

## CITY OF OSHKOSH PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

The term " park" is defined to mean all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the City for park or recreational purposes, or placed under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department, and includes, without limitation, parks, parkways, greenways, recreational facilities and structures, and privately owned lands the use of which has been granted or leased to the City for park, recreational, or like public purposes.

The below are paraphrased sections from Chapter 19 of the City of Oshkosh Municipal Code. Please refer to the Municipal Code for exact stipulations and/or additional information.

**PARK HOURS:** No person is to be in any park, pavilions, shelters, or beaches within the City between the hours of 11: 00 P.M. and 5: 00 A.M. with the following exceptions:

- The Fox River Riverwalk.
- Those portions of parks which are designated for boat launching, boat launch parking, boat tie-up or fishing purposes when used for those purposes.
- Authorized city employees or those granted special permissions by the Common Council
- Any park may be declared partially or entirely closed to the public by the Common Council and/or the Director of Parks at any time and for any interval of time, either temporary or at regular or stated intervals.

**USE OF PARK FACILITIES:** Park facilities and park areas may be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis upon making application to the Parks Department. The schedule of rental facilities and respective fees as established by the Parks Department, and approved by the Common Council.

**CAMPING:** No person shall camp in any City park in any vehicle which has accommodations for sleeping, or in any tent or sleeping bag in the open, or in any manner unless authorized to do so by waiver issued by the Common Council.

**DOMESTICATED ANIMALS:** No domesticated animals shall be allowed in the parks, City Park buildings, playground areas, picnic shelters, sport/ athletic facilities, beaches, zoo, pool, splash pads, cemeteries or special event areas. Animals assisting disabled persons and police canines are permitted.

Domesticated animals on a leash no longer than six feet (6') and under full control of their owners are permitted as outlined below.

- At City Park boat launches, only when being transferred from vehicles to boats, or boats to vehicles.
- On the Fox River Riverwalk.
- For the purpose of being walked on passthrough walkways or trails and parking lots serving the walkways or trails.
- Upon waiver granted by the Common Council.

All owners are required to clean up any waste deposited by their domesticated animal and properly dispose of it off-site.

**FEEDING OF GEESE AND GULLS:** The feeding of geese and gulls, or other birds or animals in any City park is strictly prohibited.

**FIRES:** Fires are permitted only in grills unless permission is granted to allow fires in other areas by the Parks Director and Fire Chief.

**AMPLIFIED NOISE:** An amplification permit must be approved prior to using any device to amplify sound in a City park. The use of radios, stereos, or other similar devices is permitted, except that the volume of sound shall be controlled so that it is not unreasonably loud, disturbing, or of such character, intensity, or duration that it is disturbing to any person within the range of audibility. The human speech or music amplified shall not be profane, lewd, indecent, or slanderous. Amplified sound or music shall not be permitted after 10:00 PM.

**GLASS CONTAINERS:** Glass beverage containers of any kind are prohibited in all parks unless authorized by the Common Council.

**LITTER:** It is unlawful for any person to leave, throw or break any bottle, box, refuse, or other object, except in clearly marked refuse receptacles provided for that purpose. Where receptacles for rubbish and refuse are not provided, all waste shall be carried away from the park by the person or group responsible for it.

It is unlawful to throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the water of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, river, or other body of water or on the ice thereof, in or adjacent to any park, any substance, matter, or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

**MOVING OF PARK EQUIPMENT:** No person or group shall remove any bench, seat, table, or any other park equipment from any park or park facility unless prior approval of the Parks Director is obtained.

**REGULATED ACTIVITIES:** No person shall engage in any athletic contest, game, or activity, except in areas specifically designated for such activity.

**SALES IN PARKS:** It is unlawful for any person, organization, group, or association to vend, sell, peddle, or offer for sale any foods, refreshments, commodities, or articles within any park, except by concession agreement or authorization by the Common Council for major operations, or by authorization of the Parks Director for minor operations.

**CITY FOUNTAINS:** No person or privately owned animal is permitted to swim, bathe, wade, or otherwise enter into in any City of Oshkosh fountain. Nor shall any person place, throw, or deposit in any City of Oshkosh fountain any substance or object, except coins.

**SKATE PARK:** The use of bikes, scooters, motorized vehicles, or other wheeled devices, except for skateboards or inline skates, is prohibited at the Red Arrow Skate Park.

**FISHING:** No person shall fish from any of the City boat launch docks.

Fishing is prohibited in the following areas of the Fox River Riverwalk:

- Along the north side from Main Street to Jackson Street
- Along the south side from the Oregon Street Bridge east 425 feet
- Along the south side from the Oregon Street Bridge west 1, 950 feet

**PARKING AND PARKING STALL RESTRICTIONS:** No person shall drive or park any motor driven vehicle or trailer upon the grass or trail(s) or park any place other than upon the established roadways or parking lots unless authorized to do so by the Parks Director or designee.

Except as otherwise specifically permitted by this code and as designated by appropriate signage, no person shall park a vehicle without a trailer attached within double length stalls in any park or park a vehicle with a trailer attached within single length stalls in any park. Exceptions are as follows:

- Vehicles without trailers may use double stalls for parking on weekdays from 8 am- 4 pm at William Steiger Boat Launch.
- Vehicles with trailers may use single stalls for parking from 11 pm-4 pm on weekdays and from 11 pm-8 am on holidays and weekends at Menominee Park.

Failure to obey regulations will result in your vehicle being ticketed.

**PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCHES:** No person shall use any City owned or operated boat launch facility for launching purposes without an annual, multi-year or daily launching permit. Boats and motorized watercraft that are trailered shall be launched only in areas where boat launches are provided as designated by the city. All boat launch areas will be open 24 hours per day during the navigation season. No boats will be allowed to attach or tie-up, in any manner, adjacent to or on the tie- up docks which are adjacent to the launching ramps, except for immediate launching or loading or for authorized events.

**TRANSIENT DOCKING:** All docks and piers that are not used for boat launching may be used for transient boaters. Persons using these docks and piers shall not be allowed to dock more than 48 consecutive hours. Persons using the docks along the north side of the Fox River Riverwalk from Main Street to Wisconsin Street shall not be allowed to dock more than 24 consecutive hours.

**SAILBOAT STORAGE:** Eligibility for storage is granted only through a Miller's Bay Mooring Program Application. Boats are to be stored, parked or tied down only in designated areas. Boats, trailers, or other appurtenant gear not located within the designated area are subject to removal. Owners of such equipment are responsible for repair costs to city property if damage results arising out of, or incurred in the process of storing, parking or securing sailboats.

**PARK SUSPENSIONS:** Separately from any penalties prescribed within Chapter 19 of Municipal Code, Wisconsin State Statutes, or any other applicable rule or regulation, the Director of Parks, or his/ her designee, may suspend the park privileges of any person found to be in violation of city ordinances, state statutes, or other applicable rules and regulations within city parks.