

**Sec. 3-49. Rules and regulations for town parks.**

The rules and regulations for town parks and greenways are as follows:

- (1) All persons in any park or greenway shall obey ~~all~~ posted regulations, signs and directions.
- (2) Park and greenway hours are from 8am to 30 minutes past sunset daily. Use of the park outside of these hours must be approved-authorized by the Town Board of Hillsborough and coordinated with the Hillsborough Police department with town staff including the Hillsborough Police Department
- (3) ~~No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or, without the authorization of the town, displace, dig or remove any structure, equipment, facility or any other real or personal property that is located within the parks or greenways, and belonging to the town unless authorized by the Town of Hillsborough. This includes theincludes the removal of any plants, flowers, or foliage from all Town parks unless authorized by the Town of Hillsborough town parks, public spaces, rights-of-way, and property.-~~
- (4) No person shall park, drive or ride motorized vehicles in town parks or greenways outside of designated roadways and parking lots unless authorized by the Town of Hillsborough..in any park, except in designated parking spaces unless performing maintenance at the town's request.
- (5) Parking areas at town parks are restricted to park users and patrons. Designated parking spaces at all parks are restricted to patrons of the park and limited to park use.
- (6) No person shall dump, deposit, leave or place trash, ~~confetti,~~ rubbish, garbage, ashes, wastes, ~~confetti,~~ broken glass or any other rubbish within any park or greenway, entranceway, or open space except in ~~garbage, trashwaste or;~~ recycling ~~or other property~~ receptacles provided for the purpose. No person shall dispose of household garbage or rubbish within ~~any parktown park or greenway.~~
- (7) No person shall camp or stay overnight in any town park or greenway.
- (8) No person shall carry, possess or use any firearm or other dangerous weapon within any park. This section shall not apply to law enforcement or other government personnel acting within the scope of their employment.
- (9) No person shall use, consume or possess any alcoholic beverages, beer or wine within any park or greenway. No person shall use, consume or possess any narcotic drug or hallucinogen or any other controlled substance within any park or greenway without a valid physician's prescription for the substance.
- (10) No person shall engage, either verbally or physically, in any loud, disruptive or offensive conduct, or engage in any activity or sport in a manner which threatens the safety or welfare of other patrons of the park or greenway, or which unreasonably impairs the public's opportunity to use and enjoy the park.
- (11) No person shall ride or bring ~~horse or member of the equine family~~ equine animals, or other livestock into a town park or ~~a town~~ greenway.
- (12) ~~—~~ No person shall access or use any body of water in or adjacent to park or greenway where there is not properly ~~permitted~~ public access point to the body of water.
- (13) Commercial or income generating activity of any kind is prohibited within the park or on park property in town parks and greenways. This includes but is not limited to commercial yoga and fitness classes, personal instruction, and selling of goods or services.

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(Ord. No. 2006.006.12-11.E, § 2(3-49), 6-12-2006; Ord. No. 20150727-8 , § 1, 7-27-2015; Ord. No. 20170410-10.G, §§ 1, 2, 4-10-2017)

**Sec. 3-50. Reservation of facilities within town parks.**

- (a) The town may allow the reservation of certain facilities within town parks for private use for limited periods when such use does not conflict with enjoyment of the park by the general public or other town policies.
- (b) A person seeking to reserve a facility must fill out a reservation permit in advance and that permit must be approved by staff at least 5 business days ~~48 hours~~ in advance for the reservation to be effective. Fees associated with rental of park space and facilities are non-refundable. Fees are due by the date specified by town staff in communication after reservations are requested. Cancellations 7 days prior to the reservation dates may be issued as a credit toward a reservation at a later date, to be used within one year. Reservations canceled within 7 days of the reservation date are not eligible for credits.
- (c) The reservation shall be on a form provided by staff and require sufficient information to identify the person requesting the permit, emergency contact information, the facility to be reserved, the proposed use and duration of use, and proof of liability insurance if deemed necessary by the town manager.
- (d) The public space manager or their designee is authorized to approve a park facility reservation permit.
- (e) ~~Reservations will be handled on a first-come first-served basis and reservations will be posted on the facility at least 24 hours in advance of the reserved time.~~
- (f) The reservation permit-issuing staff may issue a reservation permit when he finds: that the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park; that the proposed activity and use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation; that the proposed activity or use is not reasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct; that the proposed activity will not entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense or police operation by the town; that the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour required in the application.
- (g) Not to limit the generality of paragraph (f), the following uses cannot be part of a park reservation but can be considered and approved during the review of a special event permit:
  - (1) Advertising/sales of merchandise;
  - (2) Archery;
  - (3) Climbing walls;
  - (4) Fireworks; Fire, Firepits
  - (5) Game trailers;
  - (6) Golf;
  - (7) Petting zoos, circuses, carnivals;
  - (8) Sound amplifying equipment including but not limited to PA systems and stereos;
  - (9) Waterslides, pools, water balloons, water play-
  - 10) Bounce houses or inflatables

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(11) High voltage electrical items, outlets within shelters are limited to 200amps or lower. Electricity is not available or provided in all shelters.

(12) The use of chalks, paints, spray paints, on the fields, buildings, walkways, or trails within the park, unless previously authorized by Town staff.

(13) The use of cleats on the fields.

(h) Events that meet a threshold specified in section 7-18 shall seek a special event permit rather than a reservation permit. The standard reservation fees apply for special events, unless sponsored by the Town of Hillsborough.

(1) Events at Gold Park are limited to a total number of 75 persons excluding Town of Hillsborough hosted events.

(2) Events within Town parks must comply with the Town of Hillsborough's noise ordinance as listed in Chapter 5 Article 1 of the Town of Hillsborough Code of Ordinance. Excessive noise from loudspeakers, air horns, etc., will not be permitted within the park area.

(3) Event sponsors and hosts are responsible for the collection and disposal of all trash that is not located within a provided trash bin or receptacle. No trash may be left on the ground or placed outside of the provided receptacles

(i) Greenways and entire parks are not able to be reserved for exclusive, non-public use unless approved by the Town Board of Commissioners as a special event.

(1) Although events are permitted to use park area, the park must remain open and accessible to the public at all times during the approved event, including parking areas, sidewalks, and use of the trails.

(Ord. No. 20090413-8.J, § 1, 4-13-2009; Ord. No. 20150713-10.H, §§ 1, 2, 7-13-2015 ; 20150511-10.D, § 1, 5-11-2015; Ord. No. 20170410-10.G, §§ 3, 4, 4-10-2017)

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