

Pittsfield Public Parks Rules and Regulations

- 1.00 **Alcoholic Beverages**
Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed, possessed, sold, or distributed in any City park without a permit issued by the City Licensing Board and approval by the Parks Commission.
- 2.00 **Bicycles**
Bicycles are prohibited from athletic and playing fields, and Park Square.
- 3.00 **Camping**
Camping is prohibited within any City park without a permit issued by the Parks Commission.
- 4.00 **Commercial Activities**
Selling, or offering for sale, any merchandise or article in any City park is prohibited without a permit issued by the Parks Commission. No person may practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession without a permit issued by the Parks Commission.
- 5.00 **Conduct**
Boisterous, riotous, threatening, or indecent conduct is prohibited within any City park.
- 6.00 **Firearms**
Firearms may not be carried or discharged within any City park.
- 7.00 **Fires**
Open flames must be contained within public grills provided by the City and must be completely extinguished upon departure. Propane grills are not permitted in any park. Permits for bonfires may be obtained through written request to the Parks Commission.
- 8.00 **Games**
No game may be played within a City park involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such types of recreation. Athletic games are not permitted in Park Square, and golfing and paintball in any City park is strictly prohibited.
- 9.00 **Handbills and Advertising**
Handbills, circulars, or advertising devices of any kind may not be posted, placed or erected within any City park.
- 10.00 **Litter**
Litter must be placed in designated containers. Yard waste or household refuse may not be brought from private property and left in any City park.
- 11.00 **Malicious Mischief, Damage**
Damaging or defacing any tree, shrub, building, sign, or other structure, apparatus or property within a City park is prohibited.
- 12.00 **Mass Meetings, Public Assembly and Special Events**
Mass meetings, public assembly, and special events may be held in any City park by first obtaining a permit approved by the Parks Commission.

13.00 **Operating Hours**

All City parks are open to the public between sunrise and sunset. Lighted activity areas close at 10 p.m. These operating hours shall not apply to Park Square.

14.00 **Pets**

All animals brought on City park property must be leashed and not be allowed to run at large, and at all times must be leashed and entirely within the control of the owner, except in areas designated 'off-leash'. Persons bringing an animal on City park property are responsible for immediate cleanup and removal of the animal's waste. Pets, excluding trained service dogs, must be kept out of active play areas, including but not limited to beaches, playgrounds, basketball courts, and playing fields of any kind. Failure to comply with the above shall result in fines as stated in City Code Chapter 4 ½.

The owner or keeper of any animal who shall be found by an animal control officer or park security personnel to have defecated without immediate cleanup on property within the mowed, cleared, or otherwise maintained area of park property shall be subject to the fines stated in City Code Chapter 4 ½.

15.00 **Repairing or Washing Vehicles**

Vehicles may not be repaired or washed within any City park.

16.00 **Smoking and Tobacco Use**

Smoking of any substance, including cigarettes and electronic cigarettes, as well as the use of any tobacco products, is prohibited in City parks and playgrounds.

17.00 **Trespass**

Trespassing in any City park, park building, playground, or beach area is prohibited. A trespass shall be any unauthorized entry in, upon, or across any property under the jurisdiction of the Parks Commission.

18.00 **Traffic Regulations**

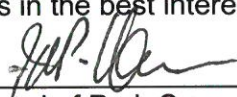
Motor vehicles may not operate in excess of 15 miles per hour within any City park, unless otherwise posted. Motor vehicles may only be driven on established park roads, and parked only in established or designated parking areas. All-terrain vehicles, dirtbikes, and snowmobiles are strictly prohibited from operating within City parks.

19.00 **Wildlife**

Catching, injuring, destroying or interfering in any way with birds, squirrels, or any wild animals within any City park is strictly prohibited.

PENALTIES: Where any violation herein is also a violation of state law or other city ordinances, the penalty for such violation shall be as provided in such state law or city ordinance. Other violations herein shall be punishable as provided in the General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 24, by a fine not exceeding \$200.

WAIVER RIGHTS: The Board of Parks Commissioners reserves the right to waive and/or limit these rules at any time if it is in the best interest of the City of Pittsfield.

 9-16-14

Chairman, Board of Park Commissioners

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