

# RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CITY PARKS

*The City Council of the City of Waseca, Minnesota, does ordain:*

**Section 1.** That Section 8.83 of the Waseca Ordinance Code be amended by adding Subdivision 3 as follows:

## **Subd. 3. Regulations relating to use of parks - Definition.**

For the purpose of this subdivision, "park" shall mean a park, playground, lake, trail, nature area or public open space within the City. It shall also mean any other property owned, leased, used or controlled, wholly or in part, by the City for park and recreation use.

**Subd. 4. Parks to be closed.** All public parks will be closed at 11:00 p.m. each day and shall remain closed to the public until 5:00 a.m. on the next day. No person shall be in, remain in or enter any public park between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. and no person shall drive into or remain in a public parking area within or immediately adjacent to a public park during the hours when such park is closed, except as authorized in Subdivision 5 or exclusively for angling on Clear or Loon Lakes.

**Subd. 5. Activities permitted after closing.** The following activities may continue in parks after the parks have been closed.

- a) City sponsored and supervised activities.
- b) Activities sponsored by any individual or group, association or organization which has applied for and received a permit for such activity from the City.
- c) Activities of custodial or maintenance personnel in the course of their official duties.

Application for the issuance of a permit to conduct activities in a park after closing hours shall be submitted to the City, on the forms provided, at least two weeks prior to the date of the activity. Permits shall be issued if it appears the applicant can comply with current regulations of the City governing parks.

**Subd. 6. Prohibited act; regulations.** The following prohibitions and regulations shall apply to all parks. They shall apply to all vehicles including snowmobiles, motor bikes, all-terrain vehicles and all other vehicles.

**a) Vehicles - speed limits** - No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle in any park except on roads, designated parking areas, bodies of water or in such areas as the Park Director shall determine, and no person shall operate a motor vehicle within a park at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

**b) Parking in proper areas** - No person shall park any motor vehicle in any place in the park except in designated areas.

**c) Fires** - No fires shall be lighted or made in any park except in places provided for such purposes.

**d) Fireworks and firearms** - No person shall discharge any fireworks or firearms in a park without the written permission of the City and without a permit in the case of fireworks from the Fire Chief, in case of firearms from the Chief of Police.

**e) Litter** - No person shall scatter about any materials, cans, bottles, leaflets, etc. or litter a park with any form of waste material.

**f) Nuisance** - No person shall commit any nuisance or any offense against decency or public morals in the park.

**g) Throwing objects** - No person shall throw stones, wood, or rubbish of any kind in any City lake or in any manner which will jeopardize patrons of the park or its condition.

**h) Handbills or posters** - No person shall paste, affix or inscribe any handbill or poster on any structure or property on any place, or roadway surrounding the park.

**i) Park equipment** - No person shall remove any benches, picnic tables or other moveable park equipment outside the park boundaries without written permission of the Park Director.

**j) Liquors and beer** - No person shall possess, display or consume intoxicating liquors or non-intoxicating malt liquors on any beaches within City parks. The possession or consumption of intoxicating or non-intoxicating liquor is allowed in Maplewood Park only upon issuance of a permit by the City.

**k) Animals** - No person shall disturb or interfere with any birds, animals, animal habitat or nesting area in a park. All animals brought within a park must be leashed with a suitable device not exceeding 8 feet in length and are prohibited from beaches and lakeshore area in parks which contain swim areas.

**l) Sales permits** - No person shall be permitted to sell any article of food or beverage in a park without a permit, lease or concession granted by the City.

**m) Defacing property** - No person shall write upon, mark or deface in any manner, or use in an improper way any property or equipment contained within a park.

**n) Destruction of property** - No person shall break, cut, mutilate, injure, remove or carry away any tree, plant, flower, shrub, rock, soil, sand, fence, benches, tables or any other City property located in a park.

**o) Public speech** - No person shall give a public speech, or hold or participate in any rally, convention, assembly, or meeting in any public park without written permission of the City Council.

**p) Hitting of golf balls** - No person shall hit, drive, stroke, or otherwise propel a golf ball upon, in, over, or across any park.

**q) Bows and arrows** - The use of bows and arrows shall be prohibited in parks except in designated areas.

**r) Glass containers** - The use of any glass container or receptacle in which any consumer beverage is enclosed for use in the delivery or display of that beverage for retail purchases is prohibited in all parks.

**s) Additional regulations** - In order to protect health, safety and welfare, and to preserve the property of the City, the City Manager is authorized and directed to establish additional written regulations which shall define in precise detail the procedures to be followed in the use of parks.

**Subd. 7. Maplewood Park.** Overnight camping privileges may be granted to organized groups accompanied by adult leaders for activities of an educational nature. Permission must be requested no less than 48 hours in advance from the Park Director.