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**§ 12-101 CITY LAWS EXTENDED TO PARK.**

The laws of the city shall extend to and cover all city parks.

**§ 12-102 POLICE JURISDICTION OVER PARKS.**

The city shall have police regulations governing any public parks belonging to the city, and the Chief of Police and law enforcement officers of the city shall have full power to enforce city laws governing city parks and shall maintain order therein.

**§ 12-103 DAMAGING PARK PROPERTY.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, except duly authorized city employees, to willfully or wantonly remove, injure, tarnish, deface or destroy any building, walk, bench, tree or improvement or property of any kind belonging to any park owned by the city.

**§ 12-104 VEHICLE REGULATIONS.**

1. Motor vehicles, including any vehicle licensed to operate on public streets, roads and highways and motorbikes, go-carts, snowmobiles and other motorized off-the-road vehicles shall be operated in a safe and prudent manner at all times in park areas.
2. Except as provided in division (d) below, it shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle in any area not designated for such purpose.
3. Except as provided in division (d) below, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within any city park except upon roads, drives and parking areas established by the city.

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1. Divisions (b) and (c) above shall not apply to authorized city employees while engaged in the maintenance and care of the park.
2. It shall be unlawful to operate any such vehicle in any park area at a speed in excess of 20 mph.

**§ 12-105 HUNTING.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, catch, trap, maim, kill, shoot or take any wildlife, either bird or animal, in any manner at any time while in any city park.

**§ 12-106 FIRES.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to build or kindle any fire in the city park except in the ovens, stoves, or grills provided for that purpose by the city, and such fire must be extinguished by the person, persons or parties starting such fire, immediately after use thereof.

**§ 12-107 CAMPING PROHIBITED.**

Overnight camping is hereby prohibited in city parks except where posted.

**§ 12-108 SANITATION.**

All waste material, paper, trash, rubbish, tin cans, bottles, containers, garbage and refuse of any kind whatsoever shall be deposited in disposal containers provided for such purposes. No such waste or contaminating material shall be discharged otherwise. No sticks, stones, trash or other objects shall be thrown or discarded in or on any park lands, fountains, pools, drinking fountains, sanitary facilities or other improvements.

**§ 12-109 PROHIBITION AGAINST ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES.**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use, consume or have on the premises of any park or other city property within the city of any alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage.

**12-110 PRESERVATION OF NATURAL STATE.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, except duly authorized city employees, to take, injure or disturb any live or dead tree, plant, shrub or flower, or otherwise interfere with the natural state of city parks.

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**12-111 GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The city may post such rules and regulations, as are approved by the governing body, pertaining o the use of the city parks in a conspicuous place in each city park. Violations of these posted rules shall constitute a violation of this code.

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