

Rules and Regulations

A. Municipal parks shall be open for public recreation during the summer (May 1 through September 30) between the hours of seven a.m. and ten p.m., and during the winter (October 1 through April 30) between the hours of eight a.m. and seven p.m. except by approval of the Scappoose City Council.

B. No peddling, soliciting or commercial enterprise is permitted in a municipal park except by approval of the Scappoose city council.

C. Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noisy disturbances or disregard of these rules and regulations will be grounds for immediate removal of person(s) from the municipal park by the Scappoose police department or as authorized by the city manager.

D. Park users are responsible for the conduct of and any damage to the park or its equipment caused by their legal dependents or other minors in their care at the time.

E. Children under eight years of age shall not be left unattended in the park.

F. No person shall consume or have in their possession any intoxicating beverage or other drug or narcotic except by prescription and as prescribed while in a municipal park.

G. Air rifles, BB guns, bow and arrows, or other guns and dangerous objects such as golfing equipment may not be used while in a municipal park.

H. No swimming is allowed on municipal park property except where lifeguards and specifically designated and approved swimming areas are provided.

I. No overnight camping is allowed in municipal park except by approval of the Scappoose city council.

J. The city, its representatives and its employees are not responsible for accidents, injuries, or loss of property by fire, theft, wind, flood or other natural acts which are beyond their control. All equipment furnished within municipal parks is solely for the convenience of the user and is utilized at the risk of the user.

K. All park users should immediately notify the Scappoose police department of hazardous conditions in a municipal park or conditions which are alleged to be in violation of these rules and regulations.

L. Motor vehicles shall be operated and parked only in designated areas. Motor vehicles operated or parked elsewhere on walkways or on the grass without approval by the city council shall be in violation of Scappoose Municipal Code Chapter 11.04 and may be towed at the owner's expense. No repair of vehicles shall be allowed anywhere within a municipal park at any time.

M. The speed limit in a municipal park is ten miles per hour and must be observed at all times and drivers are advised to be alert for pedestrians.

N. Bicycles, roller skates, skateboards and other types of non-motorized vehicles must be used safely, and in compliance with all posted rules.

O. Careless operation of motorized or non-motorized vehicles shall be grounds for removal from a municipal park and/or citation by the Scappoose municipal police.

P. No animals other than seeing eye dogs are allowed in any municipal park building at any time.

Q. No person shall ride or lead any horse or pony in the park without approval by the Scappoose city council except on a roadway, in a designated parking area or on a designated bridle path.

R. No animals are permitted in municipal parks unless they are on a leash, except in designated off-leash areas, and shall be kept under supervision at all times; and, are not allowed to run at large or to commit any nuisance. All animal fecal matter shall be picked up by the owner, placed in an appropriate container and removed from the municipal park.

S. All garbage and trash shall be deposited in appropriate receptacles and no person shall bring non-park generated garbage or trash into the park for the purpose of discarding or disposing of such.

T. Fires are permitted only in designated fire rings or cookers. No other open fires are permitted on municipal properties.

U. Trees and shrubs are not to be climbed or hung on, or used as poles for game nets or swings, or used for the purpose of displaying signs, bills or other objects, nor can any nails, screws or other foreign objects be inserted in municipal park vegetation. (Ord. 812, 2010; Ord. 771 § 1, 2006; Ord. 690 §1, 1999; Ord. 665, 1998; Ord. 661 §2, 1998)

Municipal Parks identified as Public Infrastructure

Municipal parks are declared to be public infrastructure and no persons other than duly authorized municipal employees in the performance of job duties shall dig, remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or cut any trees, plants, shrubs, blooms, flowers, or any portion of the vegetation growing in a municipal park except by approval of the Scappoose city council.