

Town Of Hebron
Parks & Recreation Commission
Park Policies

Sec 1 Introduction

The Town of Hebron (hereafter, The Town) takes pride in the high quality of its parks and recreational facilities. The Parks & Recreation Commission (hereafter, The Commission) has therefore directed the staff of the Parks & Recreation Department (hereafter, The Department) to manage the Town's park & athletic fields in a fair manner that recognizes proper care and conditioning.

Sec 2 Hours of operation

All parks and recreational facilities shall be open Sunrise to Sunset unless posted by the Parks & Recreation Director (hereafter, The Director) subject to the limitations stated. No person shall under any circumstances without written permission enter, remain, or loiter in any park or recreational facility, between closing and opening time as posted by the Director. All parks of the Town will have signs posted regarding hours.

Sec 3 Exclusion from park and recreational facilities

The Town Manager, the Director as the designee of the Town Manager and any police authority shall have the right to exclude, when necessary, any person from entering a park or recreation facility or a portion of any park or recreation facility to insure that the area will not become over-crowded, or to insure the safety of persons both inside and outside the park or recreation facility.

The Town Manager, the Director as the designee of the Town Manager and any police authority shall also have the right cause to have removed or excluded from any park or recreation facility any person whose conduct is detrimental to the safety of others, creates a risk of damage to property or is violation of these rules or of any federal, state or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

Sec 4 Supervision of minors

No supervision will be provided by the Department for minors, except in programs sponsored by the Department.

Sec 5 Permits

A permit is required for any person, group, or organization who or which seeks to use any park or recreational facility in a manner which is prohibited by, disallowed under, or at variance with the specific uses and activities permitted under this ordinance, or where an exception is sought or if scheduled for a specific group or use. The Town and its departments shall not be required to obtain a permit, to enter upon park facility for any Town purpose but shall in advance obtain permission to perform its function from the Director. A field use plan shall be approved annually by the Commission.

A permit is required for any person, group or organization who or which seeks to engage in any activity which, without any exception to these rules and regulations, would not be permitted or who or which seeks to reserve a park or recreational facility or portion thereof for a particular schedule of events. The Director may approve or deny a permit upon such conditions as are reasonably necessary to protect public property and safety.

Any permit granted by the Director is granted subject to all other statutes, ordinances, and regulations which are applicable to the use sought, activity to be undertaken, and park or recreation facility to be used.

All fees imposed by the Town for use of parks or recreational facilities shall be paid in full at least 7 days prior to the scheduled date of use.

Any permit obtained under this section shall be retained by the person or group for which the permit was granted and shall be shown to the Town Manager, any member of the Department, or police upon request. Failure to have possession of and to show said permit upon such request may subject the person or group to civil removal from the parks, lawful remedies or criminal penalties.

Sec 6 Fees

Fees charged for the use of park or recreational facilities shall be paid directly to the Department with the Town named as payee. Checks may be accepted at the discretion of the Director. A returned check charge may be imposed for all checks which are returned from the payor's bank unpaid. Fee schedule will be annually reviewed by the Commission.

Sec 7 No liability for stolen property, property damage, personal injury

As a condition for use of parks or recreational facilities, persons or groups using any park or recreational facility assume all responsibility for lost or stolen property, personal injuries, or property damage, and by entry onto the park or recreational facility agree that the use of the park or recreational facility is at their own risk.

Sec 8 Use in accordance with law

Any persons or group using parks or recreational facilities shall do so in accordance with all applicable state statutes and regulations, and town ordinances and regulations, and posted rules.

Sec 9 Vehicles, motor vehicles, parking

Motor vehicles are permitted in parks and recreational facilities only in designated areas.

Vehicles shall be parked so as not to unduly restrict the parking of other vehicles or to obstruct the passage of other vehicles, including emergency vehicles or operators, into and out of the designated area.

The following vehicles are permitted access to all park areas

- (1) Authorized emergency vehicles, including but not limited to fire department, police and ambulance, and other emergency vehicles.
- (2) Town vehicles.
- (3) Vehicles engaged in department-approved maintenance.
- (4) Vehicles engaged in activities related to the enforcement of this section.
- (5) Other vehicles authorized by the Director.

Sec 10 Speed Limit

The speed limit within all parks and recreational facilities will be posted, but not more than 20 mph.

Sec 11 Domestic Animals

Domestic animals must be on a leash and restrained at all times. Owners shall clean up and dispose of animal waste, in approved receptacle.

Sec 12 Flying model aircraft.

The use of any flying model aircraft shall be allowed only with permission of the Director.

Sec 13 Swimming.

Swimming is prohibited.

Sec 14 Bicycles.

Bicycles may be ridden in designated areas in parks and recreational facilities, provided that such use is in accordance with all applicable state statutes and general town ordinances regulating the use of bicycles, including but not limited to the requirements pertaining to working brakes and operator helmets.

Bicycles with motors of any kind are specifically prohibited.

Sec 15 Skateboarding, roller skating, rollerblading

Skateboarding, roller skating, and rollerblading are permitted only where posted.

Sec 16 Ice Skating

Ice skating is permitted only at places and under conditions posted.

Sec 17 Prohibited uses and activities

The following uses and activities shall be and are hereby prohibited in parks and recreational facilities:

- *Damage to property.* No persons shall damage, deface, displace, remove, destroy or tamper with any gates, fences, seats, shelters, or structures of any nature whatsoever, roads or any equipment or building or part of thereof, or any sign, notice or inscription, or any growing thing, owned, operated, or under control of the Town.
- *Rubbish/debris.* No rubbish or debris shall be brought into a park or recreational facility for disposal. Any rubbish or debris, which results from the usual and normal use of a park or recreational facility, may be disposed of only in receptacles provided in the park or recreation facility for such purpose. Disposing, throwing, leaving, dropping, or discharging any rubbish or debris in any other place upon the premises of a park or recreational facility is prohibited.
- *Advertising.* No persons, companies, or other entities shall distribute or display any flag, banner, sign or any other matter for advertising purposes, nor attempt to attract attention for advertising purposes by use of any musical instruments or any sound device. The foregoing provision shall not be deemed to prohibit entering a park or recreational facility by means of motor vehicles displaying company logos, identification or other similar information.
- *Soliciting.* No person shall solicit for any purpose within Town Parks whatsoever.

- *Golf.* The playing or practicing of golf, or the driving or hitting of golf balls, is prohibited.
- *Camping.* No person shall camp overnight, unless approved by special permit.
- *Fireworks.* No person shall bring in or have in his possession in any park or recreational facility any fireworks, of any nature whatsoever.
- *Fires.* No person shall kindle, build or maintain a fire except at approved locations.
- *Excavation.* No person shall dig or remove any dirt or stone except in areas designated by the Director, make any excavation in violation of town zoning ordinances, quarry any stone, or set off any explosion, or cause or assist in doing any of these things.
- *Metal Detectors.* The use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- *Damage to vegetation.* No person shall pick any flowers, foliage, or fruit, or cut, break, dig up, or in any manner mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, grass, structure or any other object.

Sec 18 Alcoholic beverages/drugs

No person shall be present in any park or recreational facility under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance or combination thereof to the extent that the person's ability to use the facilities is impaired to a substantial degree or to the extent that the person's condition impairs the health, safety, or enjoyment of the park or recreational facility by any other person or group. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances of any kind may be possessed or consumed by any person within a park or recreational facility.

Sec 19 Director's ability to grant permission

The Director, for good cause, may approve exceptions to these rules by granting permission for such an exception under such conditions as he deems appropriate. All such approvals shall be in writing setting forth the reason therefore.

Sec 20 Power to enforce chapter

The town's police department shall have the power and authority to enforce all sections contained in this ordinance.

Sec 21 Violations and penalties

Any person who violates any of the above rules and regulations shall be subject to a fine, penalties, cost and damages specified in (272-3 in the code ordinances).