

TEMPLE TERRACE CODE
CHAPTER 15 - PARKS AND RECREATION

Section 15.150 DEFINITIONS.

When used hereinafter, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) The terms "parks, parkways, recreational areas," are defined to mean parks, wayside parks, parkways, playgrounds, recreation fields, auditoriums, ranges, and buildings, lakes, streams, canals, lagoons, waterways, water areas, and beaches therein, and all public facilities conducted on grounds, buildings and structures in the City of Temple Terrace which are under the control of or assigned for upkeep, maintenance or operation by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department.

(b) The term "park property" is defined to cover all areas, buildings, locations and facilities described in the foregoing paragraph.

(c) The terms "Parks Department" or the "Department" are defined as the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department and the term "Department Director" refers to the Director of said Department.

(d) The term "park personnel" refers to those individuals employed by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department.

(e) In construing the provisions of this Chapter and each and every word, phrase or part thereof where the context will permit, the definitions provided in Section 1.01, Florida Statutes, shall apply.

Section 15.155 TRAFFIC ORDINANCES AND STATE VEHICLE LAWS.

The traffic laws of this State and applicable State vehicle laws shall apply in and about all park property and in addition thereto the following traffic regulations shall be applicable:

(a) Speed limit in park areas is ten (10) miles per hour or as posted.

(b) No person driving, operating, controlling, or propelling any vehicle, motorized, horsedrawn, or self-propelled, shall use any other than the regularly designated paved or improved park roads or driveways except when directed to do so by law enforcement officers or Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department employees.

(c) No driver or operator of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic or park or stop on any road or driveway except at places so designated or in case of an emergency beyond the driver or operator's control. At places so designated a vehicle may be stopped for a period of no more than fifteen (15) minutes in order for the occupant to view the scenic features.

(d) No truck, commercial vehicle, or bus of any type shall be driven on any park road or property without authorization from the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department, except that those trucks and buses used for transporting persons to a park for recreation purposes will be afforded use of ingress and egress to park roads and parking facilities as provided for conventional passenger vehicles.

(e) No person shall ride, drive or propel any bicycle, tricycle, motorcycle, scooter, or similar vehicle being motor propelled or self-propelled on any but the regular vehicular park roads and/or designated areas for that class vehicle; except such vehicles with motors off, may be pushed by hand not faster than a walk over grassy areas, wood tracts or specially designated paved areas normally reserved for the use of pedestrians.

(f) No person shall park a vehicle any place on park property other than in the regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle, unless directed otherwise by law enforcement officers.

(g) No person or organization shall accept any fee or gratuity for any service concerning the parking of a vehicle except those employees assigned to areas where a stated fee is charged by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department.

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Section 15.160 PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY.

(a) No person shall damage or remove plants or plant materials, trees or parts thereof or any flowers whatsoever from any Parks Department property, except that park personnel may be empowered to make such removals and scientists and students of botany may be given special written specimen collecting permits by the Department Director, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Parks Department.

(b) No person or agency shall make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting, or other means, or shall construct or erect any building or structure whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public utility into, upon, across or over any park or recreation lands unless authorized by easement or by permit issued by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department.

(c) No fires shall be built by any person against or adjacent to any park building, structure, tree or plant or near the property of others or in any area of any park except in such areas as are specifically designated for fire building, nor shall any person drop, throw or permit to be scattered by any means, lighted matches, burning tobacco products or any other inflammable material within any park area or any highway, road, or street abutting or contiguous thereto.

Section 15.165 PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE.

(a) No person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, net, trap, snare, hunt, chase, shoot, throw or propel by any means, missiles at any wildlife creature (except in self-defense) be it animal, bird, or reptile roaming free about a park or in captivity in a zoo cage, nor shall any person remove or possess the young of any wild animal or the nest or eggs of any reptile or bird or collect, remove possess, give away, sell or offer to sell, buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift any specimen dead or alive of any of the group, including tree snails.

(b) No person shall disobey posted notice prohibiting feeding to animals, birds or reptiles.

(c) No person shall place, dump, abandon or leave any animal, reptile or bird, either wild or domestic, in an effort to find a home for such creature, on the grounds of any park.

Section 15.170 BATHING AND SWIMMING.

No person shall swim, wade, or bathe in waters or waterways of any park other than at such places as are provided for such activities and in compliance with the rules of these areas.

Section 15.175 BOATING.

No person shall bring into or operate any boat, yacht, cruiser, canoe, raft or other watercraft (except toys too small for human occupancy) into any park property watercourses, bays, lagoons, lakes, canals, rivers, ponds, or sloughs other than those so designated for such use or purpose by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department and then only in strict confirmation with the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department boating regulations.

Section 15.180 HUNTING AND FIREARMS.

No person, except law enforcement officers, shall carry, use or possess firearms of any description, air rifles or pistols, spring guns, or any other form of weapon potentially inimical to wildlife or dangerous to human safety on or in any park area or property, except in designated areas or events approved by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department; except that bows and arrows can be used at designated archery areas and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department.

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Section 15.185 PICNIC AREA; USE.

- (a) No person shall picnic, lunch or cook in any park area not specifically designated for such usage.
- (b) No person shall build, light, or cause to be lighted any fire upon the ground or other object in any park area except in an approved grill, stove, fireplace or other suitable container, nor shall any person starting a fire leave the area without extinguishing the fire.
- (c) No person shall use a grill or other device in such a manner as to burn, char, mar or blemish any bench, table or other object of park property.
- (d) The Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department shall regulate activities in picnic areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all.

Section 15.190 GAMES, ET CETERA.

- (a) No person shall engage in an activity within any park that is not consistent with the intended use of the facility.
- (b) No person shall engage in any activity within the park areas that is dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of others; and no person or persons shall engage in any activity within the park area that interferes with the use and equipment of the park and its facilities by others.
- (c) No person or organization shall conduct raffles, bingo games, card games for money or drawings for prizes or participate in any other forms of gambling in unauthorized areas whether for charity or otherwise.
- (d) No person shall engage in an organized athletic activity in any park or parks and recreation area without first obtaining a permit from the Director in accordance with the rules provided therefor.

Section 15.195 HORSEBACK RIDING.

No person shall engage in horseback riding in any park or Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department area other than those where provisions for such is provided by clearly marked bridle paths, trails, and other necessary features and then only upon thoroughly broken and properly restrained animals that are ridden with care, prevented from grazing, straying unattended, untethered to any rock, tree or shrub and not ridden or led on any park land other than that so designated.

Section 15.200 TOY FIREARMS, FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES.

- (a) No person may bring into or have in his possession or set off or otherwise cause to explode in any building or in any park area, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, toy firearms or cannons or other fireworks or explosives of inflammable material or any substance, compound, mixture, or article that in conjunction with any other substance or compound, may explode, discharge or burn, unless he first obtains a written permit from the Fire Chief.
- (b) Parents or guardians shall be held responsible and accountable for the actions of minors in regards to the prohibitions in the foregoing subsection [Section 15.200(a)].

Section 15.205 POLLUTION OF WATERS.

Using the fountains, ponds, lakes, streams, bays or any other bodies of water within the parks, or the tributaries, storm sewers or drains flowing into them as dumping places for any substance or matter or thing which will or may result in the pollution of said waters is prohibited.

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Section 15.210 REFUSE AND TRASH.

No person shall deposit or drop or place any refuse including, but not limited to, bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste garbage, tobacco products or containers or foil upon the ground or in or on any park property except in the receptacles provided for trash disposal. Such disposition of refuse in the park receptacles can only be used by those persons using the park area for recreational and park activities.

Section 15.215 TIMES OF CLOSING, EXCEPTIONS, ACTIVITY.

(a) No person shall be or remain in any City park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except as follows:

- (1) Persons may remain in the areas designated as twenty-four (24) hour boat launching areas at any time for the sole purpose of boat launching;
- (2) Persons may remain in lighted City parks solely to engage in the activity for which lighting after 10:00 p.m. has been provided;
- (3) At any time, pedestrians and vehicles may pass through City parks, without stopping, on the most direct walk or driveway leading from their point of entrance to the exit nearest to their point of destination.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to law enforcement officers or City employees in the discharge of their duties or to persons having a written permit issued by the City Manager, or his designee, allowing them to be or remain in any part of a City park between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The City Manager may establish exceptions to the closing hours as set forth above when it is in the interest of public health, safety or welfare; however, any such exceptions shall be conspicuously posted at the park.

(b) No operator of any vehicle shall park, or permit to remain parked, any vehicle on any driveway, parkway, parking area or other park property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., or as otherwise posted, except for in conjunction with designated twenty-four (24) hour boat launching facilities. (*Ord. No. 570, 1-7-86*)

Section 15.220 UNFINISHED OR WITHHELD PARKS.

No person, except as authorized by the Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department, shall enter upon any part of any park which is in an unfinished condition or under construction or withheld from the general public usage in the interest of public safety, health and/or welfare.

Section 15.225 USE OF VEHICLES.

(a) No operator of a vehicle shall tow another vehicle or wheeled device on park roads except when the towed vehicle is used in transporting authorized recreational vehicles or small boats into a designated area or when necessary to remove a disabled vehicle.

(b) No vehicles, except those legally authorized to carry passengers for hire or for fare, shall operate in the parks, and such vehicles shall be the only ones which pedestrians may hail for rides.

(c) No person shall change any parts, repair or lubricate a vehicle on any park roadway, parkway, driveway, parking lot or other park property.

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Section 15.230 MERCHANDISING, VENDING, PEDDLING, ET CETERA.

No person, persons, organization or firm except concessionaires who have obtained a permit from the Director, in accordance with the rules provided therefor, shall expose or offer for sale, rent or trade, any article or thing or station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle, for the transportation, sale or display of any article or merchandise within the limits of any park or recreation area.

Section 15.235 ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY AND SIGNS.

No person shall advertise or obtain publicity through any means whatsoever within or upon any park property, without obtaining a permit in advance, from the Director in accordance with the rules provided therefor. Such approval shall prohibit damage to or marring of park property or vegetation, disturbance of park patrons, or erection, painting or displaying of anything unsightly or in disharmony with park beauty.

Section 15.240 PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, GATHERING, PERFORMANCES, SPEECHES, ET CETERA.

(a) No band, procession, military company, or any company or group with flags, banners, or transparencies, shall be allowed upon any park or parkway or within any park without obtaining a permit in advance from the Director in accordance with the rules provided therefor. Said permit shall clearly define the nature of the activity, the limit of its scope and time and setting forth such other restrictions and requirements as provided by the rules.

(b) No entertainment or exhibition shall be given in any park or recreation area without obtaining a permit in advance from the Director in accordance with the rules provided therefor.

(c) No public meeting of any kind nor any public speeches by any person, persons, representatives of any political party, social club or society, officer aspirant, religious sect, theatrical or circus group, act, rite or ceremony, or other public exhibition shall be held in any park, parkway, playground or other recreational area without obtaining a permit in advance from the Director in accordance with the rules provided therefor.

Section 15.245 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, drink, consume or possess any opened or unsealed container containing an alcoholic beverage at any time in any public park.

Section 15.250 LOITERING IN OR AROUND CERTAIN FACILITIES PROHIBITED.

No person shall loiter in or around any Temple Terrace Parks & Recreation Department restroom, dressing room, or bathhouse.

Section 15.255 AUTHORITY OF POLICE CHIEF AND PARK OFFICIALS.

(a) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Police Chief and the Director to enforce all provisions of permits issued.

(b) Besides the rules and regulations as set out in this Chapter, the Director shall have the authority to establish rules and regulations for regulation of park use pursuant to the preservation of health, safety and/or welfare of the public in furtherance of keeping with the mandates and provisions of this Chapter.

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(c) Any violation of the provisions of this Chapter, or any violation of any rules and regulations adopted pursuant hereto shall authorize the park personnel to remove the violator from the park area; said removal shall be effectuated by park personnel requesting the violator to remove himself from the park area. Failure of any such violator, to remove himself from the park area after direction and request has been made by park personnel, shall constitute a trespass.

Section 15.260 CAMPING.

Camping in privately owned trailer units or tents shall be allowed only if a permit has been obtained in advance from the Director in accordance with the rules and regulations provided therefor.

(Ord. No. 371, 10-17-78; Ord. No. 904, 11-21-95)

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