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## CHAPTER 47

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### PARK REGULATIONS

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#### **47.01 PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this chapter is to facilitate the enjoyment of park facilities by the general public by establishing rules and regulations governing the use of park facilities.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12)*

#### **47.02 DEFINITIONS.**

For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Park" means any ground owned or leased by the City and set apart as parks and pleasure grounds or like purposes within or without the City, and all buildings and fixtures on said grounds.
2. "Vehicle" means any motor driven apparatus or trailers of any type.

#### **47.03 HOURS.**

All public parks shall be closed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. each day. No person other than a municipal employee on duty, law enforcement officer or person authorized by written permission from the Parks and Recreation Commission shall be present on park grounds during those hours, unless the use is limited to a particular recreational facility which is posted for use after 10:00 p.m.

*(Section 47.03 – Ord. 1004 – Aug. 24 Supp.)*

#### **47.04 PUBLIC MEETINGS.**

Public meetings, religious, political or otherwise, including picnic parties and entertainment for charitable or religious purposes, may be held in any public park upon first obtaining permission from the Director of Parks and Recreation. Such assemblages shall be conducted in a lawful and orderly manner and shall occupy such ground or building as may be assigned to or reserved for them.

#### **47.05 LITTERING.**

No person shall place, deposit, or throw any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substance in any area or receptacle except those provided for that purpose.

#### **47.06 TRAVEL AND SPEED.**

No person shall ride or drive any motorized vehicle or animal of any nature upon any sidewalks, walking paths, walkways, bikeways, cement areas or grass areas within the confines of the City parks. No person shall ride or drive in any public park except upon established roadways except City vehicles or private vehicles by written permission from the Parks and Recreation Commission and shall not exceed 10 miles per hour at any time.

#### **47.07 PARKING.**

No person shall park automobiles or other vehicles in any public park except in places designated by the Parks Department. No vehicle shall be parked in such a manner as to obstruct any drive or roadway. Overnight parking of any vehicle is prohibited in any park except by written permission of the Parks and Recreation Director.

#### **47.08 HUNTING OR TRAPPING.**

Hunting or trapping on park grounds is prohibited.

#### **47.09 DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS.**

No person shall use firearms, BB guns, slingshots, javelins, bows and arrows, firecrackers, fireworks, or explosives of any character and other dangerous instruments or toys on park grounds except in areas designated by the Parks and Recreation Commission and those carried by law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

#### **47.10 FIRES.**

Fires are prohibited except in fireplaces, fireboxes or other designated areas.

#### **47.11 CAMPING AREAS.**

No person shall camp in any portion of a park except in areas prescribed or designated by the Parks and Recreation Commission or by written permission of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

#### **47.12 NUISANCE.**

No person shall use any loud, violent, obscene or profane language while in any park, or behave in a disorderly or obscene manner or commit any nuisance upon the grounds.

**47.13 DESTRUCTION OF PLANT LIFE.**

Cutting, digging or removal of any tree, bush or plant material including wood, turf, soil, rock, sand or gravel except by City employees is prohibited, except as authorized by written permission of the Parks and Recreation Director.

**47.14 SALES PROHIBITED.**

No services shall be rendered for a fee or merchandise sold or made available or business of any kind transacted or entertainment given for a fee in any park except by permission of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**47.15 SOUND EQUIPMENT.**

Use of musical instruments with sound amplifiers or sound equipment that includes sound amplifiers is prohibited in all public parks except as authorized by a park pavilion rental form.

**47.16 RESERVATIONS.**

The park grounds, picnic areas, pavilions and sports areas are intended for use by the citizens of the City on a first come, first served basis, subject to the following:

1. Persons or organizations having reservations shall have priority in that area of park grounds, picnic area, pavilions or sports area during the times and dates stated on said permit or reservation.
2. Application for reservations shall be made to the Parks and Recreation Department at Hiawatha City Hall.
3. Fees for reserving a pavilion are established by resolution of the Council.

**47.17 NOTICES OR SIGNS.**

No person shall enter upon portions of the grounds in disregard of signs or notices posted by the Parks and Recreation Commission forbidding the same, except City employees in the performance of their duties. No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or affix any placard, bill, notice, or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence or enclosure along or within any park, except City employees in the performance of their duties.

**47.18 SNOWMOBILES PROHIBITED.**

Operation of snowmobiles is prohibited in any public park except in designated areas or trails.

**47.19 GOLF.**

No person shall play, practice or otherwise hit a golf ball in any manner in any park except in designated areas.

**47.20 ANIMAL CONTROL.**

The following rules and regulations apply to animals in public parks:

1. No horses, ponies, mules or donkeys are permitted, except in designated areas and trails or by permission by the Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. No owner of any animal shall allow the animal to be in or within 50 feet of any splash pad or recreation area in a City park, except properly trained guide dogs are permitted in and within 50 feet of pavilions.
3. No animal shall be allowed in any public park unless it is attached to a leash not more than six feet in length and having sufficient strength to restrain the animal, and the leash must be held by a person capable of restraining and controlling the animal.
4. All excrement or droppings from an animal in a public park shall be immediately cleaned up by the person in charge of the animal and deposited in a sanitary and enclosed litter bag and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

**47.21 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

No person shall bring, use, consume or have in his or her possession in a City park, beer in a keg or any other container larger than one quart, except beer permit holders and suppliers or vendors authorized by the Council. Permit holders vending beer in City parks must provide for adequate law enforcement. No person shall bring, use or consume beer in or within any playing area, fields or courts. All other types of alcoholic beverages are prohibited in City parks.

**47.22 POSTING RULES.**

Printed copies of the rules set out in this chapter shall be posted in conspicuous places in the public parks of the City.