



# PARK RULES

## MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 17.1

- a) City parks shall be open to the public from dawn until dusk unless otherwise designated by the parks and recreation commission.
- b) No person in a city park shall drive in any area except parking lots, and shall not drive at a rate of speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour.
- c) Bicycles will be allowed in city parks only on paved areas or paths designated for that purpose.
- d) Swimming, wading, or boating in city parks is prohibited.
- e) Use of pull behind barbeque grills, portable grills or deep fryers is not permitted except with written approval of the Park Superintendent in advance.
- f) Fires are allowed in city parks in fire pits only by use of a special use permit which must be on file with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Public Safety. Fires may be prohibited entirely on the posting of special notices.
- g) Glass bottles of any kind are not allowed in city parks. Waste paper, aluminum cans, tin cans, rubbish, and debris of all kinds shall be deposited in the containers provided for that purpose in city parks. All areas shall be left in a clean and orderly condition.
- h) Camping is not allowed in city parks unless authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation for city sponsored special events.
- i) Pets shall be permitted in city parks only when on a secured leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. The pooper scooper law is in effect in all parks.
- j) Horses, petting zoos, inflatable's and pony rides are strictly prohibited in city parks. Amplified music is not permitted unless authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation for a city sponsored event.
- k) No person shall enter an area building, or roadway in a park posted "No Admittance" or "Closed to the Public."
- l) No person shall go onto the ice of any of the waters of the city parks, except the areas designated as skating field, and then only if a safety signal is displayed.
- m) Solicitation of any business or service in city parks is prohibited. No person, firm or corporation is permitted to offer or advertise merchandise or other goods for sale or hire in city parks. The maintaining of a concession or the use of any park facility, building, trail, road or other park property for commercial purposes is prohibited except upon recommendation of the parks and recreation commission and approval of the board of aldermen.
- n) Firearms, slingshots, bows and arrows, and guns of any kind are strictly prohibited in the parks.
- o) It is unlawful to hurt, molest, harm, trap, kill, shoot or release any animal, reptile or bird in city parks.
- p) Athletic fields are use by permit only. Permits are available from the department of recreation for the use of athletic facilities in city parks. City residents shall have preference in the use of recreational facilities.
- q) A person seeking issuance of a permit under this section shall file an application on a form provided by the city with the department of recreation. This application shall state:
  - (1) The name and address of the applicant;
  - (2) The name and address of the person sponsoring the activity, if any;
  - (3) The number of participants covered by the application;
  - (4) The type of use anticipated;
  - (5) The specific area or areas to be utilized for the activity;
  - (6) The day and hours for which the permit is desired.
- r) Fishing is allowed at Des Peres Lake. Fishing is catch and release only. A valid fishing license will be required per the Missouri Department of Conservation requirements.
- s) Indecent language, excessively loud noise, disorderly conduct, immoral actions or nudity is not permitted. The city's parks and recreation commission has adopted a code of conduct for use of its facilities and is incorporated as part of this section.
- t) Damaging, defacing or removing any plant, animal, natural feature, object, sign structure, equipment or other material is strictly prohibited.
- u) Tennis courts are for tennis use only. No skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, soccer or animals are allowed. Soft-soled shoes are required on tennis courts.
- v) **CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The City of Des Peres is proud of its parks facilities. The use of park amenities is a privilege extended to the public, with the understanding that:

  - (1) No person may make a physical or verbal attack against other park users
  - (2) All users shall respect and adhere to the permitted use of each park amenity, including but not limited to: baseball, softball, flag football and soccer fields, tennis courts, paths, pavilions and playgrounds.
  - (3) All persons will be held responsible for the conduct of their behavior or supervision of minors within their care.
  - (4) No person shall be discriminated against for any reason.

Violation of the code of conduct will result in expulsion from any city park. The public safety department will be contacted to escort the person or persons from the park. Any person re-entering the park or subsequently using any city owned park or recreation facility shall be subject to prosecution for the crime of trespassing.
- w) When signs are posted giving notice thereof, it shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle, truck, motorcycle, motor home, trailer or other licensed vehicle in any parking lot located within a public park unless the owner or driver thereof is at that time utilizing the park or other public facility in which the lot is located. Commuter or overnight parking is expressly prohibited at all times.