

## Chapter 18 PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION<sup>1</sup>

### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 18-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

*Amplified sound:* Music or speech projected or transmitted by artificial means, including, but not limited to, amplifiers, loudspeakers, or any similar devices.

*Department:* The city department of parks and recreation.

*Director:* The director of the department of parks and recreation or the director's authorized representative.

*Licensee:* The person to whom the city issues a license or sublease, their heirs, successors or assigns.

*Marina:* A basin, pier, floating structure, boat dock, or any other structure used for the storage of boats.

*Park:* Any land selected, obtained or acquired by the city for use as a public park, or recreation or playground area, and any building or facility thereon, owned and maintained by the city as a public park, or recreation or playground area, whether or not such areas have been formally dedicated to such purpose.

*Parking area:* Any designated portion of any park or any park road or drive, that is set aside for the parking of vehicles.

*Permit:* Written permission from the park director to carry out a give activity in a park.

*Project:* The area commonly known as Joe Pool Lake Recreation Project a.k.a. Lake Parks and in which the city has a property or regulatory interest for any purpose including, but not limited to, Lynn Creek Park, Loyd Park, Estes Park, Britton Park, Pleasant Valley Park and Low Branch Park.

*Project lands:* Any land in which the city has a property or regulatory interest pursuant to the novation between the city, TRA and USACOE and all amendments and supplemental agreements thereto.

*Pollution:* The contamination or other alteration of the physical, chemical, or biological properties of park waters and lands, including changes in the temperature, taste, color turbidity, or odor of the water, or such discharge of any liquid, gas, solid, radioactive or other substance into park waters or lands harmful, detrimental, or

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<sup>1</sup>Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 6586, § 1, adopted March 5, 2002 amended Ch. 18 to read as herein set out. Formerly, said chapter pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Code 1964; as amended. See the Code Comparative Table for a detailed analysis of inclusion. Ch. 18 was further amended by Ord. No. 10868-2020, in which the title was amended from "Parks and Recreation" to "Parks, Arts and Recreation," as herein set out.

Charter reference(s)—Jurisdiction and control, Art. III, §§ 4, 10, 11, 20.

Cross reference(s)—Division of parks and recreation, § 2-83; perennial landscaping in public right-of-way by neighborhood organizations, § 9-8; discharge of firearm in park, § 17-50; motorcycle driving in parks, § 25-71.

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injurious to the public health, safety, or welfare, or to domestic, recreational, or other beneficial uses, or to wild animals, birds, fish or other aquatic life.

*Reservoir:* The body of water impounded by Joe Pool Dam which will occupy lands below and up to elevation five hundred twenty-two (522) feet mean sea level, and the project lands there above which will from time to time be inundated by floods, including any alteration of shoreline which expands the surface thereof.

*Vehicle:* Includes any wheeled device of conveyance propelled by motor, engine or human power. The term shall include any trailer of any kind, size, or description. Exception is made for vehicles in the service of the city.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

## **Sec. 18-2. Park board—Created.**

There is hereby created a park board for the city which shall consist of nine (9) members who shall serve as an advisory board which shall make recommendations to the city council related to the management and maintenance of parks, facilities, parkways, lakes, waterways and municipal squares and make general recommendations for the beautification of municipal grounds; it shall also make recommendations concerning the institution of condemnation proceedings whenever it deems that private property should be acquired for park property.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

## **Sec. 18-3. Same—Term of office.**

Each member of the park board shall serve for two (2) years, except for three (3) of the initial members appointed whose terms shall be for one (1) year, and whose replacements shall be for two (2) years.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

## **Sec. 18-4. Same—Meetings.**

The park board shall meet monthly when necessary and at such other times as needed. Five (5) members of the board shall constitute a quorum. At its first meeting in September of each year, the board shall select from among its members a chairperson.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

## **Sec. 18-5. Park hours.**

- (a) All public parks located within and/or leased outside the city limits by the city and which are owned and/or managed by the city shall be open to the public only during the posted park hours. If no park hours are posted, the park shall be open from 6:00 a.m. to midnight.
- (b) It is an offense for any person or persons to remain or be found in any park or facility outside of the designated hours which said park or facility is open to the public.
- (c) This section shall not apply to the following parks and recreation sponsored/sanctioned functions:
  - (1) Park closing times do not apply to parks and recreation sanctioned athletic events, leagues or tournaments.
  - (2) Any activity properly permitted through the office of the director.

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(3) Permitted camping at Loyd Park.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02; Ord. No. 10868-2020 , § 1, 8-4-20)

Editor's note(s)—Formerly entitled "Curfew," which was amended by Ord. No. 10868-2020 .

#### **Sec. 18-6. Joe Pool Lake recreation project.**

- (a) All terms and provisions of the Texas Water Safety Act shall be applicable to the reservoir and, where appropriate, to project lands.
- (b) All rules and regulations promulgated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department pursuant to the Texas Water Safety Act shall likewise be applicable to the reservoir, and, where appropriate, to project lands.
- (c) All appropriate rules and regulations of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers including Title 35, Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 111, Part 327, and any amendments or revisions thereto, shall be applicable to project lands.
- (d) Children below the age of thirteen (13) years will be admitted to the project lands and patrons of the reservoir regulated by the city only if accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or person of age eighteen (18) years in a designated role of responsible care. Overnight camping by anyone under eighteen (18) years of age may not occur unless the individual is accompanied by parent, legal guardian or as part of an approved, permitted group.
- (e) No person shall modify the natural conditions of topography and terrain of project lands, as such conditions existed when said project lands were acquired by the city by excavating, filling, dredging or any other means unless the city has issued a license authorizing such modification.
- (f) No person shall bring or allow horses, cattle or other livestock on project lands or that portion of the reservoir regulated by the city except in areas designated by the director.
- (g) Ranging, grazing, watering or allowing livestock on project lands is prohibited except when authorized by lease, license or other written agreement from the director.
- (h) The city shall have the right to revoke, to suspend, or to refuse to reissue the license of any licensee upon violation or rules, contract terms, regulations, standards or ordinances of the city, United States, State of Texas or other local government entity.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

#### **Sec. 18-7. Vehicle and traffic laws.**

All applicable state and local vehicle and traffic laws and ordinances shall be in full force and effect in all parks.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

Cross reference(s)—Operation of trucks in parks, § 25-171.

#### **Sec. 18-8. Direction of traffic.**

All law enforcement officers shall have the authority to limit traffic whenever needed in a park in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or any other applicable laws and ordinances, in order to control pedestrian and vehicular movement and park capacity.

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(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-9. Special provisions applicable to motorcycles, motor scooters and minibikes.**

The director may, in such officer's reasonable discretion, through park rules and regulations, set aside or designate areas, paths, trails or roads in a park where operating motorcycles, motor scooters, and minibikes shall be allowed. Only such vehicles shall be operated in such designated areas.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

Cross reference(s)—Operation of motorcycles in parks, § 25-71.

### **Sec. 18-10. Operating or parking vehicles.**

- (a) No person shall operate or park a vehicle over, through or on any park ground except along or upon park roadways and designated parking areas as set forth in park rules and regulations.
- (b) No person shall operate a vehicle on project lands between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for emergency purposes or in conjunction with special activities permitted by the director.
- (c) No person shall park or place an inoperable motor vehicle, or allow an inoperable motor vehicle to remain on project lands for a period of more than twenty-four (24) continuous hours.
- (d) The director may prohibit parking in park facilities at times when the park is closed.
- (e) The director may designate parking areas located in or near parks, recreation centers, or other properties operated or managed by the parks, arts, and recreation department as being restricted for the use of said facility's patrons.
- (f) Vehicular towing from property operated or managed by the parks, arts, and recreation department may be conducted in accordance with state law.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02; Ord. No. 10868-2020 , § 1, 8-4-20)

### **Sec. 18-11. Buildings and other property.**

No person, in any city park, shall do or cause to be done any of the following without first obtaining a permit from the director:

- (1) Mark, deface, injure, displace, remove or tamper with any park property or any park grounds.
- (2) Construct or erect any building or structure of any kind, whether permanently or temporarily.
- (3) Store or stockpile any equipment, material or product on park property, within any structure or compound located in a park.
- (4) Cut or gather trees or parts of trees shall not be removed from any park without written approval of the director.
- (5) Construct, place, or operate any pier, bulkhead, wharf, boathouse, dock, barge, building, boatship, boat stall, fixture or other structure or facility of any kind or character upon, in or over the project lands or the portion of the reservoir shall be regulated by the city unless a lease has been issued by the city.
- (6) The construction, placement or existence of any structure (including, but not limited to, roads, trails, signs or landscape features) of any kind under, upon, in or over the project lands or that portion of the

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reservoir regulated by the city is prohibited unless a permit or other appropriate written agreement has been issued by the director.

- (7) Subsections (4) and (5) shall not apply to bulkheads, rip rap or soil conservation measures, or other facilities constructed by or on behalf of the city or USACOE.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-12. Protection of wild animals.**

- (a) No person, in any city park, shall do or cause to be done any of the following without first obtaining a permit from the director: Capture, attempt to capture, hunt, molest, injure, trap or administer or set out any trap or harmful substance for any wild or domestic animal, reptile, bird or fish; or remove or have in possession the young, eggs, or nest of any animal, reptile, or bird, except as set out in subsections (b) and (c).
- (b) Any person may kill on sight a reptile known to be deadly or poisonous.
- (c) Any person under the age of eighteen (18) or with a valid fishing license shall be permitted to fish for and remove from the creeks and lakes in public parks any fish that they may catch on a fishing line.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-13. Sanitation.**

- (a) No person in any city park shall:
- (1) 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, any substance, matter of thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.
  - (2) Dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waster, garbage or refuse, or other trash.
  - (3) Spill, pump or otherwise discharge contaminants, pollutants or other wastes, including, but not limited to, human or animal waste, petroleum, industrial and commercial products and by-products.
- (b) The owners and/or operators of all commercial ventures and operations, including but not limited to licensed marinas shall provide on-site facilities satisfactory to the city for the collection of all trash, rubbish and all other forms of waste.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-14. Swimming.**

No person in any park shall:

- (1) Swim, bathe, or wade in any water or waterway in or adjacent to any park, except in designated in accordance with the terms of this chapter and the regulations.
- (2) Swim, bathe, or wade except during those hours established for such activities.
- (3) Dive or jump from bridges or other structures which cross the project waters or reservoir.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

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### **Sec. 18-15. Boating.**

- (a) No person shall bring into or operate any vessel upon any park waters, except at places designated for boating activities.
- (b) The use of waters considered to be state waters that lay within or adjacent to city parks shall be subject to the Texas Water Safety Act, V.T.C.A., Parks and Wildlife Code §§ 31.001—31.142.
- (c) No person shall leave any private vessel unattended on project lands or in the portion of the reservoir regulated by the city unless such vessel is securely moored or anchored and suitably flagged and lighted so as not to create a hazard, except in the case of an emergency.
- (d) No person shall anchor, moor or dock any vessel for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours anywhere on the project lands or in the portion of the reservoir regulated by the city except in a licensed marina or a facility which is currently licensed by the city.
- (e) Subsections (c) and (d) means all vessels other than vessels owned or operated by an agency or political subdivision of the State of Texas or an agency of the United States Government and engaged in the performance of its official duty.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-16. Camping.**

- (a) No person shall camp overnight in a park except in designated areas and without first obtaining a camping permit from the director or his designee.
- (b) Campers, picnickers and all other persons shall keep their sites free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy and shall remove all personal equipment and clean their sites upon departure.
- (c) No person shall camp at one or more campsites for a period longer than fourteen (14) days during any thirty (30) consecutive day period without written permission from the director.
- (d) No person shall place camping equipment or other items on a campsite, nor physically occupy a campsite without overnight occupancy following the payment of appropriate fees. Likewise no person shall place another person, equipment, or other items at a campsite for the purpose of reserving a campsite for future occupancy.
- (e) No person shall alter any campsite, dig or level any ground, nor construct any structure on a campsite without written permission from the director.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-17. Fires.**

No person in any park shall:

- (1) Start or maintain any outdoor fire except for cooking fires which shall be started and maintained only in a stove, fireplace, barbecue pit, fire ring or in a portable camp stove.
- (2) Leave any fire started or maintained by such person unattended without first completely extinguishing the fire.
- (3) Gather firewood for use on or removal from any park.

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- (4) Burn any material that produces toxic fumes, including but not limited to, tires, plastic or treated wood products.
  - (5) Carry onto or store gasoline and other fuels, except that which is contained in storage trucks of vehicles, vessels, camping equipment, or hand portable containers designed for such purpose.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-18. Animals.**

- (a) It is an offense for any person to:
  - (1) Ride a horse or other animal in any park areas, paths, or trails not designated for such use by park rules and regulations.
  - (2) Permit a horse to use any park areas, paths, or trails when said horse has not successfully passed a Coggins test.
  - (3) Permit any dog or other pet owned or possessed by such person to be unrestrained or (run at large) in a park other than a designated pet park.
  - (4) Abandon or otherwise leave any animal in a park.
  - (5) Allow or permit any animal, other than a specially trained service/comfort animal in or on a swimming area, sanitary facility, playground, the playing fields and spectator area of athletic fields, or other area designated by signage as being closed to animals, whether on leash or not.
  - (6) Fail to properly remove and dispose of waste produced by the animals or pets brought or allowed into a park or other public area by said person.
- (b) Any animal ridden shall be properly restrained and ridden with due care and shall not be allowed to go unattended.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02; Ord. No. 10868-2020 , § 1, 8-4-20)

### **Sec. 18-19. Games.**

No person in any park shall operate a motor-driven model airplane, shoot a bow and arrow, fire any type of firearms, or hit golf balls except in an area designated for that purpose by the director.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-20. Alcoholic beverages prohibited.**

- (a) No person shall sell alcoholic beverages in any public park, except when specifically permitted by the director. Said exception shall be limited to areas commonly used for adult athletic activities and events and special events.
  - (1) All such permitted sales shall be performed by approved concessionaires.
  - (2) All events selling alcoholic beverages shall also be required to obtain all appropriate city permits and licenses.
  - (3) All events at which alcoholic beverage sales are permitted shall be required to provide on-site law enforcement personnel during the hours of the event.

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- (b) No person shall bring into, consume or possess alcoholic beverages in any public park, except in designated pavilions, picnic areas, special event areas, adult athletic facilities and campgrounds as permitted by the director.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-21. Merchandising, advertising and signs.**

No person in any park shall:

- (1) Expose or offer for sale or hire any article, thing or service, nor station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any article, thing or service, unless a permit has been obtained from the director.
- (2) Announce, advertise or call the public's attention in any way to any article, thing or service for sale or hire, unless done pursuant to a permit obtained from the director.
- (3) Paste, glue tack or otherwise place any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription on park property, or erect or cause to be erected any sign on any public lands, highways, or roads adjacent to a park, unless done pursuant to a permit obtained from the director.
- (4) Provide and/or sell any food or drink based product to the public for free or at a fee without provider and dispenser obtaining a permit from the director and having obtained all applicable health code licenses and permits.
- (5) Construct, operate, or otherwise engage in any retail or wholesale sales or commercial operation including but not limited to marinas, piers, wharves, boathouses, docks or other installations of any kind, on project lands or that portion of the reservoir regulated by the city unless the city has granted a license and sublease for such operation.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-22. Interference with users or permittees.**

- (a) No person shall prevent, disturb or unreasonably interfere with any other persons occupying any area or participating in any lawful activity permitted within any park.
- (b) No person shall operate or use any audio or other noise producing device including, but not limited to, radios, televisions or musical instruments and motorized equipment in such a manner as to unreasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed state and local laws governing noise levels from motorized equipment.
- (c) No person shall disrobe in public or display public nudity in any city park.
- (d) No person shall use or operate rollerblades, skates, bicycles, scooters or skateboards in a public park unless such use is in an area designated for that use.
- (e) No person shall use or operate rollerblades, skates, bicycles, scooters or skateboards in and around concession areas, spectator seating, parking lots and adjacent walkways during athletic events, concerts or special events.
- (f) In addition to smoking prohibitions in Grand Prairie Code of Ordinances section 13-133 (Smoking prohibited in city facilities and grounds), no person shall make any use of any tobacco product within fifty (50) feet of the boundaries of youth athletic fields or concessions facilities located at youth athletic facilities.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02; Ord. No. 10868-2020 , § 1, 8-4-20)



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### **Sec. 18-23. Permits for certain events required.**

In addition to any other provision of this chapter that requires the obtaining of a permit prior to engaging in a given activity, no person in any park shall conduct, operate, present, manage or take part in any of the following activities unless a permit is obtained from the director prior to the start of the activity:

- (1) Any organized sporting event using park ballgame facilities which are designated for permit use only;
- (2) Any exhibit, dramatic performance, play, motion picture, radio or television broadcast, fair, circus, carnival, musical event or any similar event;
- (3) Any public meeting, assembly, parade, ceremony, address, speech, political meeting or other gathering composed of one hundred (100) or more persons;
- (4) Any use of any park facility by a group of persons to the exclusion of others;
- (5) Any use involving amplified sound;
- (6) Any use involving firearms or guns as defined in section 18-29; or
- (7) Any use of parks and recreation facilities in violation of park curfew as defined in section 18-5.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-24. Permit application procedure.**

- (a) A person seeking the issuance of a permit to carry on an activity in a park shall file an application with the director. The application shall state:
  - (1) The name, address and telephone number of the person and organization and its officers applying for the permit;
  - (2) If the use or activity is to be conducted for, on behalf of, or by any person other than the applicant, the name, address and telephone number of that person;
  - (3) The exact nature of the use or activity for which the permit is being sought;
  - (4) The day and hours for which the permit is desired;
  - (5) The park and the portion of the park desired to be used to carry out the proposed use or activity;
  - (6) An estimate of the anticipated attendance;
  - (7) Any other information that the director finds to be reasonably necessary in order to determine whether to issue a permit.
- (b) Applications shall be filed with the director for consideration not less than thirty (30) days or more than three hundred sixty-five (365) days before the date of the proposed use or activity. Emergency hearings may be conducted at the director's discretion.

- (c) The director shall evaluate the application and render a decision in accordance with section 18-25.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-25. Standards for issuance of permit; procedures.**

- (a) A permit for an activity in or use of a park shall be issued unless it is found:

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- (1) That the proposed activity or use of the park will unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public use and enjoyment of the park; or
  - (2) That the proposed activity or use of the park will unreasonably interfere with or detract from the public health, safety or welfare; or
  - (3) That the conduct of the proposed activity or use is reasonably likely to result in or create a clear and present danger of violence by the applicant or by others to persons or property resulting in serious harm to the public;
  - (4) That the facilities desired have been reserved for another activity or use at the day and hour requested in the application;
  - (5) That false or misleading information is contained in the application or required information is omitted; or
  - (6) That the event would violate any federal, state or municipal law.
- (b) The director may impose reasonable conditions or restrictions on the granting of a permit, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
- (1) Restrictions on fires, fireworks, amplified sound, use of alcoholic beverages, dancing, sports, use of animals, equipment or vehicles, the number of persons to be present, the location of any bandstand or stage, or any other use which appears likely to create a risk of unreasonable harm to the use and enjoyment of the park property;
  - (2) A requirement that the applicant post a reasonable deposit of security for the repair of any damage to park property, or the cost of cleanup or both;
  - (3) A requirement that the applicant pay a reasonable fee to defray the cost of furnishing adequate security forces by the city at the proposed use or activity;
  - (4) A requirement that the permittee furnish additional sanitary and refuse facilities that might be reasonably necessary, based on the use or activity for which the permit is being sought.
  - (5) A requirement that the permittee also apply for and obtain a city special event permit.
- (c) Permits shall not be transferable without the written consent of the director.
- (d) Within four (4) days after submission of an application, the director shall apprise an applicant in writing of such director's approval or reasons for refusing a permit or of any conditions attached to the issuance of a permit, and any aggrieved person shall have the right to appeal in writing within six (6) days to the city manager, who shall consider the application, under the standards set forth in subsection (a) of this section or other reasons deemed by the city manager to be detrimental to the use of the public parks and sustain or overrule the director's decision.
- (e) A permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances fully as though the same were inserted in such person's permit.
- (f) The person to whom a permit is issued shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury to any person or property whatever by reason of the negligence of the person to whom such permit was issued.
- (g) The director or his designee 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.
- (h) The director or his designee shall have the authority to reject a permit for a special event if the director has determined that the infrastructure of the park would not support the event.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

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### **Sec. 18-26. Posting and exhibiting permits.**

Permits required by this chapter shall be posted in the area where the activity is conducted or produced and exhibited upon the demand of any law enforcement officer or authorized park employee.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-27. Closed areas.**

Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the director or a law enforcement officer 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 or law enforcement officer shall find reasonably necessary.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-28. Fees for use of public buildings, swimming pools and park facilities.**

- (a) Fees shall be set in accordance with policies as approved by the city council.
- (b) Any person or persons occupying park space or using such facilities where that occupancy or use requires a fee but where said fee has not been paid shall be considered to be trespassing.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

#### **Sec. 18-28.1. Reserved.**

Editor's note(s)—Section 4 of Ord. No. 5632, adopted Aug. 20, 1996, repealed § 18-28.1 in its entirety. Formerly, § 18-28.1 pertained to fees for rental of barbecue pits and derived from Ord. No. 4415, § 1, adopted Sept. 20, 1988.

#### **Sec. 18-28.2. Fees for tournaments.**

There is hereby established a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each team which participates in any tournament in which the city is either directly or indirectly connected; provided, however, that this section shall not alter or affect any of the fees which the city charges for participation in any organized athletic events as of August 1, 1988.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-29. Firearms and explosives.**

- (a) Unless authorized by permit pursuant to section 18-23, no person other than a peace officer shall possess, exhibit or display a firearm in or [a] recreation facility or park building in any park in the city. For the purpose of this section, the word "firearm" shall mean any device designed, made or adapted to expel a projectile through a barrel by using the energy generated by an explosion, burning substance, compressed air, compressed gas, spring device, or any device readily convertible to that use.
- (b) No person shall discharge a rifle, sidearm, shotgun or any other hunting device within, across or on any park.

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- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, discharge, fire, ignite or explode any explosive of any nature, including but not limited to, firecrackers, all types of fireworks and dynamite upon, across, into or on to any city park without prior written approval from the director.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

### **Sec. 18-29.1. Naming parklands, park roads, major improvements and facilities.**

- (a) A committee, appointed by the park board chairman, shall be responsible for research, study and recommendation to the board for proposed names. A resume stating the reason for the recommendation of a name shall be submitted in writing. The park board shall approve or disapprove of the name recommended by the committee. If the committee's recommendation is disapproved by the park board, the matter may be referred back to the committee for further action. Upon approval, the recommended name will be forwarded to the city council for consideration.
- (b) The park board's recommendation for naming parklands, park roads, major improvements and facilities shall be submitted to the city council within sixty (60) days after acquisition, construction completion or at the earliest possible time.
- (c) The naming of parklands and facilities shall permit ready identification and/or geographical association by the public. The following guidelines shall be considered:
- (1) Outstanding and/or predominate physical characteristics of the land.
  - (2) Contribution, fifty (50) per cent or better, of land and/or money by individuals or organizations.
  - (3) Outstanding community leaders, living or deceased.
  - (4) National, state or local historical leaders; heroes, both past and present.
  - (5) Predominate plant materials.
  - (6) Streams, rivers, lakes and creeks.
  - (7) Outstanding environmentalists and parks and recreation notables.
  - (8) No park site shall be given the same name as an existing school site or public facility except where sites abut one another.
  - (9) Subdivision names where parklands are adjacent to or lie within the subdivision.

Note: Proposed names of individuals shall be confidential insofar as the individual and/or family is concerned until city council action has been taken.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

## ***ARTICLE II. CITY-OWNED GOLF COURSES***

### **Sec. 18-30. Illegal acts.**

It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to:

- (1) Consume or possess any alcoholic beverage on the city-owned golf courses, except as authorized and permitted by ordinances and regulations of the city.

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- (2) Enter upon the premises of the municipal golf courses, except at such times as the course is open and operating for play by the public.
  - (3) Use any of the facilities of the golf courses without having first paid the fees for the use of such facilities as hereinafter set out.
  - (4) Attend or be in attendance at or on the municipal golf courses without having on one's person a shirt or blouse, and trousers or pants not shorter than Bermuda or walking shorts.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

#### **Sec. 18-31. Fees.**

Fees for play and use of golf equipment and other concessions at the city-owned golf courses shall be set in accordance with policies approved by the city council.

(Ord. No. 6586, § 1, 3-5-02)

#### **Secs. 18-32—18-39. Reserved.**

### ***ARTICLE III. CITY-OWNED CEMETERIES***

#### **Sec. 18-40. City manager duties.**

The Municipal Cemetery of the City of Grand Prairie shall be reserved for the burial of human remains and the city manager or his designee shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for its use, set fee schedules for services, determine prices for the sale of burial rights, and control the use of the facility.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

#### **Sec. 18-41. Burial in accord with laws of the State of Texas.**

No person shall purchase or allow any cemetery lot or niche to be used for any purpose other than the burial of human remains in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

#### **Sec. 18-42. Hours of visitation.**

No person, other than employees of the cemetery, shall visit or remain within the cemetery grounds except between the hours 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday from April 1 through October 31 and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays from April 1 through October 31. No person, other than employees of the cemetery, shall visit or remain within the cemetery grounds except between the hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday from November 1 through March 31 and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays and holidays from November 1 through March 31.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

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**Sec. 18-43. Parking and/or driving in gardens; speed limit.**

No person shall use the cemetery land as a thoroughfare and the right to use automobiles or other vehicles in the cemetery is authorized solely and exclusively for the purpose of transporting persons to visit burial plots. The speed limit within the cemetery is fifteen (15) miles per hour. Parking and/or driving on any gardens or grassy areas are prohibited for purposes other than those obtained from the cemetery.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-44. Prohibited vehicles; animals.**

No person shall use bicycles, skates, snowmobiles, motorcycles, horses, or other vehicles or conveyances within the cemetery, except with the approval of the cemetery. Dogs are not permitted except when kept on a leash or in a vehicle.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-45. Possession of drugs or alcohol in cemetery.**

No person shall possess alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in the cemetery.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-46. Right of cemetery to enter upon lot.**

The cemetery shall have the right to enter upon or use any adjoining lot or lots to carry out its duties as to interments, erection of monuments or markers, etc., without prior notice to the lot owner.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-47. Advertisements prohibited.**

No person shall cause a sign, notice or advertisement of any kind to be placed or brought in the cemetery unless placed by the cemetery.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-48. Solicitation prohibited.**

No person shall peddle, sell, or solicit the sale of any goods or service within the cemetery, except with the written consent of the cemetery management.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-49. Decorative objects prohibited.**

No person shall cause decorative objects or photos to be affixed to the crypt fronts by tape or other means. No toys, glass containers, ceramic containers or like objects shall be permitted in the mausoleum. All such unauthorized items will be removed by the cemetery without notice.

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(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Sec. 18-50. Glass containers; open flames; prohibited.**

No person shall possess or cause to be place within the cemetery a glass container or decorative object or devotional light or any open flame device.

(Ord. No. 7017, § 1, 4-20-04)

**Secs. 18-51—18-75. Reserved.**