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**Date:** April 25, 2024  
**To:** Gregory E. Buckley, City Manager  
**From:** Ben Meinnert, Chief of Police  
**Ref:** Ordinance Amendment:

Provide the Director of parks and recreation with authority to set and post rules for each city park and event.

**7-1-12 Rules.** The Parks and Recreation Director is authorized to promulgate rules for the regulation of City parks and events in the parks. Park rules shall be posted as to be clearly visible to visitors therein. Any person who violates such rules shall be considered to have violated this section and be subject to any penalties therefor.

With the creation of a new park in Central Park West and additions/improvements in Neshotah Park, Zander Park, and Riverside Park, and more on the horizon, staff has reported concerns and the need for additional rules to be enforced, unique to each park.

Examples include: no bikes or scooters on the synthetic ice of Central Park West; and no dogs or bikes allowed on the synthetic turf of the new playground in Neshotah Park. These are examples of unique concerns for different parks that are not covered by our current ordinances. These examples could cause substantial damage which could easily be prevented with specific rules as the needs arise.

This amendment would allow for the Director of Parks and Recreation to create and post rules specific to each park and provide law enforcement with the ability to enforce such rules, while making it unnecessary to rewrite all ordinances each time a unique concern arises, and address it in a timely manner.

For example, Ordinance 8-6-2 prevents use of skateboards and inline skates in municipal parks, and 8-7-3 prevents operation in our downtown on Washington St, but does not prevent stand up scooters in either case. This past year, scooters and bikes were marking up the synthetic ice at Central Park West, but there was no ordinance preventing the use of either. The marking was not intentional such as with Vandalism, but over time would have caused substantial damage. This amendment would allow for the creation and posting of rules as the need becomes apparent for parks and events, whether temporary or permanent.



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