Pittsfield Public Parks and Conservation Area
Rules and Regulations

The Board of Parks Commissioners and the Conservation Commission of the City of Pittsfield, by virtue of the authority vested in it to make rules and regulations for the use of any land in the City of Pittsfield taken or held for park, playground, recreation and conservation purposes or for like purposes under any Special Act, hereby ordains that within the limits and on the land now or hereafter comprising all park property and conservation areas under the control of said Board of Parks Commissioners and Conservation Commission, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 5 and Chapter 40, Section 8C:

1.00 **Alcoholic Beverages**
Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed, possessed, sold, or distributed in any City park or conservation area without a permit issued by the City Licensing Board and approval by the Managing 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 or conservation area without a permit issued by the Managing Commission.

4.00 **Commercial Activities**
Selling, or offering for sale, any merchandise or article in any City park or conservation area is prohibited without a permit issued by the Managing Commission. No person may practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession without a permit issued by the Managing Commission.

5.00 **Conduct**
Indecent conduct; engaging in fighting, assultive, threatening, tumultuous or reckless behavior; or creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition are prohibited in any City park or conservation area. Any action described as Disorderly Conduct or Disturbing the Peace, as defined in MGL Ch. 272, § 53 is strictly prohibited in any City park or conservation area.

6.00 **Firearms**
Firearms of any kind, and air/C02 rifles or BB guns (including but not limited to; pellet guns, pellet or BB pistols, AirSoft guns, paintball guns) as defined in MGL Ch. 140, §121, 269, §12A and Ch. 269, §12B; or any dangerous weapon as defined in MGL Ch. 269 §10(b) capable of causing injury or death may not be carried, possessed or discharged within or into any City park or conservation area by any person not otherwise authorized by law.

6.10 **Hunting**
Notwithstanding any other prohibition set forth in section 6.00, the use of primitive firearms (including black powder rifles, muskets, compound bows, recurve bows, crossbows), and center fire, and rim fire firearms is permissible by Massachusetts licensed sportsman who are engaging in the act of hunting of waterfowl, gallinaceous birds, big game, and/or small game species during the applicable open hunting season only on properties located at the Barkerville Conservation Area and the Brattlebrook Park Conservation Area.

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 City park or conservation area. Permits for bonfires may be obtained through written request to the Managing Commission.

8.00 **Games**
No game may be played or activity undertaken within a City park or conservation area involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as arrows, javelins, radio controlled aircraft, or other
unmanned aerial vehicles 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 and conservation area 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 or conservation area.

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 or conservation area.

11.00
**Malicious Mischief, Damage**
Damaging or defacing any tree, shrub, building, sign, or other structure, apparatus or property within a City park or conservation area is prohibited.

12.00
**Managing Commission**
The term "Managing Commission" shall mean the Parks Commission or the Conservation Commission as applicable.

13.00
**Mass Meetings, Public Assembly and Special Events**
Mass meetings, public assembly, and special events may be held in any City park or conservation area by first obtaining a permit approved by the Managing Commission.

14.00
**Operating Hours**
No person shall enter or remain in any City park or conservation area after sunset and before sunrise except for lighted activity areas which close at 10 p.m. and except for Park Square which has unrestricted operating hours.

15.00
**Pets**
All animals brought on City park or conservation area property must be leashed and not be allowed to run at large, and entirely within the control of the owner, except in areas designated 'off-leash'. Persons bringing an animal on City park or conservation area 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 or conservation property shall be subject to the fines stated in City Code Chapter 4 ½.

16.00
**Repairing or Washing Vehicles**
Vehicles may not be repaired or washed within any City park or conservation area.

17.00
**Smoking, Tobacco and Marijuana Use**
Smoking of any substance, whether tobacco or marijuana, and including cigarettes and electronic cigarettes, as well as the use of any tobacco products, is prohibited in City parks, playgrounds and conservation areas.

18.00
**Trespass**
Trespassing in any City park, conservation area, park building, playground, or beach area is prohibited. A trespass shall consist of any unauthorized entry in, upon, or across any property under the jurisdiction of the Managing Commission or remaining on said property after closing hours.
19.00 **Traffic Regulations**  
Motor vehicles may not operate in excess of 15 miles per hour within any City park or conservation area, unless otherwise posted. Motor vehicles may only be driven on established roads within a park or conservation property and parked only in established or designated parking areas. Recreational off-highway vehicles, including but not limited to; all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, utility task vehicles, and snowmobiles are strictly prohibited from operating within City parks and conservation areas.

20.00 **Wildlife**  
Catching, injuring, destroying or interfering in any way with birds, squirrels, or any wild animals within any City park or conservation area is strictly prohibited, except as described in section 6.1. Fishing is allowed on all conservation properties by licensed anglers or those 14 years of age and younger.

These rules and regulations may be enforced by the Pittsfield Police or the Managing Commission or their designee.

**PENALTIES:**
Where any violation herein is also a violation of state law or City ordinances, the penalty for such violation shall be as provided in such state law or City ordinance. Other violations herein shall be punishable by the offender being barred and prohibited from entering any and all City parks and conservation areas and, as prescribed in General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 24, and General Law, Chapter 40, Sections 8C and 21D by fines as authorized therein.

In addition to the penalties described above, anyone who damages City property shall be liable to the City for the costs incurred by the City in repairing, remediating or replacing damaged City property.

**WAIVER RIGHTS:** The Board of Parks Commissioners and the Conservation Commission 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.

![Signature](Michel Matthew)  
Chairman, Board of Park Commissioners  
DATE 7/26/19

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Chairman, Pittsfield Conservation Commission  
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