

Chapter 160

PARKS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Springs 10-21-1997 by Ord. No.97-2 (Ch.12 of the 1989 Code).Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Animals -See Ch. 55.
Mass public assemblies-See Ch. 60.
Boating —See Ch.66.
Campgrounds-See Ch.75.

Alcoholic beverages in parks —See Ch.117, Art. I.
Littering —See Ch.129.
Vehicles in Parks-See Ch.202.Art. III.

§ 160-1. Applicability.

This chapter applies to all lands, grounds and structures which have been formally designated public parks by the Town of Pleasant Springs or which have been dedicated as parks and accepted as such by the Town of Pleasant Springs.

§ 160-2. Prohibited items or activities in parks.

The following shall be unlawful within any Town park, and any person or persons engaging in the same shall be ejected from the park:

- A. Possession or discharge of any firearm or weapon of any kind except as specifically authorized by state law. [Amended 11-4-2003]
- B. Possession, use or dispensation (whether for consideration or not) of any controlled substance in violation of Ch. 961, Subch. IV, Wis. Stats. [Amended 11-4-2003]
- C. Hunting, trapping, disturbing or molesting animals or wildlife, except that fishing shall be permitted from designated locations in parks which abut lakes or streams.
- D. Removing any plants, wildlife, flowers, fruits, turf, trees, firewood, shrubs or equipment, except for authorized construction or maintenance activities conducted by the Town or its designees. [Amended 11-4-2003]
- E. Digging, excavating or otherwise damaging the land, except for authorized construction or maintenance activities conducted by the Town or its designees.

- F. Disposal or abandonment of trash, solid waste, chemicals, scrap lumber or other material.
- G. Defacing, vandalizing, destroying, damaging, altering or placing graffiti on any structure, plant, sign, equipment or object in a park.
- H. Operating or parking a motor vehicle in a park during the hours in which the park is closed.
- I. Camping in a park.
- J. Remaining or loitering in a park during the hours in which the park is closed.
- K. Engaging in loud, abusive, disruptive, obnoxious or disorderly conduct which tends to create a public disturbance. including but not limited to fighting, striking, punching or kicking other persons.¹
- L. Operating any kind of commercial or for-profit activity or undertaking in a park without permission from the Town Board, except for provision of emergency services to persons or vehicles.
- M. Operating a motor vehicle off of designated roads or parking areas, except for authorized maintenance activities conducted by the Town or its designees, or operating a motor vehicle in an imprudent, reckless or dangerous manner. [Amended 11-4-2003]
- N. Removing any object of archaeological, historical or cultural interest or defacing, damaging or destroying any such objects.
- O. Posting any advertising, commercial, political, advocacy or other information on any object in the park. [Amended 11-4-2003]
- P. Violating any criminal statute or ordinance of the Town.
- Q. Allowing a dog, cat or other domesticated animal to defecate in a park without removing the feces in a sanitary manner.
- R. Allowing a dog, cat or other domesticated animal in a park without a leash.
- S. In the case of children of school age who are not lawfully excused from attending school, being present in a park during hours in which school is in session.

§ 160-3. Park hours.

All Town parks shall be open from 7:00a.m. to 10:00 p.m. unless the Town Board schedules other hours for a park or all parks.

1. Editor's Note: Original § 12.02(12), regarding public: gatherings, which immediately followed this subsection, was deleted 11-4-2003.

§ 160-4. Park seasons.

The Town Board may limit the times of the year in which a park or all parks are open for public use.

§ 160-5. Park fees.

The Town Board may establish fees for the use of Town parks, or any facilities or equipment therein, as the Town Board deems proper.

§ 160-6. General park regulations.

- A. No person may, through action or inaction, interfere with park or Town employees in the performance of the employee's official duties.
- B. No person may operate any snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other form of motorized conveyance or ride in or upon such a vehicle in a Town park, except on designated roadways or trails. This Subsection B does not apply to persons conducting authorized construction or maintenance activities conducted by the Town or its designees. [Amended 11-4-2003]
- C. Sports which involve potentially dangerous equipment, such as archery or fencing, may not be conducted in parks.

§ 160-7. Dogs.

Dogs in parks and their owners or handlers shall comply with the requirements of this chapter and Chapter 55, Article I, Dogs, of this Code.

§ 160-8. Scheduled events.

The Town Board may grant written permission allowing a person or persons to conduct a scheduled event in a public park. The Town Board may impose any conditions on the use of the park which are appropriate, in the sole discretion of the Town Board, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and promote public peace and good order. The Town Board may require the event sponsor to provide evidence of insurance which names the Town as an additional insured and may require a deposit or adequate surety to secure cleanup of the park as determined by the size and nature of the gathering. The Town Board may impose a fee for the use of the park which defrays the cost which the event imposes on the Town and generates revenue for the support of the park. No event may be commenced without permission.

§ 160-9. Additional regulations.

The Town Board may adopt such additional or revised rules or regulations to govern the parks as the Town Board deems proper. The Town Board shall adopt such regulations to promote

the beauty and usefulness of the parks to the citizens and to increase the safety, comfort, convenience and enjoyment of visitors to the parks.

§ 160-10. Violations and penalties.[Amended 11-4-2003]

Any person, firm, corporation or entity who or which shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties provided in Chapter 1, General Provisions, § 1-1. Every continuing violation of this chapter shall be deemed a public nuisance which may be abated by a civil action.

§ 160-11. Enforcement; right of entry.

Any peace officer may, upon probable cause, arrest any person who is violating or has violated any provision of this chapter. Officers shall have the right at any time to enter the premises of any building, structure or enclosure in any park for the purpose of inspection or investigating disturbances.