

CITY OF HARTFORD

PARK RULES OF CONDUCT AND USE REGULATIONS

A special permit is required for any event held on City property, City buildings and/or Private Property that requires specific City or State permits or authorizations, as well as the use of City services and assets. The special permit is required to ensure the health, safety and welfare of event participants, residents and visitors, and to minimize the financial and legal risks to the Event Organizers (EO) and the City. **Special events include parades, sporting events, concerts, theater productions, celebrations, outings, weddings ceremonies and fairs, among others.**

UNLAWFUL CONDUCT GENERALLY (Sec. 26-31)

It shall be unlawful for any person to annoy other persons or disturb the animals, birds, or fish, or commit any act of nuisance in any park.

INJURING PROPERTY OR PLANTS (Sec. 26-32)

It shall be unlawful for any person to misuse or abuse park property, or to injure or gather trees, shrubs or plants in any park.

INJURING OFFICIAL SIGNS AND NOTICES (Sec. 26-33)

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or injure any sign or notice placed in any park by the City.

LITTER AND RUBBISH (Sec. 26-34)

No person shall throw or deposit or leave any litter or rubbish in any park.

GAMES (Sec. 26-35)

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw balls or play active games in parks where prohibited.

WADING AND SWIMMING (Sec. 26-36)

It shall be unlawful for any person to wade or swim in any pond or lake in the parks of the City, except Batterson Park Lake, where wading and swimming shall be limited to the public beach area as directed by the director of parks & recreation and only when life guards are on duty.

DOGS (Sec. 26-37)

It shall be unlawful for any person to take any dog into any park except on a leash, except that no dogs, other than guide dogs for the blind, deaf or mobility impaired pursuant to section 23-346a of the general statutes, are allowed in the Batterson Park swimming and picnic area.

SALES, SOLICITATIONS AND ADVERTISING (Sec. 26-38)

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any article in any park, or to advertise or solicit for any purpose, or display any sign unless prior approval is obtained from the director of parks and recreation.

FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS (Sec. 26-39)

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or have any firearms or fireworks in any park. This section shall not apply to fireworks displays by municipal authorities.

FIRES (Sec. 26-40)

Except where cooking facilities are provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to make a fire in any park except by permission of the director of parks and recreation.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED GENERALLY; EXCEPTIONS (Sec. 26-41)

It shall be unlawful for any person to have alcoholic beverages or to be intoxicated in any park, except that upon adoption of a resolution by the council, beer and wine may be sold in any park in connection with events held therein.

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC (Sec. 26-43)

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any commercial vehicle into any park except on business of the department of parks and recreation, or to give instruction to any person in driving an automobile, or to drive any automobile at a rate of speed exceeding twenty-five (25) miles per hour, or to drive or propel any automobile, bicycle or other vehicle except on regular park roads, or to park any car off any park road except in areas designated for public parking.

OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS FOR PARKS (Sec. 26-45)

(a) No person or vehicle shall enter or remain in any park, playground or other recreation facility under the direction or control of the director of parks and recreation without prior approval of the director, before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.(b) The director of parks and recreation may designate other opening or closing times for any park, playground or other recreation facility under his direction and control, if in his opinion such other opening or closing time is in the best interest of the city.

PENALTY (Sec. 26-47)

A person who violates any provision of this chapter (Sec. 26) shall be summoned or brought to the community court pursuant to P.A. 97-199. A person who is summoned or brought before the community court cannot invoke any appeal rights provided by section 1-5 of the Hartford Municipal Code. The superior court judge assigned to the community court may impose a penalty of community service, a fine up to ninety dollars (\$90.00) or a jail sentence up to twenty-five (25) days to any person who is convicted of violating any provision of this chapter.