

ARTICLE III. - USE OF PUBLIC PARKS

Sec. 17-36. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Director is a person immediately in charge of any park area and its activities, and to whom all park attendants of such area are responsible.

Park is a park, reservation, playground, beach, recreation center or any other area in the city, owned or used by the city, and devoted to active or passive recreation.

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.

(Code 1965, § 15-32)

Cross reference— Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 17-37. - Title.

This article shall be known and may be cited as the "Park Ordinance Regulating Conduct in Public Parks."

(Code 1965, § 15-31)

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 17-48. - Lost and found articles.

The findings of lost articles by park attendants shall be reported to the director who shall make every reasonable effort to locate the owners. The director shall make every reasonable effort to find articles reported as lost.

(Code 1956, § 15-39(c))

Sec. 17-49. - Park operating policy.

- (a) Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, parks shall be open to the public every day of the year during designated hours. The opening and closing hours for each individual park shall be posted therein for public information.
- (b) Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the director at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals, daily or otherwise, and either entirely or merely to certain uses, as the director shall find reasonably necessary.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(a), (b))

Sec. 17-77. - Use of city parks by athletic teams.

The members of each athletic team using any city park for league play shall deliver to the city administrator a fee as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton, per team, per season before the

beginning of such athletic season. The members of each athletic team using any city park for tournament play shall deliver to the city administrator a fee as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton, per team, per tournament before such tournament begins. The members of each athletic team using any city park for practice shall deliver to the city administrator a fee as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton, per team, per day of use, before such use.

(Ord. No. 2115, § 6, 8-18-87; Ord. No. [20210810-009](#), § 39, 8-10-21)

Editor's note— Section 6 of Ord. No. 2115, adopted Aug. 18, 1987, was nonamendatory of the Code; hence, codification herein as § 17-77 was at the discretion of the editor.

Sec. 17-79. - Rental and deposit rates for pavilion and park rental facilities.

- (a) The rental and deposit rates for park rental facilities, per day, shall be as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton.
- (b) The city and its agents, officers, employees, attorneys, and contractors shall have no liability of any nature to any person, as a direct or indirect result of this section or of any action, omission, or condition in any way related, directly or indirectly, to this section or the subject matter hereof.

(Ord. No. 2332, §§ 1, 2, 8-16-94; Ord. No. [20210810-009](#), § 40, 8-10-21)

Secs. 17-80—17-103. - Reserved.

Sec. 17-80. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and golf carts.

It shall be unlawful to operate any ATV or golf cart within any park at any time. City personnel will be exempt from this section when engaged in official capacity.

Sec. 17-81. Golfing.

It shall be unlawful to participate in any golfing activity within city parks including hitting and/or discarding golf balls.

Sec. 17-82. Excessive, disruptive noise.

All events which will include loudspeaker, live music, or amplification equipment/devices of any kind shall not disrupt normal city business/operations, neighboring residential properties or park attendees. The city reserves the right to require that disruptive music be turned down or shut off.

Sec. 17-83. Use of tobacco products.

Smoking and the use of tobacco products at any city park shall be prohibited at all times.

Sec. 17-84. Fishing.

- (a) Fishing shall take place in designated areas and be conducted by rod and reel only.
- (b) A proper fishing license is required.
- (c) All fishing shall be catch and release except at designated special events established by the parks and recreation manager.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to place trot lines, throw lines, or jug lines in any area designated for fishing.
- (e) Cleaning of fish must be done off site when associated with an event that permits keeping fish.

Sec. 17-85. Boating.

Only nonmotorized boating to include kayaks, canoes, or inflatable boats shall be permitted and in designated areas only. All boats must be launched without the aid of a trailer. Boating may not interfere with normal park operations or special events. It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to cease boating after being advised to do so by a city employee. Boating will only be permitted between daylight hours from sunrise to sunset. All boaters must always have a coast guard approved type 1 personal floatation device (PFD) on their person.

Sec. 17-86. City-sponsored special events.

This article shall not be construed to limit the city-sponsored events as determined by the parks and recreation manager.

Sec. 17-87. Culpable mental state.

A culpable mental state is not required for the commission of an offense under this article.

DIVISION 2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Sec. 17-50. - Injuring park property.

No person in a park shall wilfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove, any building, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities or parts of appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

(Code 1965, § 15-33(1)(a))

Sec. 17-51. - Restroom and washrooms.

No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. No person over the age of five years shall use the restrooms and washrooms designated for the opposite sex.

(Code 1965, § 15-33(1)(b))

Sec. 17-52. - Natural resources; structures.

- (a) No person shall dig or remove any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down-timber or other wood or materials, or make an excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency.
- (b) No person shall construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except on special written permit issued hereunder.

(Code 1965, § 15-33(1)(c), (d))

Sec. 17-53. - Trees, shrubbery, lawns.

- (a) No person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds, of any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.

- (b) No person shall climb, walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railing, fences or gun-carriages or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.

(Code 1965, § 15-33(2))

Cross reference— Damaging of trees prohibited, § 13-10.

Sec. 17-54. - Wild animals, birds.

- (a) No person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, reptile or bird. No person shall remove or have in his possession the young of any wild animal, or the eggs or nest or young of any reptile or bird. No person shall collect, remove, have in his possession, give away, sell or offer to sell, or buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift, any specimen, alive or dead, of any of the group of tree snails. Exception to the foregoing is made in that snakes known to be deadly poisonous, such as rattlesnakes, moccasins, coral snakes, or other deadly reptiles, may be killed on sight.
- (b) No person shall give or offer or attempt to give to any animal or bird any tobacco, alcohol or other known noxious substances.

(Code 1965, § 15-33(3))

Sec. 17-55. - Sanitation.

- (a) No person in a park shall throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.
- (b) No person shall leave or deposit trash, refuse or litter of any nature or description upon the premises of any city park except in a container designated by the city for the disposal thereof. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

(Code 1965, § 15-34; Ord. No. 2115, § 2, 8-18-87)

Sec. 17-56. - Traffic.

- (a) No person in a park shall fail to comply with 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 article and other ordinances.
- (b) No person shall fail to obey all traffic officers and park employees, such persons being thereby authorized and instructed to direct traffic whenever and wherever needed in the parks and on the highways, streets or roads immediately adjacent thereto in accordance with the provisions of these regulations and such supplementary regulations as may be issued subsequently by the director.
- (c) No person shall fail to observe carefully all traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping or parking, and all others posted for proper control and to safeguard life and property.
- (d) No person shall ride or drive a vehicle at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles per hour, except upon such roads as the director may designate, by posted signs, for speedier travel.

- (e) No person shall drive any vehicle on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas, or such other areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary parking areas by the parks director. However, this subsection shall not apply to vehicles while being used in connection with the maintenance of a city park, or while being used in connection with the transportation of concession equipment in a city park.

(Code 1965, §§ 15-35(1), (5); Ord. No. 2115, § 3, 8-18-87; Ord. No. 2214, § 5, 5-15-90)

Cross reference— Operation of motor vehicle in parks, parkways, easements, sidewalks, etc., § 25-8.

Sec. 17-57. - Parking.

- (a) No person shall park a vehicle in other than an established or designated parking area, and such use shall be in accordance with the posted directions there or any attendant who may be present.
- (b) No person shall full-park on the road or driveway at any time. In order to enjoy some special natural scenic feature, vehicles may be parked with the two left wheels near the right edge of the paving.
- (c) No person shall leave any vehicle anywhere in the park with one or more wheels chained, or with motor set in gear and doors locked, or in any manner fixed or arranged so that such vehicle cannot readily be moved by hand in a park.
- (d) No person shall fail to immediately notify an attendant of an emergency in the nature of a break-down requiring the assistance of a tow-truck, mechanic or other person in a park.
- (e) No person shall double-park any vehicle on any road or parkway unless directed by a park official.
- (f) No person shall park a motor vehicle for the purpose of making mechanical repairs other than under emergency conditions in a park.

(Code 1965, § 15-35(6))

Sec. 17-58. – Bicycles, skateboards, rollerskates and all other modes of transportation, motorized and nonmotorized.

- (a) No person in the park shall ride a bicycle, skateboards, roller-skates and all other modes of transportation, motorized and nonmotorized on other than a paved vehicular road or path designated for that purpose. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail or on any paved area reserved for pedestrian use.
- (b) No person in the park shall ride a bicycle other than on the right-hand side of the road paving as close as conditions permit, and bicycles shall be kept in single file when two or more are operating as a group. Bicyclists, skateboards, roller-skates and all other modes of transportation, motorized and nonmotorized shall at all times operate their machines with reasonable regard to the safety of others, signal all turns, pass to the right of any vehicle they are overtaking, and pass to the right of any vehicle they may be meeting.
- (c) No person in the park shall ride a bicycle, skateboards, rollerskates and all other modes of transportation, motorized and nonmotorized without proper rider safety accessories such as baby riding seat, passenger carrier seat, etc.
- (d) No person in the park shall leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is a space available.
- (e) No person in the park shall leave a bicycle, skateboards, roller-skates and all other modes of transportation, motorized and nonmotorized lying any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by it.

- (f) No person in the park shall ride a bicycle on any road between 30 minutes after sunset or before 30 minutes before sunrise without an attached headlight plainly visible at least 200 feet in front of, and without a red tail-light or red reflector plainly visible from at least 200 feet from the rear of such bicycle.

(Code 1965, § 15-35(7))

Sec. 17-59. - Bathing and swimming.

- (a) No person in a park shall swim, bathe or wade in any waters or waterways in or adjacent to any park, except in such waters and at such places as are provided therefor, and in compliance with such regulations as are herein set forth or may be hereafter adopted. Nor shall any person frequent any waters or places customarily designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate thereat when such activity is prohibited by the director upon a finding that such use of the water would be dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.
- (b) No person shall frequent any waters or places designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate thereat, except between such hours of the day as shall be designated by the director for such purposes for each individual area.
- (c) All bathing costumes shall conform to commonly accepted standards.
- (d) No person shall dress or undress on any beach, or in any vehicle, toilet or other place, except in such bathing houses or structures as may be provided for that purpose.

(Code 1965, § 15-36(1))

Sec. 17-60. - Hunting and firearms.

- (a) *Prohibited.* It shall be unlawful 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, cross-bow, bow and arrow or slingshot on or over any park.
- (b) *Exception.* Except as otherwise provided by law, it is an exception to subsection (a) if a person:
 - (1) Carries in a park:
 - a. A concealed handgun; or
 - b. A handgun in a shoulder or belt holster; and
 - (2) Is licensed under V.T.C.A., Government Code Ch. 411, Subch. H (Handgun Licensing Law).
- (c) *Exception.* 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.

(Code 1965, § 15-36(2); Ord. No. 2115, § 1, 8-18-87; Ord. No. 2016-O-2D, § 1, 2-9-16)

Sec. 17-61. - Picnic areas and use.

- (a) No person in a park shall picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Attendants shall have the authority to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end.
- (b) No person in a park shall violate the regulation for use of the individual fireplaces, together with tables and benches which follows generally the rule of first come first served except that handicapped persons have first priority over handicap tables.

- (c) No person in a park or playground shall use any portion of the picnic areas or of any of the buildings or structures therein for the purpose of holding picnics to the exclusion of other persons without a permit.
- (d) No person shall relocate the picnic tables or benches from shelters or pavilions to accommodate any purpose at any time.

(Code 1965, § 15-36(3))

Sec. 17-62. - Recreation.

- (a) No person in a park shall camp in other than organized camping areas provided by the director and used by groups of persons under adequate supervision.
- (b) No person in a park shall take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins or model airplanes, except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of rough or comparatively dangerous games such as football, baseball and quoits is prohibited when interfering with other activities; roller-skating and/or skateboards be confined to those areas specifically designated for such pastimes.
- (c) No person in a park shall ride a horse, except on designated roads and bridle trails. Where permitted, horses shall be thoroughly broken and properly restrained and ridden with due care, and shall not be allowed to graze or go unattended.

(Code 1965, §§ 15-36(4)—(6))

Sec. 17-63. - Alcoholic and intoxicating beverages.

- (a) No person shall possess, consume, use or drink alcoholic beverages in any city park.
- (b) No person shall possess, consume, use or drink alcoholic beverages at an event in a city park.
- (c) No person in a city park shall possess any beverage in a glass container at any time within a city park.
- (d) No person shall enter upon or be at any city park under the influence of intoxicating liquor or beverages.
- (e) 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, Permits and reservations, of this Code of Ordinances. Any such exception shall only be issued if the permit or reservation clearly designates the name and contact information of the person(s) who will be responsible to conduct the event, shall specify the date and time period for which the permit or reservation shall be in effect, and the precise location where the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverage pursuant to the permit shall be located. The city may request a hold harmless indemnification agreement for such an event at the discretion of the city.
- (f) Persons aggrieved by the decision of the director with respect to subsection (e) above, may file an appeal with the city secretary of such decision within ten days of the director's decision to request city council consideration of the request for an exception.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(1); Ord. No. 2115, § 7, 8-18-87; Ord. No. 2440, § 1, 3-16-99; Ord. No. 5-06-2018, § 4, 6-26-18)

Cross reference— Alcoholic beverages, Ch. 3.

Sec. 17-64. - Drugs.

- (a) No person shall possess or use any substance which would be a violation of the controlled substance act.
- (b) No person shall enter upon or be at any park under the influence of drugs.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(2))

Cross reference— Controlled substances, dangerous drugs, etc., § 13-81 et seq.

Sec. 17-65. - Going upon closed park property prohibited; exceptions.

- (a) No person shall be upon or remain upon any city park property within the city between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- (b) No person shall enter an area posted as "Closed to the Public" or "Authorized Personnel Only," nor shall any person use or abet the use of any area in violation of posted notices.
- (c) Exceptions to this provision may be granted by the city administrator, in his/her discretion, upon the filing of a written application for such exception with the parks director, with a copy to be forwarded to the police department.

(Code 1965, §§ 15-37(3), (4); Ord. No. 2115, § 4, 8-18-87; Ord. No. 2214, § 6, 5-15-90; Ord. No. 2440, § 2, 3-16-99)

Sec. 17-66. - Glass containers.

No person shall possess or use any glass container in a park, including, but not limited to soft drinks or beer in glass containers.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(5))

Sec. 17-67. - Fireworks and explosives.

- (a) No person shall participate in any fireworks display in the city, without first obtaining a permit as provided in sections 17-38 through 17-44.
- (b) Except as part of a lawfully permitted fireworks display as provided in subsection (a), no person shall bring or have in his possession, or set off or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, or other fireworks or explosives in a city park, or discharge them or throw them into any city park from any land or highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture, or article that, in conjunction with any other substance or compound, could present any of the same dangers as the substances hereby prohibited.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(6); Ord. No. 2214, § 4, 5-15-90)

Sec. 17-68. - Domestic animals.

- (a) No person shall bring a dog or other domestic animal into areas other than automobile parking concourses and walks immediately adjacent thereto and in such other areas as may be clearly marked by signs bearing the words "Domestic Animals Permitted in this Area." Nothing herein shall be construed as permitting the running of dogs at large. All dogs in those areas where such animals are permitted shall be restrained at all times on adequate leashes not greater than six feet in length.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride any horse or other animal or animal-drawn vehicle over or through any park, except in areas or on paths or trails so designated.

(c) This division is not applicable to service animals.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(7))

Sec. 17-69. - Conduct in park.

- (a) No person shall occupy any seat or bench, or enter into or loiter or remain in any pavilion or other park structure or section thereof which may be reserved and designated by the park and recreation board.
- (b) No person shall appear at any place in other than proper clothing.
- (c) No person shall solicit alms or begging for any purpose, whether public or private.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to leave the park area after being advised by a city police officer or employee that his conduct is disruptive to others and being directed by such city officer or employee to leave the park area.

(Code 1965, §§ 15-37(8)—(10))

Sec. 17-70. - Fires.

No person shall build or attempt to build a fire except in such areas and under such regulations as may be designated by the director. All coals from BBQ grills must be cooled with water before being disposed of in trash receptacles. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other inflammable material, within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(11))

Sec. 17-71. - Games of chance.

No person shall gamble or participate in or abet any game of chance in a park.

Sec. 17-72. - Sleeping, loitering and boisterousness.

No person shall sleep or protractedly lounge on the seats, or benches, or other areas when the park is closed or engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to a breach of the public peace.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(13))

Sec. 17-73. - Exhibit permits.

No person shall fail to produce and exhibit any permit from the director he claims to have upon request of any authorized person who shall desire to inspect the same for the purpose of enforcing compliance with any ordinance or rule.

(Code 1965, § 15-37)

Sec. 17-74. - Interference with permittees.

No person shall disturb or interfere with any person or party occupying any area, or participating in any activity, under the authority of a permit.

(Code 1965, § 15-37(15))

Sec. 17-75. - Merchandising and advertising.

- (a) No person shall expose or offer for sale any article or thing, nor shall he station or place any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing. Exception is here made as to any regulation of the director.
- (b) No person shall announce, advertise, or call the public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any signs, placard, advertisement or inscription whatsoever nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any public land or highway or roads adjacent to any park or within any park without permission from the City Manager. This provision shall not apply to traffic control devices and/or signs authorized by the City Manager.

(Code 1965, § 15-38)

Sec. 17-76. - Park Pavilions.

- (a) No person shall use any skateboard, skates, bicycles, or other wheeled devices within the area around park pavilions in Bates Park.
- (b) The Bates Park Pavilion is principally a basketball court, and basketball playing shall have priority over other uses of the pavilion.

(Ord. No. 2115, § 5, 8-18-87; Ord. No. 2214, § 7, 5-15-90)

Editor's note— Being not specifically amendatory of the Code, the provisions of § 5 of Ord. No. 2115, passed and adopted Aug. 18, 1987, have been included herein as a new § 17-76 at the editor's discretion.

Sec. 17-77. Jumping from bridges.

It shall be unlawful for any person to leap or jump from any bridge, pier, abutment, or public right-of-way in the city into or toward a body of water or the ground below.

DIVISION 3. PERMITS

Sec. 17-38. - Permits and reservations.

- (a)
- (b) A permit shall be obtained from the parks director by any person wishing to reserve any city park facility.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(d); Ord. No. 2214, § 3, 5-15-90)

Sec. 17-39. - Permit application.

A person seeking issuance of a permit shall file an application with the appropriate director. The application shall state:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
- (2) The name and address of the person, persons, corporation or association sponsoring the activity, if any;
- (3) The day and hours for which the permit is desired;
- (4) The park or portion thereof for which the permit is desired;
- (5) An estimate of the anticipated attendance;
- (6) Any other information which the director shall find reasonably necessary to a fair determination as to whether a permit should be issued hereunder.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(d)(1))

Sec. 17-40. - Standards for issuance of permit.

The director shall issue a permit hereunder when he finds:

- (1) That the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park;
- (2) That the proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation;
- (3) That the proposed activity or use is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct;
- (4) That the proposed activity will not entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation by the city;
- (5) That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour required in the application.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(d)(2))

Sec. 17-41. - Effect of permit.

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

Sec. 17-42. - Refusal of permit; appeal.

Within seven days after receipt of an application, the director shall apprise an applicant in writing of his reasons for refusing a permit. Any aggrieved person shall have the right to appeal in writing within seven days to the City Manager, which shall consider the application under the standards set forth in section 17-40 and sustain or overrule the director's decision within 30 days. The decision of the City Manager shall be final.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(d)(3))

Sec. 17-43. - Liability of permittee.

The person or persons to whom a permit is issued shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by any person whatever by reason of the negligence of the person or persons to whom such permit shall have been issued.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(d)(5))

Sec. 17-44. - Revocation of permit.

The director shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon a finding of violation of any rule or ordinance or upon good cause shown.

(Code 1965, § 15-39(d)(6))

Sec. 17-45. – Sport field user fees and obligations.

- (a) The members of each athletic team using any city park for league play will sign a co-sponsorship agreement with the City of Angleton Parks and Recreation Department. Agreements will be signed prior to marketing distribution and prior to registration. Co-sponsorship agreements are valid for one season only and must be renewed every season unless an annual contract has been approved by city council. This agreement includes tournaments that are included in the schedule under subsection (f) and that involve only teams in the league.
- (b) The sponsor, organizer, or person using any city park for tournament play, other than a tournament described in subsection (a), will deliver to the parks and recreation director at least two weeks prior to such tournament beginning, the fees as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton. Fees not received two weeks in advance will be denied or not considered.
 - (1) Any organization using a city building, structure, office space, or equipment shall be responsible (while in use by them) for all repairs and routine maintenance deemed necessary by the parks and recreation board or city code enforcement officer. If the requests for upkeep are not taken care of within a reasonable amount of time, the parks and recreation board has the authority to order the parks and recreation director to notify any such organizations that the facility and equipment will no longer be made available for use.
 - (2) Any organization that has not submitted a co-sponsorship agreement prior to marketing distribution and prior to registration is expelled from future use of city facilities until arrangements have been made with the parks and recreation director.
 - (3) The organization using a city facility shall not be responsible for damages caused exclusively by natural disasters.
- (c) Any athletic team, other than league or tournament teams who are included under subsections (a) or (b), wishing to use any city park for practice of games will pay, per usage, the fee as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton to the parks and recreation department. Payment must be made at least one week prior to desired use. Payments submitted without at least one week's notice will be void and usage denied. Practices of games that are not able to be held due to inclement weather, will be issued a refund, by check, or rescheduled, if available, when the responsible party contacts the recreation specialist within the first business day. Athletic teams will be contacted by the parks and recreation department staff if practices or games need to be cancelled due to fields being too wet or unsafe to play on.
- (d) Any league, team, group, or person using a city park under this section 17-45, and who fail to leave it clean of litter to the satisfaction of the parks and recreation department, will pay a fee as listed in the fee schedule of the City of Angleton for every hour used to clean the facility. Failure to make such a payment will be grounds to bar such league, team, group, or person from use of the facility until the

fee is paid. Each league, group, person, or team will be responsible for the litter of all persons using the facility during the league's, group's, person's, or team's designated hours.

- (e) During seasonable play, each league shall be responsible for mowing and maintaining the fields used and the immediate surrounding areas. The parks and recreation director is authorized, but not required, to arrange for the city to mow a field or fields for a league in exchange for a fee.
- (f) Each league shall submit a schedule of field use to the parks and recreation director at least two weeks prior to the first game of the season. The schedule shall include all games, practices and tournaments for the entire season. Leagues that have submitted their schedules and paid the fees hereunder shall have first priority for field use during the season. The schedules shall be submitted for approval to the city parks and recreation board, which will resolve conflicts in schedules. If a schedule is submitted after the two-week deadline, consideration will be denied and agreement void.

(Code 1965, § 15-39; Ord. No. 2180, §§ 3, 4, 7-18-89; Ord. No. 2214, § 2, 5-15-90; Ord. No. 2243, § 2, 3-19-91; Ord. No. 2002-O-4B, § 2, 4-16-02; Ord. No. 2005-O-01D, § 2, 1-25-05; Ord. No. 2011-O-2B, §§ 2, 3, 2-8-11; Ord. No. 2014-O-2B, § 2, 2-25-14; Ord. No. [20210810-009](#), § 38, 8-10-21)

Sec. 17-46. - Enforcement.

- (a) The director and park attendants shall enforce the provisions of this article.
- (b) The director and any park attendant shall have the authority to eject from the park any person acting in violation of this article.

(Code 1965, § 15-40)

Sec. 17-47. - Violation.

- (a) Violation of any of the terms or provisions of this article by any corporation or association shall subject the officers and agents actively in charge of the business of such corporation or association to the penalty herein provided.
- (b) Conviction under the provisions of this article shall be deemed just cause for the revocation of any license or permit which said person, firm, corporation or association may have and/or hold for the use of the parks in this city.

(Code 1965, § 15-41)