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#### **A. General Provisions**

##### **Section 1. 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 2. Designee of Administrator**

The term "Administrator" shall mean the Community Services Administrator. The authority granted herein to the Administrator is granted to the Administrator's designee.

##### **Section 3. Exemptions from Rules and Regulations**

- Rules and Regulations related to possession of Weapons & Fireworks (Section B3) do not apply to law enforcement personnel or to persons performing assigned duties as authorized by the Administrator.
- Rules and Regulations related to Overweight Vehicles in Parks (Section B6) do not apply to City of Renton maintenance vehicles or emergency vehicles.
- Rules and Regulations related to Wildlife Harassment (Section B7) do not apply to wildlife control efforts authorized by the Administrator.
- Rules and Regulations related to Domestic Animals in Parks (Section B11) do 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.
- Rules and Regulations related to Parking and Moorage (Section C10) do not apply to park maintenance and law enforcement watercraft.

#### **B. Criminal Violations**

##### **Section 1. Posting of Signs**

Except as authorized by the Administrator, it is unlawful to use, place or erect any signboard, sign, billboard, bulletin board, post, pole, or device of any kind for 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**

Unless otherwise posted, it is unlawful to remain in any park after the posted closing time, except when engaged in activities, programs, or events scheduled by the Community Services Department.

##### **Section 3. Weapons & Fireworks**

Except as otherwise permitted by law, it is unlawful for a person to possess in any park, any fireworks, firecracker, torpedo, explosive, air gun, sword, knife, bow and arrow(s), BB gun, paint ball gun, or slingshot. It is unlawful for any person to possess firearms in any park except as otherwise permitted by law.

##### **Section 4. Alcohol**

It is unlawful to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in any park except in areas designated by the Parks Commission. Designated areas are 1) Maplewood Golf Course, when such beverages are purchased and consumed within the concessionaire's licensed premises; and 2) 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 5. Swimming Areas**

It is unlawful for any person to disobey rules, signs, or lifelines designating swimming areas. Swimming shall be permitted only within these areas. All persons using designated swimming areas shall obey all posted rules and/or the instruction of lifeguards, facility managers, or other authorized Community Services Department employees. No person shall give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning.

#### **B. Criminal Violations (continued)**

##### **Section 13. Vandalism**

It is unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, fern, plant, flower, lighting system, or sprinkling system, or other property lawfully in any park.

##### **Section 14. Littering**

It is unlawful to 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.

##### **Section 15. Noise Restrictions**

All provisions of the Renton Municipal Code, Title 8, Chapter 7, will be strictly enforced, 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 - 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.

##### **Section 16. Conduct**

It is unlawful to use abusive, vile, profane, or obscene language or threats, which interfere with the reasonable use of a park by the general public.

It is unlawful to 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.

##### **Section 17. Lost Property**

It is unlawful for any person to 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 18. Additional Violations**

Any violation of state criminal laws or the criminal laws of the City of Renton constitutes a violation of these Rules and Regulations.

#### **C. Civil Violations**

##### **Section 1. Activities**

It is unlawful in any park to practice or play golf, baseball, cricket, soccer, polo, archery, hockey, volleyball, badminton, or other games of like character, or to hurl, propel, or fly any airborne or other missile, including model airplanes, except in places and times set apart for such purposes by the Parks Commission.

##### **Section 2. Motorized and Non-motorized Vehicles in Parks**

Except for wheelchairs, wheeled prosthetics, or other wheeled vehicles being used by a disabled person, it is unlawful to ride, park, or drive any bicycle, tricycle, motorcycle, motor vehicle, skateboard, rollerblades, roller-skates, land sailing device, scooter, unicycle, or any other wheeled or similar vehicle, horse or pony on, over, or through any park designated by signage. It is unlawful to use the Renton Skate Park at Liberty Park with any device other than a skateboard or in-line skates.

##### **Section 3. Vehicle Repair in Parks**

Except when authorized in writing by the Administrator, it is unlawful, to operate, repair or service any motor vehicle or motorcycle on park property for the purpose of testing, servicing, or repairing.

##### **Section 4. Racing in Parks**

It is unlawful to engage in, conduct, or hold any trials or competitions for speed, endurance or hill climbing involving any vehicle, watercraft, aircraft, or animal in any park without the written permission of the Administrator.

##### **Section 5. Camping and Overnight Stays in Parks**

Except at places set aside for such purposes and so designated by signs, it is unlawful to 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. It is also unlawful to park a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight, except when authorized by the Administrator.

#### **C. Civil Violations (continued)**

##### **Section 6. Fires and Barbecues**

It is unlawful to build fires in any park except in areas designed and set aside for such purpose by the Parks Commission. It is unlawful to 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.

##### **Section 7. Metal Detecting**

It shall be unlawful to use in any park a device to detect ores or metals, except when authorized in writing by the Administrator.

##### **Section 8. Glass Containers in Parks with Swimming Areas**

It is unlawful to possess any glass container in any portion of the park or park facility that permits swimming.

##### **Section 9. Group Rally/Special Use Permit**

It is unlawful to conduct any group rally in a park area or designated facilities where such activities will conflict in any way with normal park usage. To avoid conflict, permission for such activities must be obtained in advance from the Administrator. 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 10. Parking and Moorage**

- It is unlawful to 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 the owner's expense.
- Boat or watercraft users who are launching at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park and who do not have an annual permit must pay the posted fee on a per-use basis.
- It is unlawful to moor any boat or watercraft beyond posted time limits.
- Watercraft moored in violation of this section may be impounded at the owner's expense.

#### **D. Penalties**

##### **Section 1. Criminal Violations**

Pursuant to RMC 2-9-6C, Park Rules and Regulations identified as criminal violations herein are punishable pursuant to RMC 1-3-1.

##### **Section 2. Civil Violations**

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

#### **E. 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 8 feet (dogs are not allowed in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park & Kenndale Beach 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.
- Motor vehicles are not allowed on City of Renton trails except by Community Services Department personnel.

##### **Pedestrians:**

- Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users to pass safely.

##### **Bicyclists:**

- Cyclists are required to wear safety helmets on all trails in King County.
- Yield to pedestrians. Always give an audible (voice, bell, horn) warning before passing another trail user.

## B. Criminal Violations (continued)

### Section 6. Overweight Vehicles in Parks

It is unlawful for any vehicle with a gross weight of over 32,000 pounds or a maximum width of over 102 inches to use the road in any park of the city except for places set apart for such purposes by the Parks Commission and designated by signs.

### Section 7. Wildlife Feeding & Harassment

It is unlawful in any manner to 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 8. Concessions, Sales, Commercial Activities, Distribution & Posting Pamphlets

It is unlawful to perform the following activities in a park area unless authorized in writing by the Administrator:

- Operating a fixed or mobile concession, 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.
- 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 9. Water Craft

It is unlawful to have, keep, or operate any boat, float, raft, or other water craft in or upon any bay, lake, slough, river or creek, within the limits of any park, or to land the same at any point upon the shores thereof, except at places set apart for such purposes by the Parks Commission and so designated by signs.

### Section 10. Speeding on Trails

It is unlawful for any person to travel on a trail at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions or in disregard for actual and potential hazards. 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.

### Section 11. Domestic Animals in Parks

It is unlawful to allow or permit any domestic animal, including service animals, to run at large in any park, or enter any swimming area, pond, or fountain therein. A dog brought into or kept in a park area shall be on a leash not more than eight (8) feet in length. 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 or park facility that permits swimming.
- 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.
- With permission of the Parks Commission, domestic animals, except for service animals, can be restricted from specific events held at parks or posted areas within a park.
- No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed at the Maplewood Golf Course.

### Section 12. Authority to Remove Persons in Parks

It shall be unlawful to stay in a park when directed to leave by an authorized Community Services Department employee or any police officer.



## City of Renton Community Services Department Park Rules and Regulations



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