

STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE**941.02 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED.**

The use of alcoholic beverages in any City parks is hereby prohibited unless otherwise approved by Council and provided compliance with all other state and local laws.

941.03 PARK RULES.**(a) Park Rules.**

- (1) Parks are open from dawn to dusk, unless noted below:
 - A. Degenhart Park - open from dawn until 10:00 p.m. during Eastern Daylight Savings Time and until dusk during Eastern Standard Time unless a special event is taking place and a later closing time is authorized and posted by the Administrator.
 - B. Veteran's Park - open twenty-four hours per day if lighted.
 - C. Heritage Park - open from dawn until dusk, unless a special event is taking place and a later closing time is authorized and posted by the Administrator.
- (2) Unauthorized motor vehicles (including but not limited to cars, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, golf carts and motorized scooters) are prohibited.
Persons with disabilities are permitted to use a motorized wheelchair or similar means for transportation.
- (3) Only leashed pets are permitted (six foot leash maximum).
- (4) Pet owners are required to remove of and dispose of their pet's waste.
- (5) Overnight parking, camping and golfing are prohibited unless approved by Administrator.
- (6) Use of firearms, fireworks, BB guns, archery equipment, sling shots, paint guns & metal detectors are prohibited.
- (7) A permit is required for athletic activities not affiliated with the Groveport Parks & Recreation Department.
- (8) Illegal and inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated.
- (9) Amplified sound shall not interfere with other visitors, with the exception of City sponsored or permitted events.
- (10) Dispose of litter in receptacle.
- (11) Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- (12) Any aircraft (including model-type), airships, hot-air balloons, ultra-lights, hand gliders and drones may not ascend or descend in a park except in emergency or with the prior written consent of Administrator. In the case of drones, this provision shall not apply to any drone activity or operation conducted by a federal, state or local governmental entity or political subdivision.
- (13) No person shall conduct, sponsor or promote a special event, concert, theater, athletic event/lesson or other public activity in a park without prior written consent of Administrator or his/her designee.
- (14) Parking in City parks is permitted only in parking lots and designated parking spaces. Overflow parking outside of established lots and/or parking spaces is permissible only upon written authorization by the Director of Recreation, or designee.

- (15) Open fires, such as camp fires, are prohibited without prior written consent of the Administrator. Cooking fires, which are contained in a barbeque, are permitted. Persons may bring their own personal grill to use provided that is not used under a picnic shelter. Anyone using a grill in the City's parks must ensure that all coals have cooled before leaving the park.
- (16) All local, state and federal laws & ordinances apply.

(b) Pond Rules.

- (1) Boating, swimming, ice fishing, ice skating and walking on ice is prohibited, unless approved by Administrator.
- (2) Persons sixteen years of age and older must catch and release fish, except during two-week period of scheduled fish releases/stocking.
- (3) During the two-week period of scheduled fish releases/stocking, the limit that can be taken is five (5).
- (4) Any bass or catfish under sixteen inches in length must be released.
- (5) Hunting or collecting of frogs, turtles, birds or other animals on park property is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by State law.
- (6) Seining (casting of fish nets for purpose of catching fish) is prohibited.
- (7) Boating and operation of gas powered model boats is prohibited.
- (8) All other state and federal wildlife statutes shall be applicable.

(c) Leisure Path Rules.

(1) General

- A. All City Codes and State Ordinances will be enforced.
- B. Unauthorized motor vehicles (including but not limited to cars, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, golf carts and motorized scooters) are prohibited. Persons with disabilities are permitted to use a motorized wheelchair or similar means for transportation.
- C. Fifteen miles per hour speed limit.
- D. Keep right, pass on left.
- E. Give an audible signal when passing.
- F. Yield when entering and crossing path.
- G. Be courteous and predictable.
- H. Do not block the path.
- I. Pets must be walked off the path on a six foot leash maximum.

(2) Pedestrians and Runners:

- A. Watch for other path users and listen for audible signals.
- B. Allow faster runners to pass safely.

(3) Cyclists and Skaters:

- A. Maintain safe speed and yield right of way to pedestrians.
- B. Slowdown in congested areas or reduced visibility conditions and ride single file.

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941.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.