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**Meeting Type:** Parks and Trails Advisory Board  
**Meeting Date:** February 12, 2025  
**From:** Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director  
**Subject:** Review and Recommendation on Revised and Updated Park Rules

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## **DECISION TO BE MADE:**

Whether to recommend adoption of the revised and updated Parks Rules as presented.

## **PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE:**

To provide the Parks and Trails Advisory Board with an update on the Parks Board's incorporated feedback, the attorney's review, and the draft final version of the park rules.

## **BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:**

The Sandy Municipal Code (SMC) establishes the foundation for park rules within the city. The last update to the Parks Rules was adopted in 2016 under Ordinance No. 2016-09, which prohibited the use of all tobacco products, smoking, and vaping within Sandy parks, open spaces, and Centennial Plaza.

Since 2016, Sandy's park system has experienced significant growth, including new amenities and the formal establishment of the Parks and Recreation Department in 2021. With these developments, the department has gathered input from park patrons, staff, public reports, and the Sandy Police Department to ensure the rules remain relevant and enforceable. Additionally, the Parks and Trails Advisory Board (PTAB) and the City Attorney have reviewed and suggested refinements to the proposed rules to ensure clarity, enforceability, and compliance with local, state, and federal regulations.

This report is a follow-up to the PTAB meeting on [January 8, 2025](#), where the board reviewed and provided feedback and comments on the proposed park rules. This feedback was then reviewed by the City Attorney, and most input was incorporated into the revised document. In the attached revision of the park rules, there are additional comments from the attorney responding to the edits suggested by the Parks Board. The next step will be to bring these updated park rules to the City Council for codification and an update to the Sandy Municipal Code via ordinance.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The following are the key updates incorporated into the revised Park Rules document:

- **Definitions (Pg. 1):** Added a definition for "Art" to clarify what constitutes public art in park spaces.
- **Rule 1 (C) (Pg. 2):** Reworded to explicitly allow community-based programs such as the "Painted Rocks" at Tickle Creek while maintaining protections against vandalism.
- **Rule 8(A) (Pg. 5):** Clarified that garbage generated from normal park use is allowed in park trash receptacles, but garbage originating outside of the park cannot be disposed of within park property.
- **Rule 10 (Pg. 5):** Updated language to explicitly include the protection of salmon grounds and salmon runs as part of environmental conservation measures.
- **Rule 16 (Pg. 6):** Added language prohibiting pesticide use within the community garden to support environmentally friendly practices.
- **Rule 25 (Pg. 8):** Added language prohibiting the blocking of paths, trails, sidewalks, parking lots, and driveways without prior approval from the Parks and Recreation Director.
- **Section IV(8) (Pg. 9):** Added a non-discrimination policy stating that all events, programs, and activities held in City of Sandy parks must be open and accessible to all individuals, and that discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or any other protected status is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the denial of future event permits and other appropriate actions.

In addition to these major updates, various minor grammatical and formatting edits were made to enhance readability and consistency throughout the document. Edits suggested and reviewed by the Parks Board and attorney are in **RED** and **highlighted Yellow**.

## BUDGET IMPACT:

Minimal budgetary impact is anticipated. Any costs associated with implementing the revised rules (e.g., updated signage) will be absorbed within the current Parks and Recreation Department budget.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Parks and Trails Advisory Board review the proposed Parks Rules revisions and provide a recommendation for adoption to the City Council.

**SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:**

“I move to recommend that the City Council adopt the revised Parks Rules as presented.”

**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:**

1. Proposed Revised Parks Rules Document (Version 6, February 2025)