

Chapter 12.32 PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

12.32.005 Definition—Park.

For the purposes of this chapter, all references to "park" or "parks" shall include all recreational properties and facilities within the City of Camas including, but not limited to, parks, trail systems, conservancy zones, open space, recreation centers, outdoor pools, sports parks, ~~and~~ recreational fields, and associated parking lots.

(Ord. 2349 § 1, 2004)

12.32.010 Hours.

- A. Purpose. The public parks in the city have been for several years past and are now subject to occupancy and use at nighttime hours and in such a manner as to disturb and interfere with the right of quiet enjoyment and use of the private residential properties in the vicinity of the various city parks. The unregulated occupancy and use of public parks, particularly during nighttime hours, constitutes a public nuisance, such that the preservation of the public health, comfort, safety, order and general welfare requires that the use, occupancy and congregations of persons in public parks be subject to the hours herein imposed.
- B. Designated Hours. No person or vehicle shall remain upon the property in a city park between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise the following morning, except as may be otherwise designated by posting authorized by the city administrator for the specified hours. For the purposes of this section, "sunrise/sunset" shall be defined as the times prescribed for sunset and sunrise in Camas, Washington by the Director of the Nautical Almanac at the United States Observatory at Washington, D.C. It is unlawful for any person to enter upon any portion of park land or waters which has been designated as closed to public use or entry. The hours established by this section shall not apply to:
1. Persons involved in a recreation program conducted or authorized by the parks and recreations department for the period that such program is programmed or scheduled;
 2. Parking lots serving the immediate area of any city recreation building during the time said building is being used for activities authorized by the parks and recreation department; and
 3. Any activity specifically permitted by application issued pursuant to Section 12.32.180.

(Ord. 2349 § 2, 2004; Ord. 1780 § 1, 1991)

12.32.020 Protection of property—Destruction of buildings, monuments and other properties.

No person shall in any ~~of the city~~ parks:

- A. Wilfully mutilate, injure, deface or destroy any guidepost, notice, sign, or enclosure.
- B. Cut, break, or mark any building, bridge, wall, fountain, hedgeplant life, or other structure.
- C. Appropriately excavate, injure or destroy any historical ruin or any object of antiquity, or otherwise harm any work for the protection or ornamentation of any park or parkway.

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- D. No person shall ignite any consumer firework in any ~~city~~ park at any time of the year without a permit from the fire marshal's office.

(Ord. 1780 § 2, 1991)

(Ord. No. 21-005 , § I(Exh. A), 3-15-2021)

12.32.030 Destruction of plant life and natural surroundings.

No person shall in any park without prior written authorization from the city:

- A. Cut, break, injure, destroy, take, move or remove any tree, shrub, timber, plant or natural object in any park.
- B. Remove or move any earth, boulders, gravel or sand.
- C. Place or cause to be placed any foreign materials such as earth, boulders, gravel, sand, wood or plant life into any park.

(Ord. 1780 § 3, 1991)

(Ord. No. 18-014, § V, 9-4-2018)

12.32.040 Fires.

No person shall in any ~~city park~~ park:

- A. Light any fire ~~upon~~ within any park ~~properties or parkway~~, except in places designated for such use.
- B. Wilfully or carelessly permit any fire which ~~he has~~ they have ~~lighted~~ lit or which is under ~~his~~ their charge, to spread or extend to or burn any tree, shrub, timber, plant, natural object ~~shrubby, trees, timber, or ornament~~ or improvements.
- C. Leave any campfire which ~~he~~ they ~~has~~ has ~~lighted~~ lit or which has been left in ~~his~~ their charge without first extinguishing such fire or leaving such fire in the care of a competent person.

(Ord. 1780 § 4, 1991)

12.32.050 Protection of wildlife—Animals and birds.

It is unlawful for any person while on park property to:

- A. Cause or allow any animal or fowl to run at large.
- B. Kill or pursue with intent to kill, any bird or animal, in any park.
- C. Take any fish from the waters of any park, except in conformity with the rules and regulations of the state game commissioner.
- D. Permit any horse or other animal on park property unless securely hitched or in charge of some competent person, and then only in designated areas.
- E. Torture, kill, mistreat or neglect any animal or fowl.

(Ord. 1780 § 5, 1991)

12.32.060 Contraband.

All game, animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life hunted, killed, taken or destroyed or had in possession contrary to game or fish regulations are declared to be contraband and shall be subject to confiscation. Any weapon or object, or objects carried or used by any person in violation of game or fish rules, shall also be subject to seizure by the city.

(Ord. 1780 § 6, 1991)

12.32.070 ~~Reserved.~~

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12.32.090 - Reserved.

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Editor's note— Ord. No. [22-014 MEETING](#) , § II, adopted Sept. 6, 2022, repealed § 12.32.090, which pertained to camping and derived from Ord. No. 1780, § 9, adopted 1991.

~~12.32.090 Camping.~~

~~It is unlawful to camp in any park except in such areas as may be provided and designated for such purposes by the city.~~

~~(Ord. 1780 § 9, 1991)~~

12.32.100 Horses.

- A. It is unlawful for any person to ride or lead a horse in any park not designated and posted as a riding area or bridle path.
- B. It is unlawful for any person to ride a horse in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property, or person of others on any park lands of the city.
- C. The driver of any vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any person riding a horse on paths.

~~D. The person riding or leading a horse shall yield the right-of-way to any person walking, hiking, jogging or running.~~

(Ord. 1780 § 10, 1991)

12.32.105 ~~Dogs—Crown Park- Reserved.~~

~~It is unlawful for any person being the owner or custodian of any dog to allow such dog to enter or remain within Crown Park.~~

~~(Ord. 2241 § 1, 1999)~~

12.32.110 Motor driven vehicles.

It is unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind in any park except on roads or designated parking areas;
- B. Operate a motor-driven vehicle in any park at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour;
- C. Operate any motor-driven sled or snowmobile on any park property except where permitted by posted notice;
- D. Drive a motor-driven vehicle in any park for the purpose of having a speed contest. This section does not apply to any event for which a permit has been applied for and granted by the city;
- E. Operate a motor vehicle in any park without having a valid operator's license and motor vehicle registration;
- F. Operate any vehicle in any park contrary to posted traffic signs, symbols, rules or regulations;
- G. Operate any vehicle in any manner in any park property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace of other persons using the area.

(Ord. 2241 § 2, 1999: Ord. 1780 § 11, 1991)

12.32.120 Unlawful obstruction.

No person shall by force, threat, enclosing, or any other means prevent any person from entering or leaving, or making full use of any park property.

(Ord. 1780 § 14, 1991)

12.32.130 Hindering employees.

No person shall in any park interfere with, or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the city, in the performance of official duties.

(Ord. 1780 § 15, 1991)

12.32.140 Alcoholic beverages.

No person shall have in his or her possession any intoxicating beverages while in or upon any park property, except as may be otherwise authorized by license or permit obtained from the city by rules set forth for the use of designated rental facilities.

(Ord. 2241 § 3, 1999: Ord. 1780 § 16, 1991)

(Ord. No. 2640, § I, 3-5-2012)

12.32.145 Personal conduct.

It is unlawful for any person to:

- A. ~~A.~~ Be under the influence of intoxicants in any park;

B. ~~B.~~ Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, vulgar, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to disturb or annoy park patrons in any park;

C. ~~C.~~ Practice or play golf, or any other game of like character, or operate any radio or remote-controlled model airplane, ~~or~~ self-propelled boat, or any model rocket within a park, except in areas specifically designated and posted for such use;

~~C.~~ D. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft or drone from or on lands and waters within the boundaries of park property is prohibited except for use in cases of emergency law enforcement and fire response operations, or other operations designed to support responses to health and human safety emergencies such as search and rescue, health and environmental incidents; and

~~D.~~ D. Appear in a nude or naked condition in any park.

(Ord. 2349 § 5, 2004)

12.32.150 Firearms.

No person shall in any park at any time have in his possession, or discharge a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot, spring or gas propelled b-b or pellet gun, spear, or javelin, or any other weapon, except in designated target range areas or as otherwise permitted under the laws of the State of Washington relating to the possession of legal firearms.

(Ord. 1780 § 17, 1991)

(Ord. No. 2557, § I, 9-8-2009)

12.32.160 Littering and pollution.

It is unlawful to:

- A. Discard or deposit refuse of any kind in or upon any park ~~property~~ except by placing the same in containers provided for such purpose.
- B. Throw, drop or discharge into or leave in park waters any substance, liquid or solid which may result in the pollution of said waters.
- C. Deposit household trash or garbage either on any park ~~property~~ or in trash receptacles belonging to the city.
- D. Fail to dispose of any pet waste by deposit in designated refuse containers in the park or removing the same and disposing off-site.

(Ord. 1780 § 18, 1991)

12.32.170 Reserved.

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 2640, § II, adopted March 5, 2012, repealed § 12.32.170, which pertained to exhibitions. See also the Code Comparative Table and Disposition List.

12.32.180 Procedure for obtaining permit.

Any person desiring to utilize a city park for a special event shall submit an application for a permit to conduct such activity pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5.20 of the Camas Municipal Code, except as otherwise may be exempted pursuant to said chapter.

(Ord. 2349 § 6, 2004; Ord. 1780 § 20, 1991)

(Ord. No. 2640, § III, 3-5-2012)

12.32.190 Special permits.

No construction, ~~or~~ maintenance, or modification to any structure, equipment, landscaping, earth features, or vegetation shall be made on any park property by any person, firm or corporation without having obtained written permission authorizing such work from the city administrator specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled.

(Ord. 1780 § 21, 1991)

12.32.200 Reservation.

It is unlawful for any person or persons to interfere with the use of a reserved area of any park.

(Ord. 1780 § 22, 1991)

12.32.210 Parking in prohibited areas.

- A. It is unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park his vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone.
- B. It is unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park his vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area as to form an obstruction to traffic.
- C. It is unlawful to park in areas not designated for parking.
- D. It is unlawful to park more than one vehicle in a marked parking space.

(Ord. 1780 § 23, 1991)

12.32.220 Penalty.

- A. It is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars and/or ninety days incarceration in the county jail to commit any act made unlawful under Camas Municipal Code Sections 12.32.020, 12.32.130, 12.32.140, 12.32.145A, 12.32.145B, and 12.32.150.
- B. It is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment to commit any act made unlawful under Camas Municipal Code Section 12.32.030. As an additional concurrent penalty, it shall be a civil infraction for a person, firm, or corporation to violate or fail to comply with Section 12.32.030. A person, firm, or corporation found to have committed a civil infraction shall be assessed a fine of not more than the amounts set forth in Section 3.54.020. Each unlawfully removed tree shall constitute a separate infraction. Any person who aids or abets in the violation shall be considered to have committed a violation for purposes of this section. Each day that

a violation of the requirements of this chapter continues shall constitute a separate infraction. Any commissioned police officer of the City of Camas or the City's Code Compliance Officer may issue infractions pursuant to this chapter.

- C. Restoration. Violators of this chapter shall be responsible for restoring unlawfully damaged areas in conformance with a plan approved by a Planning Official, which provides for repair of any environmental and property damage, and restoration of the site; and which results in a site condition that, to the extent practical, equals the site conditions that would have existed in the absence of the violation(s). Restoration costs will be based on the city appraised value of unapproved trees removed using the most current edition of Guide for Plant Appraisal (International Society Arboriculture Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers). The amount of appraisal costs that exceed the approved restoration plan costs will be paid into the city's Tree Fund.
- D. All other violations of any provision of this chapter are deemed a non-traffic civil infraction for which a notice of infraction may be issued. Any person found to have committed an infraction under this chapter shall be assessed a monetary penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars.

(Ord. 2349 § 7, 2004: Ord. 2241 § 4, 1999: Ord. 1780 § 24, 1991)

(Ord. No. 18-014, § IV, 9-4-2018)