

Chapter 62 - PARKS AND RECREATION

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Environment, ch. 38; streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 82.

State Law reference— Recreation system for municipality authorized, O.C.G.A. § 36-64-1 et seq.

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 62-1. - Use of facilities; reservations.

- (a) All park properties are to be used on a first come, first served basis.
- (b) Each person using the public parks and grounds shall clean up all debris, extinguish all fires when such fires are permitted, and leave the premises in good order and the facilities in a neat and sanitary condition.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-1; Ord. of 4-14-2014)

Sec. 62-2. - Hours of operation.

- (a) City parks shall be open to the public daily between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. No person, other than city personnel conducting city business, or engaging in a city sponsored event, shall occupy or be present in such parks during any other hours.
- (b) Any section or part of a park, or an entire park, may be declared closed to the public by the recreation director at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular or stated intervals.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-2)

Sec. 62-3. - Reserved.

Editor's note— An ordinance adopted Apr. 14, 2014, deleted § 62-3, which pertained to fees for use of lights and derived from Code 1989, § 7-2-3.

Sec. 62-4. - Prohibited acts.

No person using the parks, grounds or facilities shall:

- (1) Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove any structures, equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances.
- (2) Throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, bay or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of the waters.
- (3) Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant.

- (4) Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, reptile or bird; or remove or have in his possession the young of any wild animal, or the eggs, nest or young of any other animal.
- (5) Bring in or dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or other trash. Refuse or trash shall be placed only in the proper receptacles where these are provided. Where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for the presence of the same, and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- (6) Disturb the peace, or use any profane or obscene language.
- (7) Endanger the safety of any person by any conduct or act.
- (8) Commit any assault or battery, or engage in fighting.
- (9) Carry, possess or drink any alcoholic beverages, unless previously approved by the city council, or take illegal nonprescription drugs in the park.
- (10) Violate any rule for the use of the park, made or approved by the parks and recreation board.
- (11) Prevent any person from using any park, or any of its facilities, or interfere with such use.
- (12) Swim, bathe or wade in any waters or waterways in or adjacent to any park, except in such waters and at such places as are provided.
- (13) Dress or undress on any beach, or in any vehicle, toilet or other place, except in such bathing houses or structures as may be provided for that purpose.
- (14) Use boats, canoes or any other flotation device in any waters or waterways, except in such waters and at such places as they are provided.
- (15) Violate the noise ordinance as per city ordinance, with the exception of city sponsored events.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-4; Ord. of 4-14-2014)

Sec. 62-5. - Motor vehicles.

No person shall drive or park any motorized vehicle except on streets, driveways or parking lots in the park, or park or leave such a vehicle in any place other than one established for public parking.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-5)

Cross reference— Traffic and vehicles, ch. 94.

Sec. 62-6. - Limitations on games.

No person shall take part in or abet the playing of any games involving objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of rough or potentially dangerous games such as football, baseball and soccer is prohibited except on the fields, courts or areas provided therefor.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-6)

Sec. 62-7. - Fires restricted.

No person shall build or attempt to build a fire except in areas and under regulations as may be designated by the parks and recreation director. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted

matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other inflammable material within any park area or on any contiguous highway, road or street.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-7; Ord. of 4-14-2014)

Cross reference— Fire prevention and protection, ch. 42.

Sec. 62-8. - Camping prohibited.

No person shall set up tents, shacks or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in a park after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle to be used, or that could be used, for such purpose.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-8; Ord. of 4-14-2014)

Cross reference— Urban camping and improper use of public places, § 58-46.

Sec. 62-9. - Unleashed dogs, animals prohibited.

No person shall bring any dangerous animal into any park. No dog may be in any park unless such dog is on a leash not more than ten feet long.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-9)

Cross reference— Animals, ch. 14.

Sec. 62-10. - Sales prohibited.

No person shall vend, sell, peddle or offer for sale any commodity or article within any park, except at city sanctioned fairs and events.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-10)

Sec. 62-11. - Signs prohibited.

No person shall paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement or inscription whatever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park. This provision shall not apply to any properly authorized government official in pursuit of any official duty.

(Code 1989, § 7-2-11)

Secs. 62-12—62-40. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Cross reference— Committees, § 2-211 et seq.

Sec. 62-41. - Establishment, composition of board.

The city parks and recreation advisory board shall consist of eight individuals who are residents of the city. Individuals chosen to be part of this board shall be selected by each councilmember and mayor, one appointee per ward and two appointees by the mayor. The board shall appoint a chairperson and other officers as deemed necessary at the first meeting following appointment of new members. A quorum shall consist of five board members. If a quorum of the appointed members is not present, such election shall be postponed until a quorum of the appointed members is present.

(Code 1989, § 7-1-1; Ord. No. 00-02-22, 2-22-2000; Ord. of 8-15-2006)

Charter reference— Boards and commissions, § 3.13.

State Law reference— Designation of board to conduct recreation activity, O.C.G.A. § 36-64-3.

Sec. 62-42. - Term of office.

The parks and recreation advisory board members' terms of office will expire contemporaneously with the expiration of the term of the individual who appointed such committee member.

Additionally, the chairperson shall be appointed for a term of one calendar year by a majority vote of those members serving on the board. No individual shall serve as a chairperson for a period in excess of two consecutive terms. Such election shall be made by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting, provided a quorum of the appointed members is present at such a meeting. If such a quorum of the appointed members is not present, such election shall be postponed until a quorum of the appointed members is present.

(Code 1989, § 7-1-2; Ord. No. 94-08-23, 8-23-1994; Ord. No. 96-01-09, 1-9-1996; Ord. No. 00-02-22, 2-22-2000; Ord. of 8-15-2006; Res. No. 2754, 1-27-2014)

Sec. 62-43. - Powers and duties.

- (a) The parks and recreation advisory board shall assist and recommend to staff and council as to the location and development of all parks and trails in the City of Woodstock. The board shall also assist and recommend to staff and council as to the development and expansion of activities programming for all ages to be held within the city's parks and trails system.
- (b) The parks and recreation advisory board shall inform and educate the public about the importance of and need for recreation programs, facilities, and services.
- (c) The parks and recreation advisory board shall make annual site visits of all municipal parks and make recommendations to staff and council as to their condition, maintenance, appeal to public, and potential areas of improvement.
- (d) The parks and recreation advisory board shall provide encouragement, support, and work in partnership with the parks and recreation department to provide a team approach in voicing concerns to and addressing issues with the city council.
- (e) The parks and recreation advisory board shall assist staff in the creation and publication of marketing material for the parks and trails system, include a brochure with maps and location information.

(Code 1989, § 7-1-3; Ord. of 8-15-2006; Ord. of 4-14-2014)

Sec. 62-44. - Reserved.

Editor's note— An ordinance adopted Apr. 14, 2014, repealed § 62-44, which pertained to budget; receipt of monies, gifts and derived from Code 1989, § 7-1-4; and Ord. No. 99-04-13, adopted Apr. 13, 1999.

Sec. 62-45. - Reserved.

Editor's note— An ordinance adopted Apr. 14, 2014, repealed § 62-45, which pertained to annual report and derived from Code 1989, § 7-1-5.

Sec. 62-46. - Compensation.

The compensation of the city parks and recreation advisory board shall be set at \$50.00 per meeting, to be paid to only those members who attend such a meeting.

(Ord. No. 01-03-13, 3-13-2001; Ord. of 8-15-2006)