

CHAPTER 17
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

For State Law providing that local governments may acquire, see U.C.A., 1953, Section 11-2-1; entertainment facilities for citizens, U.C.A., 1953 Section 11-2-6; expenses, payments of, authority to appropriate and tax, U.C.A., 1953, Section 11-2-7; donations, U.C.A., 1953, Section 11-2-8; minimum sanitary standards, U.C.A., 1953, Section 26-15-4; outdoor recreation facilities, participation in federal programs, U.C.A., 1953, as amended, 1967, Section 63-28-6 to 6-28-10; cities, special taxes for recreational facilities; levy, determination of benefits, U.C.A., 1953, as amended 1967, Section 10-7-47. See also U.C.A., 1953, Section 10-8-9.

Sections:

1. Recreation board
2. Offenses in parks and playgrounds

Section 17-1. Recreation Board. (2)

The Mayor, by and with the consent of the City Council, may appoint a Public Recreation Board, to supervise the work, care, maintenance, improvement and beautifying of all public parks, playgrounds and all special parking districts in the city. Said Board shall consist of five (5) persons, who shall serve for a term of five (5) years, and until their successors are appointed; provided, that the members first appointed should be appointed for such terms that the term of one member will expire annually thereafter. Vacancies in a board occurring otherwise than be expiration of term shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the unexpired term. The members of the recreation board shall serve without compensation. Said Board shall elect its own chairman and secretary, and shall appoint all other officers necessary, for a period of one year; and may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

2. For State Law see U.C.A., 1953, Sections 11-32-3, 11-2-4 and 11-1-5.

Section 17-2. Offenses in parks and playgrounds.

It shall be unlawful for any person to do or suffer or permit to be done any of the acts hereinafter specified in any public park, special parking district or playground in the City, or in any place now or which may hereafter be set aside or used as a public park, special parking district or playground.

1. Animals and fowl. If lead or let loose any cattle, horse, mule, goat, sheep, swine, dogs, or fowl of any kind;
2. Fireworks or explosives. To carry or discharge any firearms, firecrackers, rockets, torpedoes, power or any other firework or explosive;
3. Injuring, etc., tree, structure, etc. To cut, break, injure, deface or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, cage, pen, monument, fence, bench or other structure, apparatus, or property; or to pluck, pull up, cut, take or remove any shrub, bush, plant or flower or to make or write upon any building, monument, fence, bench or other structure;

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4. Cutting wood; removing turf, soil, etc. To cut or remove any wood, turf, grass, soil, rock, sand or gravel;
5. Camping. To camp or lodge therein;
6. Riding or driving horses or vehicles. To ride or drive any horse, or other animal, or to propel any vehicle, cycle or automobile elsewhere than on the roads, or drives provided for such purposes and never on footpaths;
7. Hitching horses to trees, etc. To hitch or fasten any horse or other animal to any tree or any other place or structure not specially designated and provided for such purpose;
8. Speed limit. To ride or drive any animal or vehicle as a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour;
9. Playing games. To play or engage in any game except at such place as shall be specially set apart for that purpose;
10. Trash, rubbish or garbage. To throw or deposit any bottles, tin or tin cans, broken glass, nails, tacks, crockery, wire, paper, cloths, scrap or sheet iron, boxes, boards, lumber or stone or any rubbish or garbage;
11. Annoying, etc., bird or animal belonging to City. To annoy, injure or in any way interfere with any bird or animal which is the property to the city;
12. Swimming, bathing or wading. To swim, bathe or wade in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake or stream not set-aside for that purpose.

Section 17-3. Smoking Prohibited in City Parks and Recreational Areas.

- A. Smoking is prohibited in all city parks and city recreational areas.
- B. City parks and city recreational areas are defined as city owned parks, ball diamonds, soccer fields, pocket parks, and trails, with the exception of city streets, sidewalks, and designated smoking areas.
- C. "Smoking" means and includes possession, carrying, or holding a lighted pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting or emitting or exhaling of smoke of a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or of any other lighted smoking equipment.
- D. No smoking" signs or the international "no smoking" symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) shall be clearly and conspicuously posted in every city park and recreational area.
- E. A violation of this section is an infraction. Police officers shall have discretion to issue a "warning" if deemed in the best interest of the city for a first offense.