CHAPTER 47

PARK RULES

47.01  Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to provide rules governing the use of the public parks of the City.

47.02  Use of Roads Required. Use of motorized bikes, scooters or vehicles is restricted to designated roads, roadways and parking areas, except official vehicles or with written permission.

47.03  Park Hours. All parks are closed to public use from ten o’clock (10:00) p.m. to six o’clock (6:00) a.m., and no person shall be present on park property during those hours unless written permission from the Park Board has been granted or unless the use is limited to a particular recreational facility which is posted for use after 10:00 p.m.

47.04  Littering. No person shall litter park grounds with any form of waste material.

47.05  Weapons and Dangerous Toys. Use of firearms, BB guns, slingshots, javelins, bow and arrow, rubber guns or other dangerous instruments or toys in parks is prohibited. Likewise, throwing stones or other missiles on park property is prohibited. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the playing of disk “frisbee” golf on established disk golf courses.

47.06  Hunting and Trapping. Hunting and trapping on park property are prohibited.

47.07  Alcoholic Beverages. Consumption of beer, wine or alcoholic beverages is prohibited in any park from ten o’clock (10:00) p.m. to six o’clock (6:00) a.m. except by special permit.

47.08  Fires. Setting a fire is prohibited except in fireplaces and/or in designated areas.

47.09  Dead Wood. Removal of dead wood from park areas is prohibited without written permission from the Parks Director.

47.10  Trees and Plants. Cutting, digging or removal of any tree, bush or plant material from any park is prohibited.

47.11  Golf. No person shall play, practice or otherwise hit a golf ball in any manner in any park area without special permission from the Park Board.
47.12 ROCKETS AND MODEL AIRPLANES. Use of liquid or solid fuel propelled rockets or model airplanes, with or without cables, is prohibited in all park areas, except by written permission of the Park Board or its authorized representative.

47.13 SOUND AMPLIFIERS. Use of a musical instrument with sound amplifier or sound equipment that includes amplifiers is prohibited in all park areas without written permission of the Park Board.

47.14 SALES AND SERVICES. No services shall be rendered for a fee or merchandise sold or made available or business of any kind transacted or entertainment given for a fee in any park without first obtaining written permission from the Park Board or its authorized representative.

47.15 PLAYING IN. It is unlawful for any person to coast, sled, skateboard or roller blade in a municipal park, except in the areas blocked off or otherwise designated by the City for such purposes. *(Ord. 02-27 – Feb. 03 Supp.)*

47.16 SMOKING AND THE USE OF TOBACCO, NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND VAPORIZERS PROHIBITED. Smoking and the use of any tobacco product, nicotine product, or electronic vaporizer, by any person, in any publicly owned outdoor park or outdoor recreational facility is prohibited at all times. The term “publicly owned outdoor park or outdoor recreational facility” means any publicly owned outdoor park or facility including any park, playground, athletic field or complex, skate park, aquatic area, shelter, trail and includes any associated restroom or parking lot. The term “tobacco product” as used in this section means any cigarette or tobacco product as defined in Chapter 453 of the Iowa Code. The term “nicotine product” as used in this section means any product containing nicotine including look-a-like products where the original would include tobacco or nicotine including products that are dissolvable, spit less, snus, or for chewing. The term “smoking” as used in this section means inhaling or exhaling from any lighted or heated pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted or heated tobacco, plant material, liquid, oils, nicotine or other chemicals that may be inhaled by the user. The term “electronic vaporizer” as used in this section means any device, including, but not limited to e-cigarettes, e-pens, e-hookah, e-cigars, and vape pens used to vaporize plant material, liquids, oils, nicotine or other chemicals that may be inhaled by users. This section does not apply to the use of prescription medications by the person to whom the prescription was issued nor to the use of gum or patches designed as and marketed for smoking cessation. *(Ord. 15-02 – May 12 Supp.)*