

Chapter 17

PARKS AND RECREATION

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ARTICLE 17-1. RESERVED♣

Secs. 17-1-1 – 17-1-6. Reserved.

ARTICLE 17-2. PARKS AND RECREATION FEES

Sec. 17-2-1. Council to establish fees.

The common council of the City of Show Low may, from time to time, establish and set, by resolution, the amount of charges for all activities sponsored by the parks and recreation department or for use of park property or facilities of the City of Show Low.

(Ord. No. 215, § 1, 11-28-84)

ARTICLE 17-3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 17-3-1. Hours of operation.

- (a) All municipal parks, playgrounds and recreational areas or facilities shall be open for the use of the general public between the hours posted.
- (b) No person shall trespass or otherwise be upon the grounds of any municipal park, playground, recreational area or facility, other than the public streets and adjacent sidewalks located therein, without express permission of the parks and

♣ **Cross references**—Animals, Ch. 6; subdivisions, Ch. 12; planning and zoning, Ch. 15; cemetery, Ch. 22.

recreation director or his authorized representative, between the hours posted that the facility is closed.

(Ord. No. 238, § 1, 10-9-85)

Sec. 17-3-2. Authority to close parks, playgrounds, etc.

- (a) The city manager is hereby authorized to close any municipal park, playground, recreational area or facility to all persons not properly authorized to be therein, when an emergency exists that demands such closure for the protection of the public peace, health, safety, welfare or morals or at the discretion of the city council. Each emergency closure shall not exceed a period of seven (7) days.
- (b) In the event the city manager directs the closure of any municipal park, playground, recreational area or facility, the date and time of such emergency closure shall be posted upon the property affected.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person not properly authorized to enter into or fail to vacate any park, playground, recreational area or facility when notice of emergency closure has been given.

(Ord. No. 238, § 1, 10-9-85)

Sec. 17-3-3. Rules and regulations.

The following rules and regulations shall govern the use of all municipal parks, playgrounds, recreational areas and facilities:

- (a) Any person or group of persons may use any park, playground or recreation area for any recreation purpose not prohibited herein, provided that such park, playground or recreation area has not been reserved by the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative for a scheduled group activity.
- (b) Regularly planned recreation activities sponsored by the city shall be given preference.
- (c) A written permit shall be obtained from the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative whenever any person or group, not officially a participant in a program of the parks and recreation department, desires to reserve a park, playground, recreation area or facility or any portion thereof.
- (d) Applications for a permit shall be filed with the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative on a form provided therefor at least one week prior to the date use is requested.

- (e) If notice of cancellation of a request is not received by the director at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the event, the permit holder shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by the department relating to such request.
- (f) Continuous use of facilities for religious or political purposes shall not be permitted; however, occasional use may be permitted by the parks and recreation director.
- (g) All group use of park facilities must be under competent adult supervision with the persons or groups using the facility assuming full responsibility of any damage to the facility or equipment.
- (h) No apparatus (scenery, etc.), furniture or equipment shall be moved into a park or facility unless special permission is granted in advance from the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative. Such apparatus, furniture or equipment (provided by the permittee) shall be removed from the park area promptly after use and before 8:30 a.m. the following morning so there shall not be any interference with normal park and recreation programs. Failure to comply will be grounds for the parks and recreation director to prohibit, at his discretion, such persons or groups from using facilities at a later date.
- (i) Any permittee using park facilities shall be required to indemnify and save the City of Show Low harmless from any and all liabilities for damages, personal or property, which may arise out of or in connection with the use of said park facilities by such permittee. Responsibility for loss, breakage or need for repair of any piece of furniture, equipment or portion of the facility rests solely with the person signing the agreement, who shall report same to the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative.
- (j) All permittees shall be responsible for returning the facilities and/or grounds used to the same condition in which they existed upon issuance of the permit.
- (k) Any permit issued which will cost the City of Show Low additional funds shall be subject to a rental fee established by the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative.
- (l) If control personnel, parking attendants or other special services are necessary, such personnel shall be supplied by the permittee, or upon agreement between the permittee and parks and recreation director or his authorized representative shall be procured by the parks and recreation director and charged to the permittee. The parks and recreation director, chief of police, fire chief, or others as determined by the city manager shall specify when control personnel are necessary.

- (m) No person may engage in the game of golf, or drive golf balls except within a designated area in any city park, playground or other recreational center.
- (n) No person shall drive or ride at any time any automobile, truck, motorcycle, motor scooter, or other motor vehicle, horse or animal upon the grounds of any municipal park, playground or recreation area, except in public streets running through such premises or within designated parking areas located upon the premises.
- (o) When a permit has been approved for the use of the facilities, by the parks and recreation department, notification shall be made immediately to the chief of police. Such notification shall contain the date, hours of use, age group, type of activity, and the number of participants.
- (p) Concession rights reservations not exceeding three (3) days duration shall be approved by the parks and recreation director. Concession reservations exceeding three (3) days shall be approved by the city manager, upon recommendation by the parks and recreation director.
- (q) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, church or other charitable group to sell food, drink, or any tangible property in any public park or from a street or sidewalk adjacent to a public park from any bicycle, pushcart, stand, vehicle or on foot, without first obtaining a permit from the parks and recreation director.
- (r) Term agreements for use of facilities by clubs or enterprises shall be permitted through signed contracts, authorized by the city council, which may be reissued as necessary at the direction of the issuing authority.
- (s) All permits shall be revocable at any time by the parks and recreation director upon finding of a violation of any rule, Code section or state statute.
- (t) The parks and recreation director shall review, annually, all fees, charges and prices for recreation services and the use of recreational facilities. Changes in such fees, charges and prices may be recommended to the city council at such times and in such amounts as may to the director seem proper. The city council may establish or amend such fees, charges and prices as it deems appropriate. Such establishment or amendment shall be by resolution. The parks and recreation director may waive, upon request, after prior approval by the city manager, any or all fees, charges and prices assessed hereunder for good cause.
- (u) Pets and other animals under the care, custody or control of a park user are not permitted in municipal parks except as follows:

1. Service animals that have been specifically trained to assist persons with visual, hearing, or other physical disabilities, which are in the actual custody of the disabled individual, are permitted in all municipal parks.
2. Dogs are permitted in municipal parks under the following conditions:
 - (a) Dogs shall be kept on a leash no longer than six (6) feet at all times, except while in designated off-leash areas or in any dog park.
 - (b) Dogs are not permitted on or within ten (10) feet of playground equipment within any municipal park.
 - (c) Dogs are not permitted on athletic fields including, but not limited to, fields for baseball, softball, t-ball, soccer, football and track, unless specified elsewhere in this section or as authorized by the city for special events.
 - (d) The person in custody or control of any dog in a park must promptly clean up any feces deposited in the park and dispose of it in an appropriate or designated trash receptacle.

(Ord. No. 238, § 1, 10-9-85; Ord. No. 402, § 2, 10-15-96; Ord. No. 2018-08, § 1, 12-04-18)

Sec. 17-3-4. Interpretation of rules.

The parks and recreation director or his authorized representative or the park and recreation commission shall interpret these rules and regulations and may act in any case not specifically covered herein. If it should become necessary for the parks and recreation director or his authorized representative to make a decision before formal consideration or consultation with the commission may be had, the decision of the parks and recreation director may be ratified at the subsequent park and recreation commission meeting.

Any request not contemplated by these rules and regulations or any refusal of a permit request may be appealed to the city manager, who may at his discretion decide such appeal or refer it to the city council.

(Ord. No. 238, § 1, 10-9-85)

Sec. 17-3-5. Maintenance of trees.

The city manager, or his designee, shall have the authority to promulgate the rules and regulations of the Arboricultural Specifications and Standards of Practice governing the planting, maintenance, removal, fertilization, pruning, and bracing of trees on the streets or other public sites in the municipality, and shall direct, regulate and control the planting, maintenance and removal of all trees growing now or hereafter in any public area of the City of Show Low, Arizona. He shall cause the provision of this ordinance to be enforced.

(Ord. 421, §1, 11-4-97)