lake Washington Blvd. North

Kennydale Lions Park
2428 Aberdeen Avenue NE

Kiwanis Park
815 Union Avenue NE

Liberty Park
1101 Bronson Way N

Maplewood Golf Course
4050 SE Maple Valley Highway

Maplewood Park
3400 SE 6th Street

Maplewood Roadside Park
3201 Maple Valley Highway

May Creek Trail
4260 Lake Washington Blvd. N

North Highlands Neighborhood Center
3000 NE 16th Street

Philip Arnold Park
720 Jones Avenue S

Piazza-Downtown Park
S. 3rd Street and Burnett Avenue S

Renton Community Center
1715 SE Maple Valley Highway

Renton History Museum
235 Mill Avenue S

Renton Senior Activity Center
211 Burnett Avenue N

Renton Skatepark
1400 Houser Way N

Riverview Park
2901 SE Maple Valley Highway

Ron Regis Park
1501 Orcas Avenue SE

Sit in Park
Mill Avenue S at the base of Renton Hill

Springbrook Trail
 Begins at Black River Riparian Forest and follows Oaksdale Avenue SW

Sunset Court Park
1150 Harrington Avenue NE

Talbot Hill Reservoir Park
710 South 19th Street

Thomas Teasdale Park
601 South 23rd Street

Tiffany Park
1902 Lake Youngs Way SE

Tonkins Park
399 Williams Ave. S

Veterans Memorial Park
Intersection of Main Avenue S. and S. 3rd Street

Windsor Hills Park
432 Windsor Way NE

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