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Possible Updates as related to Public Property

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Building an Inclusive Community



Park Rules Ordinance

24-507 Activities Prohibited In ~~Sutton Urban Wilderness~~ at **Public Park Sites**; Exceptions By Written Permit

(a) Sutton Urban Wilderness

(b) Community and Neighborhood Parks

- Community Parks - Griffin Community Park, Reaves Park, Andrews Park, Sutton Urban Wilderness Area, John Saxon Park and Ruby Grant Park
- Neighborhood Parks - all public park sites not listed as community parks in this article.

Proposed Amendments

- Make § 24-507 Applicable to all public parks.

(a) Sutton Urban Wilderness

- (a)(1)(iv) delete camping
- (a)(1)(viii) to allow collection of biological or geological specimens with written permission
- (a)(1)(ix) to include additional watercraft
- (a)(1)(xi) to comply with state law – i.e., 21 O.S. § 1277(B)(4) (possession of firearms) and 21 O.S. § 1289.24(A) (preempting municipal regulation of firearms, air powered pistols, and air powered rifles)
- (a)(1)(xv) regarding violating posted park rules
- (a)(3) replaced “George M. Sutton Urban Wilderness Advisor Committee in (a)(3) with “Board of Park Commissioners”



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(b) Community and Neighborhood Parks

- New section that applies to Community and Neighborhood park sites.
- Mirrors § a with the exception of bicycles and organized group events exceeding 35 people.



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Norman Board of Commissioners - Park Rules

- Do not litter, deface or remove park property.*
- Do not molest, damage or remove trees, plants or landscaping materials.*
- Do not plant trees, plants or any landscape materials. *
- Do not place signage of any kind in park, trail and/or greenspace.
- No hunting of any kind.*
- No animals in parks, trails or greenspaces unless leashed.*
- No fire of any kind, including no fireworks, explosives or pyrotechnic agents.*
- Restroom use only in designated areas.
- No unauthorized vehicles.
- No alcohol or consumption of alcohol without event permit.
- No smoking, vaping or use of tobacco or marijuana products.*
- No revenue-generating activity without permit.
- No unauthorized watercraft on park ponds or waterways.*
- No unauthorized fishing.
- No camping.*
- No glass containers.
- No drones or remote-control aircraft.
- No controlled dangerous substances and/or associated paraphernalia.*
- No bullying, aggression or unsafe behavior.
- No harassment, intimidation tactics, use of profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures.
- Obey and listen to public safety and park officials.

Recommended Updates

- Duties And Powers Of The Board - § 2-316

(a) Propose rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, safety, and decency in those parks and recreational facilities[.]
- Rules Update



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CAMPING AND OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

New Ordinance

- Definitions
- Prohibits Camping
- Prohibits Obstructing Public Access
- Exceptions

ORDINANCE NO. 2526-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, ADDING SECTION 24-510 TO CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN; PROHIBITING CAMPING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENCAMPMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, TRAILS, EASEMENTS, AND ACCESS ROUTES; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

- § 1 WHEREAS, Public parks, sidewalks, trails, easements, rights-of-way, and other public properties are intended for the use and enjoyment of all members of the public.
- § 2 WHEREAS, encampments and camping activities on public property may create conditions that interfere with public access, impede compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, increase fire hazards, contribute to the accumulation of trash and human waste, damage public property, and create health and safety concerns.
- § 3 WHEREAS, the City has a substantial governmental interest in maintaining public property in a safe, clean, accessible, and sanitary condition for all residents and visitors.
- § 4 WHEREAS, the City further finds that public sidewalks, trails, entrances, and access routes must remain open and reasonably accessible to pedestrians, including persons with disabilities.
- § 5 WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to protect public health, safety, welfare, accessibility, and the intended public use of public property while encouraging individuals in need of assistance to access available shelter and support services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 6 That the Norman City Code be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to Article 24-V OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY, "§ 24-510" titled "Camping on Public Property" to read as follows:

24-510 Camping on Public Property

- (a) For purposes of this section:
 - (i) "Camp" or "Camping" means residing or dwelling temporarily in a place with shelter, bedding, sleeping equipment, personal property, or other materials indicating an intent to remain overnight or for an extended period.



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QUESTIONS



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