

## 1068.01 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY PARKS

Pursuant to Section [12.03](#) of the City Charter, the Park and Recreation Board has promulgated the following rules and regulations for all City parks, which have been duly approved by City Council: All rules and regulations are subject to exception for City-sponsored events and activities.

- a) City parks open at 6:00 a.m. and shall be vacated by 10:00 p.m.
- b) No vehicle of any type, other than wheelchairs, shall be permitted on any sidewalk or boardwalk or at any other location within any City park, except as provided below. No person shall operate or ride any bicycle, micro mobility device, or other human-powered apparatus so as to interfere with the safe use and enjoyment of the park by others.
  - 1) Boardwalks shall be used solely by pedestrians (no bicycles, vehicles, or human-powered apparatus).
  - 2) Motor vehicles are permitted only on driveways and parking lots during park hours (however, no commercial trucks or trailers are allowed).
  - 3) Bicycles or any other human-powered apparatus (such as tricycles, skateboards, roller blades, etc.) may be operated only in appropriate areas such as driveways, parking areas, designated multi-use trails, or shared-use paths.
  - 4) City-authorized vehicles are permitted to operate in the parks as may be necessary.
- c) No person shall intentionally injure, kill, or remove any animals or wildlife.
  - 1) However, fishing is permitted as long as it is in compliance with Ohio law and does not interfere with the safe use of the park by any other person.
- d) No person shall destroy or remove any tree, flower, shrub, plant, or any part thereof.
- e) No person shall climb, walk, stand, or play upon any monument, railing, or fence.
- f) No person shall swim, wade, or play in any body of water within any City park.
- g) No person shall publicly consume or display the presence of any cannabis products, beer, wine, or intoxicating liquor.
- h) Pets/animals may be brought to City parks only under the following conditions:
  - 1) All animals must be on a leash or similar device, or otherwise restrained.
  - 2) All animals must be under the reasonable control of their owner or keeper at all times.
  - 3) Owners are responsible to clean up after their animals.
  - 4) Damage to park property caused by an animal shall be repaired at the expense of the owner.

- 5) Animals are not permitted in or on play structures, courts, shelters, or buildings.
- i) No person shall litter. All trash, rubbish, and pet waste must be placed into an appropriate receptacle.
  - j) No person shall smoke or vape cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, pipes, tobacco, marijuana, or cannabis products within 50 feet of any building, shelter facility, court, playing field, or playground in any City park.
  - k) No person shall possess or discharge fireworks or explosives of any kind.
  - l) No person shall play golf or make use of golf equipment.
  - m) No person shall post any sign or banner in any City park without prior authorization from the City.
  - n) No person shall sell or offer for sale any goods or services.
  - o) No person shall sponsor or engage in any organized tournament or league sporting event in any City park without prior City approval.
  - p) No person shall draw, exhibit, or brandish a firearm, a replica firearm, or facsimile firearm, in a rude, angry, or threatening manner, with the intent to frighten, harass, intimidate, or annoy any other persons.
  - q) No person, other than law enforcement officers, shall possess, carry, or convey firearms of any description in the Fairlawn Nature Center located in Griffiths/Fort Island Park.
  - r) No person shall discharge or fire any firearm, deadly weapon, or dangerous ordnance in City parks.
  - s) No person shall make use of BB guns, airsoft guns, paintball guns, sling shots, bows and arrows, crossbows, or the like in any City park.
  - t) No grills or cooking devices may be brought into any City park.
  - u) Inflatable amusement devices, carnival games, and large mechanical devices requiring a power source such as an electrical connection, generator, or battery are not permitted in any City park.

(Ord. 1999-037. Passed 4-5-99; Ord. 2006-059. Passed 8-14-06; Ord. 2015-050. Passed 7-13-15; Ord. 2016-079. Passed 10-17-16; Res. 2025-029. Passed 4-21-25; Ord. 2025-056A. Passed 9-22-25.)

1068.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates any of the rules and regulations set forth in Section [1068.01](#) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$150.00.

(b) If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of the rules and regulations set forth in Section [1068.01](#), then that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(c) If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two or more violations of the rules and regulations set forth in Section [1068.01](#), then that person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. (Ord. 1999-037. Passed 4-5-99; Ord. 2006-059. Passed 8-14-06; Ord. 2025-056A. Passed 9-22-25.)