

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

CH. 1 / Section 1: Purpose

The City of Saint Paul deems it necessary to have Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to Section 170.06 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, to allow all persons participating in park activities a safe and enjoyable environment. These rules are also intended to provide for the ongoing enjoyment and protection of the City's natural resources. Exceptions to these rules may be approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee.

In conjunction with these Rules and Regulations, all persons must also follow existing City ordinances and state and federal laws. Visit www.stpaul.gov for further information on the Saint Paul Legislative Code and Ordinances.

CH. 1 / Section 2: Authority

A law enforcement officer, Park Security Officer or park employee has authority to ask any person involved in conduct disruptive, damaging or unsafe to stop the behavior or action. If they refuse to comply with the request, the officer or park employee may then order them to leave the park for the remainder of that calendar day. Serious or repeat violations may result in a longer period of expulsion from the park, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code §170.10e.

The Director may remove any obstructing article found on park property at the expense of the owner, and if not claimed within 60 days, may sell or destroy such items.

CH. 1 / Section 3: Definitions

"DIRECTOR" means the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or designee.

"PARKS" means any park, parkway, zoological or horticultural garden, recreation open space, lake or other waters, golf course, swimming pool, athletic field, trails and pathways, or any other area owned, improved, maintained, operated or otherwise controlled by the City of Saint Paul for recreation and natural resource preservation purposes.

"FACILITIES" means any structures including, but not limited to recreation centers; maintenance buildings, garages or sheds; pools; playground equipment or recreation equipment; bridges; shelters; fences; and any other items that are built, installed or established on park property to serve a particular park or recreation purpose.

"PERSON" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or group.

"ALCOHOL" means any intoxicating or non-intoxicating malt liquor and includes 3.2 beer, wine, wine coolers or any other malt liquor beverage.

"WEAPON" means any device which, when used in an aggressive manner may cause or has caused harm to another person in a park.

"WATER CRAFT" means any device used for navigation on water.

"MISSISSIPPI RIVER" – That part of the Mississippi River within the City of Saint Paul or abutting land owned by the City of Saint Paul.

"LAKES" means any body of water, including but not limited to lakes, ponds, storm water holding areas, streams, rivers, or marsh areas located on park property.

"POOL" means any swimming pool, wading pool, decorative pool, fountain or any artificial water holding device located on park property

"COMO CAMPUS" means the park property and all buildings of the Como Park Zoo, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Japanese Garden, Como Town Amusement Area, Lancer Catering, Cafesjian's Carousel, Frog Pond and Excedra, and bounded by Midway Parkway, Hamline Avenue, Como 18-hole golf course and Lexington Avenue to Estabrook.

"DESIGNATED AREAS" means any area on park property or in park facilities and buildings which provide direction and instruction to the public and ensures that a safe environment is provided.

"NATURAL RESOURCE" refers to any plant or plant product, geologic formation, body of water, or animal found in parks and open space maintained and managed by the City of Saint Paul.