

Parks & Recreation Code of Ordinance

Authority

- .1. The director shall have the authority to promulgate written policies for the general administration of the department and written rules for the orderly management and use of athletic fields, parks, and the recreation facilities by the public, provided that, such policies and rules do not conflict with applicable city ordinances, resolutions, policies, procedures or regulations and federal and state law. A copy of the rules adopted under this subsection shall be published on the city's website and maintained for public inspection in the offices of the director and the city secretary.

Parks & Recreation Board

- .1. Board members

RECENT UPDATE: Qualifications and Appointment. The city council shall appoint a city park and recreation board, consisting of seven members, who shall be residents of the city, owning real property within the city and who shall not be employees of the city. In addition to the seven members, the city council shall also appoint one youth member (minimum of 16 years of age), who shall be a resident of the city, who shall be an active high school student in good standing, and who shall not be an employee of the city. (Code 1965, § 15-11; Ord. No. 20210309-007 , § 2, 3-9-21)

RECENT UPDATE: Terms of Board Members. Of the seven members, three members shall be appointed in each even-numbered year and four members shall be appointed in each odd-numbered year, within 30 days after each regular city election to serve terms of two years each. The additional youth member must be of eligible age at time of appointment to the board position, and the youth member shall serve a term of one year commencing and ending on the first day of May. (Code 1965, § 15-12; Ord. No. 20210309-007 , § 3, 3-9-21)

Absences; filling vacancies. Active participation on the [board/commission] is required. Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings of the [board/commission] without a valid excuse, as determined by the City Council, shall automatically be dismissed from membership. The [board/commission] shall notify the city council of vacancies that exist. Vacancies occurring in the [board/commission], for whatever reason, shall be filled within 30 days by appointment by the city council for the remainder of the unexpired term.

City Council Liaison. The city council shall appoint a representative to attend the meetings of the park and recreation board and serve as liaison between the board and the city council.

- .2. **Powers & duties of Board members**

RECENT UPDATE: Powers. The parks and recreation board shall have the following powers and duties:

- .2..1. The parks and recreation board shall review and make recommendations to the parks director;
- .2..2. Submit annually to the parks director, not less than 60 days prior to the beginning of the budget year, a list of recommendations for

parks and recreation. Such list shall be arranged in order of priority;
and

- .2..3. Perform such duties and be vested with such other powers as the city council shall from time to time authorize. (Code 1965, § 15-15; Ord. No. 20230215-018 , § 3, 2-15-23)

.3. Board meetings

RECENT UPDATE: Rules of procedure; quorum; open meetings; records. The park and recreation board shall elect annually at the first meeting of the fiscal year one of its members, that is not the youth member, as chair and shall establish its own rules of procedure. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the board and an affirmative vote of a majority of those present shall be necessary to pass upon pending questions. The chair shall be entitled to vote upon any question. The youth member position shall not be a voting position, but rather a position to offer input and opinion as a youth representation for the city. Regular meetings shall be held not less than twice a year and one of the meetings shall occur in the beginning of the fiscal year. Such meetings shall be open to the public and a record of all proceedings shall be kept. The record shall be filed with the city secretary and shall be a public record. (Code 1965, § 15-14; Ord. No. 20210309-007 , § 4, 3-9-21; Ord. No. 20230215-018 , § 2, 2-15-23)

Definitions

- .1. **Athletic Sports Associations** is any sports organization with a 501c3 designation that has an agreement with the City of Angleton.
- .2. **Bicycle** is any device that can be ridden by human power and has two tandem wheels, at least one of which is more than 14 inches in diameter. An electric bicycle is also considered a bicycle if it has fully operable pedals, an electric motor of less than 750 watts, and a top speed of less than 28 mph.
- .3. **Boat** is any watercraft that can be used for transportation on the water.
- .4. **Community Fishing Lake** is all public impoundments 75 acres or smaller located totally within an incorporated city limits or a municipal, city, county, or state park. Daily bag limit of 5 fish (all species combined), of which only 1 may be a black bass. No minimum length limits, except black bass, which must be 14 inches or greater length. Fishing is by pole and line only. Anglers may use no more than two poles while fishing.
- .5. **Department** is Angleton Parks & Recreation Department.
- .6. **Director** is the director of Angleton Parks & Recreation Department or his/her designee.
- .7. **Firearms** is any device from which a projectile, arrow or bolt is fired by force of an explosion, compressed air, gas or mechanical device. To include but not limited to rifle, handgun, shotgun, bow, crossbow, sling shot, dart gun or blow gun.
- .8. **Garbage** is trash, refuse, household waste, medical waste, spoil, construction debris, yard clippings or any other noxious, useless or offensive material.

- .9. **Motor Vehicle** is any motor-powered vehicle including but not limited to motorcycles, golf carts, electric vehicles, electric bikes, electric scooters, mopeds, motorized boats, jet skis, and all-terrain vehicles.
- .10. **Motorized Mobility Device** is a device designed for transportation of persons with physical disabilities.
- .11. **Park** is any property under the control or management of the Angleton Parks & Recreation Department.
- .12. **Permit** is a written document issued by the Angleton Parks & Recreation Department that grants a person, group or business the right to perform certain activities in a city park.
- .13. **Pet** is a domesticated companion animal. This does not include wildlife, livestock or any animal species not normally domesticated.
- .14. **Plant Life** is all plants including trees, shrubs, vines, wildflowers, grass, sedge, fern or any other member of the plant family.
- .15. **Playground** is an area of land that is used for children's recreation and often has equipment.
- .16. **Splash pad** is a place for water play that has little or no standing water and often has equipment.
- .17. **Vehicle** is any wheeled conveyance, whether motor-powered, animal-drawn, or self-propelled. The term shall include any trailer in tow of any size, kind or description. An exception is made for baby carriages and vehicles in the service of the city parks.
- .18. **Wildlife** is any wild animal species that normally lives in the park excluding any species that are normally domesticated.

Angleton City Parks

- .1. **Rules of conduct** (exceptions of park rules by permit and city sponsored events)
Reference other city ordinances prior to defining.

Abandoned and Unattended property. It is an offense for any person to abandon a vehicle or other personal property or to leave any vehicle or person property in a city park after posted closing hours.

Alcoholic Beverages. No person shall possess, consume, use or drink alcoholic beverages in any city park. An exception may be granted hereto by the parks and recreation director, or their designee, in connection with the issuance of a permit issued for the use of any park and recreation facility operated by the City of Angleton, pursuant to section 17-38,

Pets. It is an offense for a person to:

- .1..1. Bring a pet into a city park that is not secured by a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length, confined to a vehicle or confined in a suitable cage. An exception is granted for dogs to be "off-leash" in designated areas, such as dog parks.
- .1..2. Fail to immediately collect and properly dispose of fecal material deposited by the pet.

- .1..3. Possess a noisy, vicious or dangerous pet.

Wildlife. It is an offense for any person to:

- .1..1. Harass, disturb, catch, possess or remove any wildlife or portions of wildlife from any city park.
- .1..2. release any wildlife, including fish, into any city park.
- .1..3. feed or offer food to any wildlife in a city park.

Arms & Firearms. It is an offense for any person to carry a trapping device or carry or discharge any firearm, pneumatic weapon, including, but not limited to, a BB gun or pellet gun, spring-gun, crossbow, bow and arrow or slingshot on or over any park. It is an exception if a person carries a concealed handgun or a handgun in a shoulder or belt holster; and is licensed under V.T.C.A., Government Code Ch. 411, Subchapter. H (Handgun Licensing Law). It is an exception for subsection (a) if a City of Angleton Animal Control Officer is carrying a trapping device when acting within the scope of the employee's duties

Closed Area. It is an offense for any person to enter or remain in any area that is closed by the Angleton Parks & Recreation director or his/her designee.

Hours of operation. It is an offense for any person to enter into or remain in any city park between the closing hour of 11:00 PM and the opening hour of 5:00 AM.

Facilities use. It is an offense for any person to use an area or facility for any purpose contrary to its designated purpose.

Fires. It is an offense to light, build or maintain a fire in a city park except in a facility or device provided and designated for such purpose or build any fire during a burn ban issued by the city, county or state.

Tobacco use. A person commits an offense if the person is in possession of a burning tobacco product, smokes tobacco, uses smokeless tobacco or operates an e-cigarette (vaping).

Minors and children. It is an offense for a parent, legal guardian or other responsible adult charged with the supervision of a person under 17 years of age to violate any regulation contained in this code.

Motor vehicle use. It is an offense for a person to operate a motor vehicle:

- .1..1. In a city park except on roads, driveways, and parking lots; unless authorized by the Parks & Recreation Director, or designee.
- .1..2. In excess of the posted speed limit or in a manner that is unsafe to persons or property.
- .1..3. In violation of any Texas Transportation Code or other law regarding the operation of vehicles.

Parking. It is an offense for any person to park a motor vehicle in any city park except in areas designated and constructed for that purpose. An exception is granted if an individual is directed to park in a specific area by a city employee or police officer.

Natural and cultural resources.

- .1..1. **Plant Life.** It is an offense for any person to damage, destroy, cut, pick, remove or introduce any plant life except by permission of the Parks & Recreation Director

- .1..2. **Geological Features.** It is an offense for any person to remove, deface, tamper with or alter any rock, soil, mineral or other geological deposit except by permission of the Parks & Recreation Director
- .1..3. **Cultural Resources.** It is an offense to for any person to remove, destroy, tamper with or disturb any prehistoric or historic resource.

Trail Use. It is an offense to operate any motorized vehicle on a paved or unpaved trail, path or track in a city park. An exception is made for Motorized Mobility Devices used by people with physical disabilities.

Water Recreation.

- .1..1. **Boating.** Only non-motorized watercraft are allowed on lakes in city parks. This includes canoes, kayaks, rowboats, paddle craft, or rubber rafts as well as other vessels that are paddled, poled, oared, or windblown.
- .1..2. **Swimming or Bathing.** It is a violation for any person to swim, bath or enter the water or waterways in or adjacent to a city park. An exception is made in areas specially designated for those purposes or by special permit.
- .1..3. **Fishing.** all bodies of water within city parks are designated as “Community Fishing Lakes”. It is an offense to violate any of the following rules - Daily bag limit of 5 fish (all species combined), of which only 1 may be a black bass. No minimum length limits, except black bass, which must be 14 inches or greater length. Fishing is by pole and line only. Anglers may use no more than two poles while fishing.

Garbage. It is an offense to dispose of garbage in a city park except in a receptacle provided for that use. It is an offense for a person to dump, discard or deposit garbage in a city park except for garbage generated inside the park during the course of park visitation.

Electronic bikes, scooters, etc.

Glass containers. It is an offense for any person to possess a glass container in a city park.

Soliciting, marketing, & promotion (City ordinance of soliciting). It is an offense for any person to solicit funds, seek donations, offer to sell any goods or services or distribute written material in a city park without the appropriate city permit or concession agreement.

Drones. Operating a drone in a city park is illegal without permission from the City of Angleton. City employees or contractors are exempt from this law when acting in the scope of their employment or official duties.

Permits (Permits may be required for anything that impacts public use)

Special events. Use language from the new special event permit and replacement of mass gatherings verbiage.

Special amenities (look at alternative language) Each park may have special amenities. Special amenities will have rules, and a code of conduct posted. Users must adhere to the posted rules and code of conduct posted.

All Angleton Park and recreation facilities are considered a Drug Free Zone in accordance with the Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 481.134.

Angleton Recreation Facilities

- .1. Users must acknowledge and adhere to the posted rules at the Angleton Recreation Center. The Director, or designee, shall have the discretion to request a review and, if applicable, seek approval of any proposed amendment to any rules at the Angleton Recreation Center. In the event of a conflict between the posted rules at the Angleton Recreation Center or rules kept on file with the Angleton Recreation Center or rules published on the city's website, the copy on file in the Parks & Recreation handbook shall control.
- .2. Users must adhere to the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2. Article X. Section 2-266.- Fee schedule. for a current listing of all fees.
- .3. Solicitation. It is an offense for any person to solicit funds or donation of any item, or offer to sell any goods or services, or to distribute or advertise material in a park, except by permit issued by the city.
- .4. Signage – refer to city ordinance (Pearland)... All other signage...Sports association advertising?

Permit holders must adhere to the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances Chapter 21.5.

Signs.

The Athletic Sports Associations are granted the right to solicit advertising boards at each complex. Signs placed on fencing are limited to no larger than one fence panel in length (10 feet). Signs will be limited on outfield fencing to the area between the foul poles. Two (2) sponsorship signs are allotted backstops above the top cross bar, facing viewers. The signs shall not be longer than 4 x 6 feet and they shall not obstruct the view. Signs along the interior gates along walkways shall not be longer than 4 x 6 feet. The City reserves the right to review and approve potential advertisers and sign content prior to installation and can mandate sign removal if, under the City's sole discretion, the sign is not in compliance with this agreement, city ordinance, state law, or for any other reason the city determines.

.5. Rentals

Rental Application. A person required to get a permit hereunder must make an application with the Director, or designee. The application shall contain the following, to wit:

- .5..1. The name, address, telephone number and email address of the person or organization applying for the permit and, if an organization, its officers;
- .5..2. The exact nature of the use or activity for which the permit is being sought;
- .5..3. The days and hours for which the permit is desired;

- .5..4. The part and the portion of the park or park facility desired to be used to carry out the proposed use or activity;
- .5..5. An estimate of the anticipated attendance;
- .5..6. Payment of a fee, if any, as may from time to time be established in Section 2-266.- Fee schedule of the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances; and
- .5..7. Any other information that the Director, or designee, determines to be reasonably necessary.
- .5..8. Standards for issuance of a rental. A permit shall be issued unless the Director finds:
 - .5..9. (1) That the proposed activity or use will unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public use and enjoyment of the City park or City park facility;
 - .5..10. (2) That the proposed activity or use detrimentally affects the public health, safety or welfare;
 - .5..11. (3) That the facilities desired have been reserved for another activity or use at the day and hour requested in the application;
 - .5..12. (4) That false or misleading information is contained in the application or required information is omitted;
 - .5..13. (5) That the proposed use conflicts with a City-sponsored event or program; or
 - .5..14. (6) That the event would violate any Federal, State or Municipal law.

Effect of rental. The Director, or designee, will make a decision on the permit application as promptly as possible after the applicant has provided all the information required by the application, including in the form and manner required, but in no case later than ten business days after the date a complete application is submitted. The Director, or designee, shall apprise an applicant in writing of approval of such application or of the reasons for refusing a permit or any conditions which are required for the issuance of the permit.

Refusal to rental; appeal. Any person dissatisfied with a decision of the Director in failing to grant a permit or to revoke a permit shall have the right to appeal in writing within ten days of the date of the Director's written decision. Such appeal shall be presented by the applicant in writing to the City Manager, who shall consider the matter under the standards established in this division. The City Manager shall sustain or overrule the Director's decision within 14 days of the date of receipt of the written appeal from the applicant. The City Manager's decision on such appeal shall be final.

Abide by applicable rules. A permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all other applicable ordinances as fully as though the same were inserted in the permit.

Indemnification of City. The permittee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, agents and employees from any and all actions, claims, costs, damages and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorney's fees and court costs, arising out of the permittee's use of the City park or City park facility. Furthermore, such indemnification shall apply with respect to all acts or omissions of the permittee and the permittee's participants, students, spectators, invitees, licensees, relatives, friends and their respective invitees or licensees associated therewith. The person to whom a permit is issued shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury to persons or property whatsoever by reason of the negligence of the person to whom such permit is issued and person's agents, officers or employees.

Revocation of a rental. The Director shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding of violation of any rule, ordinance, State or Federal law or upon the violation of any condition or restriction under which the permit was issued.

User fees and obligations. Payment of a fee, if any, as may from time to time be established in Section 2-266.- Fee schedule of the City of Angleton Code of Ordinances.

- .6. Profiting from use of city facilities. It shall be unlawful for any individual or business to financially profit from using park and recreation facilities except in the instances where those individuals or business are contracted with, or have written partnership agreements, in place with Angleton Parks & Recreation Department. Non-profit organizations. Angleton-based non-profit organizations may be eligible for facility rental discounts when hosting special events that align with the City's community-focused objectives.

Park & Recreation Policies

- .1. **RECENT UPDATE: Standards of Care for youth recreational programs.** The following standards of care have been adopted by the City Council of the City of Angleton, Texas to comply with V.T.C.A., Human Resources Code, § 42.041(b)(14). The standards of care are intended to be minimum standards by which the City of Angleton will operate the city's youth programs. The programs operated by the city are recreational in nature and are not licensed by the State of Texas as certified day care programs.

The standards of care for youth recreational programs are intended to be minimum standards by which the City of Angleton's Parks and Recreation Department will operate its youth recreational programs. The Texas Human Resources Code provides an exception to licensure for elementary-age (ages five through 13) recreation program operated by a municipality. The programs operated by the city are for elementary aged (ages five through 13) children, recreational in nature, and are not daycare programs. This allows the city to qualify as being exempt from the requirements of the Texas Human Resources Code. The city is not licensed by the State of Texas to offer daycare programs.

Definitions. As used in this section, and in accordance with V.T.C.A., Human Resources Code § 42.002, "Definitions," the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context requires otherwise.

- .1..1. "Child" means a person under 18 years of age.

- .1..2. "*Department*" means the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Angleton, Texas.
- .1..3. "*Director of parks and recreation*" means the full-time City of Angleton departmental employee who performs the functions responsible for administration and implementation of the youth recreational programs.
- .1..4. "*Parent*" means one parent, both parents, or other adult with legal custody and authority to enroll their child in a youth recreational program.
- .1..5. "*Participant*" means a child, age five to 13, whose parent has completed all required registration procedures and has been determined eligible to participate in a youth recreational program.
- .1..6. "*Program manual*" means the notebook of policies, procedures, required forms, and organizational and programming information relevant to the City of Angleton's youth recreational programs.
- .1..7. "*Program site*" means the physical location where the youth recreational program is being conducted.
- .1..8. "*Program staff*" means the person or persons who have been hired or have volunteered to work for the City of Angleton and have been assigned responsibilities for managing, administering, or implementing some or all portions of a youth recreational program.
- .1..9. "*Recreational facility/recreation center*" means a building, which is open to the public, where meetings are held, sports are played, and there are activities available for all ages.
- .1..10. "*Site(s)*" means Angleton Recreation Center at 1601 N Valderas, Angleton, TX 77515.
- .1..11. The City of Angleton may, from time-to-time, designate other site areas.
- .1..12. This section establishes the standards of care for youth recreational programs of current and future site areas within the City of Angleton.
- .1..13. "*Site superintendent*" or "*site assistant superintendent*" means the person who has been hired to directly administer and oversee the daily operations of the youth recreational program to include, but not be limited to, the supervision of staff, safety of participants, and programming.
- .1..14. "*Youth recreational program*" or "*program*" means: The City of Angleton's recreational programs and activities which are either a non-fee-based or fee-based children's program or activity offered and supervised by the department that requires a participant to enroll or register in order to participate.
- 7.1.2. *Organization.*
 - 7.1.2.1. The governing body of the youth recreational program is the City Council of the City of Angleton, Texas.
 - 7.1.2.2. Implementation of the youth recreational program's standards of care for youth recreational programs is the responsibility of the director of parks and recreation and program staff.

- 7.1.2.3. Each program site will have a current copy of the standards of care for youth recreational programs available for the public and program staff to review.
- 7.1.2.4. Parents will be provided a copy of the current standards of care for youth recreational programs during the registration process.
- 7.1.3. *Inspection, monitoring, enforcement.*
 - 7.1.3.1. The site superintendent or site assistant superintendent will perform weekly inspections of the program to confirm adherence to the standards of care for youth recreational programs.
 - 7.1.3.1.1. Inspection reports will be kept on record in accordance with the City of Angleton's record retention policy.
 - 7.1.3.1.2. The director of parks and recreation will review the inspection report and establish deadlines and criteria for compliance with the standards of care for youth recreational programs.
 - 7.1.3.2. Complaints regarding enforcement of the standards of care for youth recreational programs will be directed to the site superintendent or site assistant superintendent. The site superintendent or site assistant superintendent will be responsible for taking the necessary steps to resolve the reported complaints. The site superintendent or assistant superintendent will record complaints regarding enforcement of the standards of care for youth recreational programs and their resolution. The director of parks and recreation will address serious complaints regarding enforcement of the standards of care for youth recreational programs. Complaints and related resolutions will be noted.
 - 7.1.3.3. The director of parks and recreation shall make a report during the annual budget process to the City Council of the City of Angleton on the overall status of the youth recreational program.
- 7.1.4. *Registration and enrollment.* Before a child may become a youth recreational program participant, the parent must complete and sign registration forms that contain information pertaining to the participant and their parent. The following information must be provided:
 - 7.1.4.1. Name, address, and home telephone number;
 - 7.1.4.2. Name, address, and telephone number of parent during program hours;
 - 7.1.4.3. In case of emergency, contact names and telephone numbers during program hours;
 - 7.1.4.4. Disclosure of disability or required special care;
 - 7.1.4.5. Emergency medical authorization; and
 - 7.1.4.6. A liability release that encompasses all personal injury claims, including death and property damage resulting from participation in the program.
- 7.1.5. *Suspected abuse.* Program staff will receive basic training related to child abuse prevention and how to report suspected abuse.
- 7.1.6. *Staffing responsibilities and training.*
 - 7.1.6.1. Program site superintendent and site assistant superintendent qualifications.
 - 7.1.6.1.1. Must be an employee of the City of Angleton;

- 7.1.6.1.2. Must be at least 19 years of age;
- 7.1.6.1.3. Must have a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent;
- 7.1.6.1.4. Must have two years' experience planning and implementing recreational activities;
- 7.1.6.1.5. Must have previous experience in supervising children and possess knowledge of recreational games, crafts, and activities;
- 7.1.6.1.6. Must be skilled in supervising children of varying age levels in a group setting;
- 7.1.6.1.7. Must pass a background investigation, including a test for illegal substances;
- 7.1.6.1.8. Must have a current certification in first aid cardiopulmonary resuscitation ("CPR") based on either American Heart Association or American Red Cross standards; and
- 7.1.6.1.9. Must have a valid Texas State driver's license or identification.
- 7.1.7. *Program site superintendent and program assistant superintendent responsibilities.*
 - 7.1.7.1. Program site superintendent or program assistant superintendent administers the daily operations of the program in compliance with the adopted standards of care for youth recreational programs.
 - 7.1.7.2. Program site superintendent or program assistant superintendent recommends for hire, supervises, and evaluates program coordinators, part-time employees, and other program staff as needed.
 - 7.1.7.3. Program site superintendent or program assistant superintendent plans, implements, and evaluates the daily activities of programs.
- 7.1.8. *Program staff.*
 - 7.1.8.1. Program staff may be full-time, part-time, or temporary employees of the City of Angleton's Parks and Recreation Department.
 - 7.1.8.2. Program staff working with children must be 16 years of age or older; however, each site will have at least one employee, 18 years or older, present at all times.
 - 7.1.8.3. Program staff must pass a background investigation, including a test for illegal substances.
 - 7.1.8.4. Full-time program staff must have successfully completed a course in first aid and CPR based on either American Heart Association or American Red Cross standards. An exception can be made for no more than one staff person at each site and that person shall successfully complete a first aid and CPR course within four weeks of his or her first date of employment.
- 7.1.9. *Program staff responsibilities.*
 - 7.1.9.1. Program staff must be able to consistently exhibit competency, tolerance, and patience.
 - 7.1.9.2. Program staff must relate to children with courtesy, respect, tolerance, and patience.
 - 7.1.9.3. Program staff will provide participants with an environment in which they can feel safe, can enjoy wholesome recreational activities, and can participate in appropriate social opportunities with peers.

- 7.1.9.4. Program staff will be responsible to know and follow all City of Angleton departmental and program standards, policies, and procedures that apply to City of Angleton programs.
- 7.1.9.5. Program staff shall not be responsible for those participants who voluntarily leave the program site, whether or not the participant has signed out.
- 7.1.10. *Training/orientation.*
 - 7.1.10.1. The parks and recreation department will provide orientation and training to program staff in working with participants and for specific job responsibilities.
 - 7.1.10.2. Program staff will be trained in appropriate procedures to handle emergencies.
 - 7.1.10.3. Full-time program staff are required to receive a training course to include City of Angleton departmental and program policies and procedures, provision of recreational activities, safety issues, and city organization.
 - 7.1.10.4. Program staff will be required to sign an acknowledgment that they received the required training and are expected to conduct activities in accordance with training and the standards of care for youth recreational programs.
- 7.1.11. *Staff-participant ratio.* In a youth recreational program, the standard ratio of participants to program staff will be a maximum of ten participants to one program staff member. In the event a program staff member is unable to report to the program site, a replacement program staff member will be assigned.
- 7.1.12. *Discipline.*
 - 7.1.12.1. Program staff will implement discipline and guidance in a consistent manner based on the best interests of program participants.
 - 7.1.12.2. There shall be no cruel, harsh, or unreasonable punishment or treatment.
- .1..14.1. Corporal punishment shall not be utilized, under any circumstances, even at a parent's request.
- .1..15. Program staff may use brief supervised separation from the group if necessary.
- .1..16. As necessary, program staff will initiate discipline reports to the parents of participants. Parents will be asked to sign discipline reports to indicate they have been advised about specific problems or incidents.
- .1..17. A significant number of discipline reports or repeated instances of severe or aggressive behavior may result in a participant being suspended from the program.
- .1..18. In instances where there is a danger to participants or staff, the offending participant will be removed from the program site as soon as possible.
- 7.1.13. *Programming.* Program staff will attempt to provide activities for each group according to the participants' ages. The activities must be appropriate to participants' health, safety, and well-being. The activities also must be flexible and attempt to promote the participants' emotional, social, and mental growth. Programs will include indoor and outdoor activities.

7.1.14. *Communication.*

7.1.14.1. The program site will have a mobile phone or radio to allow the site to be contacted by department personnel, and each site will have access to a telephone or radio for use in contacting the municipal complex or making emergency calls.

7.1.14

A participant is not allowed to use the telephone unless it is an emergency. In the case of an emergency, program staff should make the call for the participant.

.1..19. The program site superintendent or program assistant superintendent will post the telephone numbers of the following organizations, adjacent to a telephone accessible to all program staff, at each site:

.1..19.1. The City of Angleton's ambulance or emergency medical services;

.1..19.2. The City of Angleton Police Department's dispatch and emergency telephone numbers;

.1..19.3. The fire department;

.1..19.4. The City of Angleton's Parks and Recreation Department; and

.1..19.5. The telephone number for the site itself.

6.1.15. *Transportation.* The program does not offer transportation to or from the program site(s) to participants. The program does and will transport participants to and from any off-site or between-site event or activity.

6.1.16. *Facility standards.*

.2. *Safety.*

.3. 1. Program staff will inspect program sites daily to detect sanitation and safety concerns that might affect the health and safety of the participants.

.4. 2. Buildings, grounds, and equipment at the program site will be inspected, cleaned, repaired and maintained to protect the health and safety of the participants.

.5. 3. Program equipment and supplies must be safe for participant use.

.6. 4. Program staff must have first aid supplies and a guide to first aid and emergency care readily available at each site.

.7. b. *Fire.*

.8. 1. In case of fire, danger of fire, explosion, or other emergency, the first priority of program staff is to evacuate the participants to a designated safe area.

.9. 2. Emergency evacuation and relocation plans will be posted at each program site.

.10.c. *Health.*

.11. 1. *Illness or injury to participant.*

.12. i. A participant who is considered to be a health or safety concern to other participants or program staff will not be admitted to the program.

.13. ii. Illnesses and injuries will be handled in a manner to protect the health of all participants and program staff.

.14. iii. Program staff will follow plans to provide emergency care for injured participants with symptoms of an acute illness as specified in the program manual.

- .15.2. Program staff will follow the recommendation of the state department of health concerning the admission or readmission of any participant after a communicable disease.
- .16.3. *Medication.*
- .17. i. Program staff will not administer medication except in the case of emergency.
- .18.d. *Toilet facilities.*
- .19. 1. The program site(s) will have inside toilets located and equipped so participants can use them independently, and program staff can supervise as needed.
- .20.2. There shall be at least one toilet for every 15 females and one toilet for every 15 males. In each male toilet facility, up to 70 percent of the toilets required may be urinals. In facilities with more than one toilet, some means of privacy must be provided for each toilet.
- .21.3. Exceptions to the toilet-to-participant ratio may be adjusted when program activities take place at primitive or outdoor park locations.
- .22.e. *Sanitation.*
- .23. 1. The program site(s) must have adequate light, ventilation, and heat.
- .24.2. The program must have an adequate supply of water, meeting the standards of the state department of health, for drinking water and ensure that the water will be supplied to the participants in a safe and sanitary manner.
- 6.1.17. *Personal assistance.* Participants requiring personal assistance (e.g., feeding themselves, dressing themselves, using the restroom) must provide an attendant for the duration of the program. Program staff cannot provide personal assistance. The participant's attendant will be admitted to the program free of charge. (Ord. No. 20210413-010 , § 3, 4-13-21; Ord. No. 20230613-006 , § 2(Exh. A), 6-13-23)
- .25. Parks and Facility Naming Policy
- .26. Parks Memorial Policy

Enforcement. Regulations may be enforced by any City of Angleton Police Officer, or any Texas Peace Officer.

- .1. A person can be removed from a park by a police officer for disruptive, destructive, or violent conduct that endangers the safety, health, or lives of people or animals. The person must be given notice and an opportunity to correct their behavior before being removed. A court can also prohibit a person from reentering the park.

Penalty for Violation of Chapter

- .1. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished according to the provisions of section **Local Government Code Chapter 54.012. Civil Action.**