

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-32
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF CITY PARKS, PROHIBITING CERTAIN
CONDUCT THEREIN AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

The City Council of Rockville ordains:

1. General Provisions
 - 1.1 Authority
This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the Rockville City Council approval.
 - 1.2 The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the use of City Parks in such a manner and by such means as will maximize their use and enjoyment by the public, while conserving the scenery, and the natural and historical objects and wildlife therein.
2. Definitions
The words or terms as used in his Ordinance have the meanings given them in this section unless a different meaning is clearly indicated by the context.
 - 2.1 "Director" means the Rockville Park Board acting directly or through its authorized agent.
 - 2.2 "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation or association.
 - 2.3 "City Park" means any designated City Park, City monument, City recreation area or City wayside.
 - 2.4 "Vehicle" is any wheeled conveyance, including bicycles and tricycles, whether motor powered, animal drawn or self propelled. The term shall include any trailer of any kind of description, but shall not include wheelchairs.
 - 2.5 "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designed for navigation in water.
3. Park Hours
Rockville Parks shall be open year-round.
 - 3.1 Exceptions:
 - 3.2 Rockville Parks may be closed by order of the City when snow and road conditions, fire hazards or other weather conditions require temporary closing.
 - 3.3 Rockville Parks shall be closed from 10:00 PM until 7:00 AM that following morning.
 - 3.4 The use of parks during periods in which they are closed may be allowed by permit, specifically allowing use between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM the following morning, issued by the director.
 - 3.5 No one is permitted to be in a park except between the hours of 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM, except as provided in 3.4.
4. Fees & Parking Permits
 - 4.1 The Rockville Park Board may establish park user fees from time to time, as are necessary to maintain the City Park system; such fees may vary from park to park.
5. Public Safety
 - 5.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession, out of doors, within a City park, any rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading musket, BB Gun or other firearms.
 - 5.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession, within a motor vehicle, within a City park, any rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading musket, BB gun or other firearms unless the same is unloaded and contained in the trunk of a motor vehicle with the trunk door closed; provided that this section shall not apply to any peace officer being upon said premises while in the performance of his duties.
 - 5.3 It shall be unlawful for any person to use or have in his possession explosives of any kind, including firecrackers and other kinds of fireworks, within a city park.
 - 5.4 It shall be unlawful for any person to use or display any type of weapon, including but not limited to slingshots, switch blade knives, bow and arrows and traps.
 - 5.5 It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any missile or other projectile from a weapon into a park from beyond park boundaries.
 - 5.6 It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any missile or other projectile from a weapon within a City Park unless a special permit is obtained.
6. Environmental Protection
 - 6.1 It shall be unlawful for any person to injure or molest any wildlife within a City park.
 - 6.2 It shall be unlawful for members of the public to pick or dig up native plants within City Parks.

7. Fires
 - 7.1 Fires within a City Park are permitted only in fireplaces, portable grills, stoves or fire rings provided for that purpose.
 - 7.2 Fires shall be attended at all times.
 - 7.3 Fires by authorized personnel will be allowed as a management tool for parks with prairies.
8. Domestic Animals
 - 8.1 Pets will be permitted in City Parks, provided that no person shall allow any dog, cat or other pet animal to enter any building or bathing beach, all pets shall be attended and effectively restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet and such pets shall not be permitted to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by other persons. It is also the responsibility of the owner to clean up and remove any feces left by owner's animal.
9. Picnicking
 - 9.1 Picnicking and lunching in any place other than those designated for that purpose is prohibited. Attendants shall regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with directions given to achieve this end.
 - 9.2 Use of individual fireplaces, together with tables generally follows the rule of "first comes, first served" except where prior reservations have been made.
10. Boating

Boating maybe enjoyed on waters within or adjacent to City parks subject to the following exceptions:

 - 10.1 Watercraft may be launched or landed only at accesses designated for such use.
11. Commercial Bait Collection

Access from City Park to a body of water for the purpose of seining minnows or collecting any aquatic animals for commercial use is prohibited.
12. Vehicular Traffic

All applicable provisions of the state Motor Vehicle Traffic Laws in regard to equipment and operation of vehicles, together with such regulations as are contained in this and other ordinances, shall be complied within City parks.

 - 12.1 It is unlawful to operate any vehicle within the boundaries of any city park except upon designated roads or parking areas.
 - 12.2 It is unlawful to operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of the posted speed.
 - 12.3 It is unlawful for any person to operate or halt any vehicle carelessly or heedlessly in disregard of the rights or safety of others.
 - 12.4 It is unlawful to operate any vehicle on roads which are posted, chained or gated prohibiting vehicle traffic.
 - 12.5 It is unlawful to park any vehicle in other than designated areas.
 - 12.6 A Person may operate a snowmobile only on designated and posted trails, and over areas having conditions of snow cover considered adequate for the protection of the park by the Public Works Director.
 - 12.7 Vehicles parked on City Park Property more than 24 hours may be towed away at the cost and expense of the owner thereof. A permit to park greater than 24 hours is required from the City should people be on an extended canoeing excursion on the Sauk River (a MN DNR designated canoe route).
13. Protection from Peddling and Soliciting

It is unlawful for any person to engage or solicit business of any nature whatsoever within a City park unless a special use permit has been obtained.
14. Restricted areas

It shall be unlawful to enter, by any means, area posted "restricted".
15. Permits and Reservations

Permits and reservations may be obtained from the City.

 - 15.1 All persons claiming possession of a permit or reservation issued by the City must be able to produce or exhibit it upon request from any authorized person who shall desire to inspect same for the purpose of enforcing compliance with any ordinance or rule.
 - 15.2 A person or persons to whom a permit or reservation is issued shall be liable for any loss or damage to park property by any person or person from the group he/she represents.

- 15.3 The City shall have the authority to revoke any permit or reservation upon finding of violation of any rule or ordinance or upon good cause shown.
- 15.4 The City may refuse any permit or reservation when it is in the best interests of the park system.
- 15.5 Reasonable fees, as established by the Park Board, may be charged for permits.
- 15.6 The use of electronic sound equipment, including but not limited to stereos, public address systems and amplifiers, shall be prohibited, unless permit for such use shall have first been obtained from the director
- 15.7 The use of electrical generators shall be prohibited, unless a permit for such use shall have first been obtained from the City.
- 15.8 City Parks are for the use and enjoyment of the public, if from time to time, organizations or large common-interest groups (e.g. family reunions, anniversary parties, or company picnic) desire to use a City Park, and such use may overburden the park and its facilities; then the use of a city park by any common-interest group shall be prohibited unless a permit shall have first been obtained; if the group shall number between 25 and 999 persons, the permit may be issued by the City.
- 15.9 No aircraft may land in any City park unless a permit shall have first been obtained.
16. Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent employees or agents of the Park Board from performing their assigned duties.
17. Enforcement
- 17.1 Penalty
Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- 17.2 It shall be the duty of the City and the Stearns County Sheriff to enforce the provisions of the Ordinance.
18. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective after its publication in the official newspaper of the Rockville City Council.

Passed by a majority vote of the Rockville City Council on
This ____ day of _____ 2006.

ATTEST:

VERENA M. WEBER-CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK

BRIAN HERBERG
MAYOR

