

**ANDERSON TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT  
RULES & REGULATIONS**

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**SECTION 1 - PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES**

No person shall injure, deface, disturb or defoul any part of the park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

**SECTION 2 - GARBAGE, REFUSE, ASHES, SEWAGE AND WASTE MATERIAL**

No person shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any part of the park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse or any waste material whatsoever, otherwise than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes; nor dump any earth within the park without specific written permit from the Director. No person shall bring into or cause to be brought into the park from outside park boundaries, any garbage, ashes, sewage, or refuse or depositing in any manner within the park.

No person shall, either within or without the park, discharge into, throw, case, lay, drop or leave in any river, brook, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into or through the park, or into any river, brook or stream which may be tributary to any river, brook, or stream flowing into or through the park, any substance, matter, or thing, either liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of the river, brook or stream within the park to such an extent as to unreasonably or improperly prevent or interfere with the conservation of the natural resources of the park, by preventing, interfering with, or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of said river brook or stream for recreational or other proper park uses, or to endanger the health of visitors in the park in the proper use and enjoyment of the same.

**SECTION 3 - HUNTING AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE**

No person within the confines of the park, unless authorized by written permit of the Director, shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, injure, or take wild bird or animal found within the confines of the park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.

**SECTION 4 - FIRES**

No person shall start a fire in the park except small fires for cooking purposes in park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in places or designated areas approved for such purposes, without written permit from the Director. The Director may at his/her discretion prohibit fires or smoking for limited periods at any location or for any purposes when necessary for the protection of park property. All fires shall be put out by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

**SECTION 5 – WEAPONS,** effective and in force November 12, 2013

The provisions of the Ohio Revised Code pertaining to the possession, carrying, storage, or discharge of firearms, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall govern the possession, carrying, storage or discharge of firearms by persons in the parks.

**SECTION 6 - CAMPS**

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place within the park, without specific written permit from the Director, except in locations especially set aside by the Board as camps.

**SECTION 7 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person shall recklessly engage in conduct that inconveniences, annoys or alarms the community within the park. No person shall do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein.

No person shall enter a toilet room set apart for the opposite sex. No person shall play at games of chance within the park.

**SECTION 7a - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person shall obstruct, resist, or be abusive of, or use profanity to, a park peace officer or agent of the Board in and during the lawful discharge of his duties.

**SECTION 7b - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person shall remain within the park who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Board for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within the park; and no person shall remain within the park who does not abide by the instructions and directions of duly authorized peace officers or agents of the Board, in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person directed by a police officer or agent of the Board to leave the park shall do so promptly and peaceably.

**SECTION 7c - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

All persons who take part in any specialized activities for which there is a fee, rental, or admission charge must abide by the posted regulations adopted by the Board for those specialized activities. No person shall be allowed within the confines of those specialized activities unless they have first paid the fee, rental, or admission charge.

**SECTION 7d - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person shall indulge in any noisy, boisterous conduct nor shall any person use any sound amplification device audible more than twenty (20) feet from the device without specific written permit from the Director.

**SECTION 7e - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person shall remain in or use any part of the facilities of the park during the times the park is closed, unless by special written permit from the Board.

The park will be open for use by the public only during the daylight hours or at times officially posted by the Board. No person shall remain in or use any part of the facilities after dark except with permission of the Board.

Soccer fields and ball diamonds are to be closed whenever conditions are such that the use thereof would cause significant damage to the playing surfaces.

Other areas are to be closed whenever conditions are such that any activity conducted thereon would cause unnecessary damage to such area.

Park areas under construction or development are permanently closed until such time as opened by the Board for public use. Areas to be closed shall be posted.

**SECTION 7f - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person shall drive or propel or cause a golf ball to be driven or propelled within the park.

**SECTION 7g - DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, or structures; nor loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles, on or about a motorcycle or motorcycles, or on or about bicycles within the park.

**SECTION 8 - TRAFFIC**

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than ten (10) miles per hour.

**SECTION 8a - TRAFFIC**

No person shall park or store any motor car, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle within the park, except in places and at such times designated by the Board for such purposes.

**SECTION 8b - TRAFFIC**

The state laws regulating equipment on vehicles shall apply to vehicles within the park.

**SECTION 8c - TRAFFIC**

No portion of the park shall be used for purpose of way except drives. Roadways, paths, walks and trails established for pedestrian travel, shall not be used for vehicular travel.

**SECTION 8d - TRAFFIC**

No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians and drivers and all other occupants of any vehicle.

**SECTION 8e - TRAFFIC**

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any park road, any truck, commercial car, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, bus or commercial tractor, unless authorized by the Board to make deliveries within the park, or unless engaged in work in the park that has been contracted for with the Board, or unless delivering/ picking up persons using a truck or trailer as transportation to or from the park area. No vehicle in excess of five (5) tons gross vehicular weight will be used to transport people to or from a park area without prior written permit from the Director.

**SECTION 8f - TRAFFIC**

No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road without complying with all traffic signs and all posted traffic regulations.

**SECTION 8g - TRAFFIC**

No person, except authorized agents of the Board, shall ride any horse or other animal within the park.

**SECTION 9 - INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

On or after 10/1/82, no person shall possess an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor, as defined by section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, within any park, except within the areas reserved or leased from the Board.

**SECTION 9a - INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

On or after 7/31/87, no person under the age of twenty-one shall possess or consume any beer or intoxicating liquor, as defined by section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, either by the glass or by the drink or from a sealed or unsealed container, except as provided for in Section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 9b - INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

On or after 7/31/87, no person shall furnish any beer or intoxicating liquor to a person under the age of twenty-one years, except as provided for in Section 4301.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 9c - INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

No person shall possess nor consume an open container of beer or intoxicating liquor within twenty feet of a parking area or roadway.

**SECTION 10 - CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

No person shall possess, obtain, nor use a controlled substance, as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, within the park.

**SECTION 11 - HARMFUL INTOXICANTS**

No person shall sniff, breathe, nor otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any product containing a harmful intoxicant as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 12 - PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

No person shall be under the influence of any beer, intoxicating liquor, controlled substance, or harmful intoxicant within the park.

**SECTION 13 - COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES**

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the park without a permit from the Board, and no person shall do any begging, hawking, peddling or soliciting therein.

**SECTION 14 - SIGNS**

No person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design, within the park, without specific permit from the Board.

**SECTION 15 - DOMESTIC ANIMALS, GRAZING**

No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, or any poultry or other fowl, without the specific written permit of the Board.

**SECTION 15a - DOMESTIC ANIMALS, LEASH, EXCLUSIONS**

No person shall bring into, have or keep in the park, any animal destructive of wildlife, nor shall any person bring into or permit within the park a domestic dog or a domestic cat unless such is under constant control and supervision and held on a leash no longer than six feet in length. This section does not assure admittance of park visitors with their pets to such locations and at such times as may conflict with Board of Health requirements or preservation of public safety and order within the park.

**SECTION 15 b - DOMESTIC ANIMALS, SUPERVISION, REMOVAL OF FECAL MATTER**

No pets or other animals shall be allowed to disturb or become a nuisance to other users of the park. No person shall release, abandon, or deposit any animal, domestic or wild, without permission from the Director. No person, while in or on a moving motor vehicle, motorized bicycle, or bicycle, shall lead or permit to be led, any leashed pet or animal. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner, keeper, or person in control of any pet which has deposited any fecal matter on Park District trails or in Park District recreation areas, to immediately cause said fecal matter to be removed and deposited in a suitable container or receptacle under the immediate control of the owner, keeper, or person in control of the pet.

**SECTION 15c - DOMESTIC ANIMALS, PETS IN PLAY AREAS**

Pets are not permitted in play equipment areas and in sand volleyball courts in the parks.

**SECTION 16 - SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS, ETC., FOR SPECIAL SERVICES**

In hiring or contracting for professional, technical, consulting or other special services, the Board of Park Commissioners or the Anderson Park District may, after considering the competence, ability and availability of any person, firm or corporation, and the recommendation of the Director, approve the hiring of any such person, firm or corporation, and authorize the contract therewith. Such contract may be in the form of a written acceptance of a proposal submitted to the Board by such person, firm or corporation

**SECTION 17 - PRESERVATION OF GOOD ORDER IN THE PARKS**

No individual or organization shall conduct, sponsor or promote any public meeting, concert, theater, athletic event or other public activity in the parks of the Anderson Park District without prior authorization of the Board of Park Commissioners.

No event or activity sponsored or promoted by an individual or organization shall be permitted if, in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners, it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other park visitors; regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by park visitors; or which is inconsistent with the use of the park lands for park purposes.

**SECTION 17a – DRONES AND OTHER AIRCRAFT**, effective and in force 7/9/2015

No person shall use or operate any radio controlled aircraft, including drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles, or any other similar device in any park or facility without specific written permission from the Executive Director.

**SECTION 18 - TERMS**

The term “park” as used herein, means any land owned or controlled by the Board of Park Commissioners of the ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT. The term “person” includes natural persons and corporations. Definition: For the purpose of Section 15A, 15B and 15C the term “PET” shall mean any privately owned animal, whether domestic or wild.

**SECTION 19 - PENALTIES**

Any person violating any of the foregoing rules and regulations and any amendments or additions thereto shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for each second or further offense; Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 511.23 and 511.99 and Resolution 2/90 of the Anderson Park District.

**SECTION 20 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

These rules and regulations shall take effect and be in force as of March 2, 1990 with subsequent revisions denoted by date by section.