

CHAPTER 3 CONDUCT

CH. 3 / Section 1: General Conduct

Saint Paul Legislative Code §170.10(e) states that a person may be expelled from a park for a period of 24 hours or longer if there is reasonable cause to believe that person violated the following rules of general conduct by intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of a park, program or event. A person may also be expelled for an extended period (in no case longer than 6 months) and be reinstated when there is evidence that the person's presence will no longer threaten the orderly operation of the park.

- a. The following conduct is not allowed on park property: fighting, offensive, abusive or obscene language, gestures or behavior; disturbing, harassing, or interfering with any park employee, another visitor, or their property; causing damage or harm to any park property or wildlife, blatant violation of posted park signage, intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of the park; and/or disregarding the rights or safety of others.
- b. No person shall interfere with the orderly conduct of games or other recreational activity in a park or park facility.
- c. The high volume use of loudspeakers, car stereos, boom boxes, compact disc players or other loud or amplified sound systems is not allowed in and around parks, buildings or ball fields without appropriate permit or written permission from the Director.

CH. 3 / Section 2: Conduct in Park Facilities

The following rules pertain to conduct of all groups and/or individuals while in City of Saint Paul park facilities - see definition under CHAPTER 1, Section 3:

- a. The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, bicycles or any other type of propelled vehicle or equipment is not allowed in park facilities unless authorized by the Director.
- b. Persons shall enter park facilities only at designated public entrances, and no person shall enter park facilities where a "No Admittance" or "Employees Only" sign is posted.

CH. 3 / Section 3: Conduct on Park Property

The following rules pertain to conduct of all groups and/or individuals while on City of Saint Paul park property - see definition under CHAPTER 1, Section 3:

- a. The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, bicycles or any other type of propelled vehicle or equipment is allowed on paved trails and in designated skate board parks. The appropriate use of motorized handicapped chairs and scooters is allowed under federal ADA requirements.
- b. Entering into any pond, fountain, cave, designated natural area, native plant area or restored natural area is not allowed.
- c. Placing any foreign object, solid or liquid into the water of any lake, pond, pool or fountain is not allowed – see CHAPTER 4, section 13.
- d. Tossing coins into, and removing coins from fountains, lakes or ponds on any park property is not allowed.
- b. Digging holes, cutting trees or plants, attaching signs to trees or damaging any park property is not allowed.
- c. Harassing or otherwise disturbing wildlife in any manner is not allowed - see CHAPTER 4, section 13.
- d. Fishing is allowed in designated areas - see CHAPTER 4, section 10.
- e. Garbage, bottles, cans, paper, and other refuse shall be placed in designated trash receptacles.
- f. Glass containers are not allowed in any park, except where designated, or where the use is specifically permitted by the Director.
- g. The use of metal detectors is permitted on parks property as a recreational activity. However, digging or causing damage to parks property while retrieving items located with a detector is not allowed - see CHAPTER 4, Section 13.

CH. 3 / Section 4: Use of Alcohol and Tobacco

The possession and consumption of alcohol and the use of tobacco products is prohibited in City parks, except as follows:

- a. The possession and consumption of non-intoxicating malt liquor (containing not more than 3.2% alcohol by weight) is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and only within the designated areas of Cherokee Park, Como Park, Harriet Island Park, Raspberry Island, Upper Landing Park, City House, Highland Park, Phalen Park, and at Rice and Arlington, McMurray and Dunning ball fields. No glass beverage containers are allowed.
- b. City of Saint Paul ordinance prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol in all other City parks.

- c. Temporary liquor licenses to sell and/or serve beer, wine or alcohol at park facilities are available at the City Department of Safety and Inspection Office with permission of the Director. No such license is available for Hidden Falls/Crosby Farm Park. Recreation Centers are allowed only eight such temporary licenses per year.
- d. Alcohol is allowed at Midway Stadium for tailgating purposes during scheduled City events and/or during games played by the St. Paul Saints professional minor league baseball club. This activity is governed by Midway Stadium parking lot rules.
- e. Alcohol may be served at Como Campus, Harriet Island and other large events and festivals in conjunction with special permits authorized by the Director - see "Permits" in CHAPTER 2, Section 2.

To protect the health and welfare of children, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation prohibits the **use of all tobacco products** in youth activity areas and as listed below:

- f. Areas prohibited from tobacco use include: all playing areas, spectator viewing areas, and parent/supervisor resting areas.
- g. Tobacco use is also prohibited in public areas of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

CH. 3 / Section 5: Use of Fireworks and Weapons

- a. Fireworks, model rockets or any other device with an explosive charge are not allowed without written permission from the Director.
- b. Weapons are not allowed on any park property or in any park facility. Exceptions may be made by the Director - see CHAPTER 1, Section 3.