



## City of East Grand Rapids Rules and Regulations Public Parks

The following rules and regulations are issued pursuant to Section 1. Article I of Chapter 31 of Title III of the Code of the City of East Grand Rapids

3.12. **Park Hours.** Public parks shall be open to the public during such hours as are established and published by the Parks and Recreation Commission and posted at the park. It shall be unlawful for any person, except those persons authorized by the Parks & Recreation Director or the Superintendent, to enter upon, cross through or remain within any public park outside of the established hours.

3.13. **Expulsion.** Employees of the City and the schools shall have, and are hereby given, the authority and power to exclude and expel any person or persons from any public park located within the City when such City or school employee believes in their judgment that those person or persons have violated any provisions or requirements of this Chapter, any City Ordinance, or any state law. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to leave a public park when ordered to do so by a City or school employee.

3.14. **Motor Vehicles; Other Motorized Items.** All motor vehicles (except authorized City or school vehicles) shall be removed from Manhattan Park, Remington Park and Waterfront Park parking lots before closing. Any motor vehicles left in said parking lots after closing will be ticketed and towed away by the City at the owner's expense. No motor vehicles, motor cycles, mopeds, go-carts, mini-bikes, snowmobiles, ATV's or similar items shall be used in public parks unless the Parks and Recreation Director or Superintendent authorizes such use beforehand except that motor vehicles and motorcycles are allowed as provided in Section 3.19 of this Chapter.

3.17. **Fires; Grills; Fireworks.** No fire shall be built nor shall any grill be brought into or utilized in any public park, with the exception that grills may be utilized in designated areas within Manhattan Park as approved beforehand by permit issued by the Recreation Director or the director's designee. In addition, grills that have been placed in Manhattan Park by the City may be used without a permit. Any grill approved by the recreation director or the director's designee

shall be fueled by gas or propane only; no wood burning or charcoal burning cookers, smokers, or grills shall be brought into Manhattan Park. Charcoal may only be used in grills provided by the City.

No person shall possess or ignite fireworks, rockets, or sparklers in a public park unless permission, or a fireworks permit, has been obtained beforehand from the recreation director or the director's designee and unless such possession and use complies with Section 9.57E of Chapter 93 of Title IX of this Code.

3.18. **Dogs.** No dogs shall be permitted in any public park unless on a leash, not exceeding six (6) feet in length, controlled by the owner at all times. Owners shall pick up all animal fecal discharges from park property and dispose of in a proper container. No dangerous or vicious dogs shall be permitted in any public park. (Ord., 4-24-1995)

3.19. **Sound Amplification.** Use of sound amplification in the public parks shall not disturb the quiet enjoyment of the park by other park users unless an amplification permit has been obtained from the Parks & Recreation Department.

3.20. **Park Roads and Grounds.** No person shall operate any motor vehicle in any public park except upon established roadways, drives, and parking lots designated by the City. The Parks & Recreation Director or Superintendent may authorize exceptions to this regulation for service vehicles and during special events.

3.21. **No Hunting.** No hunting or trapping shall occur within a public park or in any waters adjacent thereto unless a permit has been obtained from the Parks & Recreation Director.

3.22. **Alcoholic Beverages.** No alcoholic beverages shall be brought into, possessed or consumed within any public park.

3.23. **No Camping.** No person shall camp in any public park unless a permit has been obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department.

3.24. **Injury to or Defacing of Parks.** No person shall damage or deface any item within a public park. No person shall destroy or damage the surface or sod of any playing field, track, tennis courts, or practice area. There shall be no waxing of areas or equipment located in parks, playgrounds and on streetscape areas. No person shall obstruct any walk or drive in any public park or playground and no person shall injure, mar or damage, in any manner, any monument, ornament, fence, bridge, seat, tree, fountain, shrub, flower, playground equipment, fireplace or other public property within or pertaining to said parks. (1982 Code §3.1)

3.25. **Golf Prohibition.** No person shall play or practice golf in a public park and/or on school property.

**3.26. In-Line Skates; Roller Skates; Scooters (motorized and nonmotorized); Bicycles.** No person shall use a skateboard, roller skates, inline skates, scooter, bicycle, tricycle, or similar item, or apply any wax, on any playground equipment, park or school property furnishings (including, but not limited to, railings, stairs, curbs, benches, concrete walls, bike racks, planters, and trash cans), tennis court, the community track, John Collins Park, Canepa community tennis center, Mehney field, Memorial field, Remington field, or any other athletic field.

**3.28. Weapons Prohibited.** Except as provided by law, no person shall possess, transport, shoot, fire, or discharge any firearm, air rifle, air pistol, paint gun, bow and arrow, or any other weapon or instrument which might cause damages to persons or property in any public park.

**3.33 Deposit of Garbage and Rubbish.** No person shall place or deposit any garbage, glass, tin cans, paper or miscellaneous waste in any public park or playground except in containers provided for that purpose. (1982 Code §3.3)

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