



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Parks and Trails Advisory Board
Meeting Date: January 8, 2025
From: Rochelle Anderholm-Parsch, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Review and Recommendation on Revised and Updated Park Rules

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 overview of the proposed updates to the Parks Rules and to seek their review, input, and recommendation on whether to accept the revised 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.

Prior to the 2016 update, significant revisions included:

- 2006: Prohibition of depositing materials into public water features.
- 2008: Addition of Chapter 8.35, prohibiting camping in public parks.

Since 2016, Sandy's park system has experienced significant growth, including the addition of 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, research has been conducted on how other jurisdictions create and enforce park rules to guide these updates.

The proposed revisions have been reviewed by the Sandy Police Department and the City Attorney to ensure consistency with local and state regulations and enforcement feasibility.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

- **Updates Reflecting Current Usage:** The revised rules incorporate feedback from the public, police, and parks staff to address contemporary park use and emerging issues.
- **Enforceability:** The updates aim to enhance clarity and ensure enforceability for the Sandy Police Department.
- **Tracking Changes:** For ease of review, proposed additions are highlighted in red text, while deleted language is struck through. Black text indicates unchanged rules that will remain.
- **Role of the Parks Board:** The Parks Board's role is to review the proposed revisions, provide input, and make a recommendation to Council on whether to accept the updated rules as presented.

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
2. Current Park Rules
3. Ordinance No. 2016-09_Smoke-free parks.fin NE
4. Ordinance 2006-11 Bubbles Bill
5. Ordinance 2008-08 Parks Rules