

FRIDLEY CITY CODE
CHAPTER 508. PARKS AND PARKWAYS
(Ref. 270, 445, 5860, 618, 811, 1113, 1239, 1279, 1293)

508.01. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to secure the quiet, orderly and suitable use and enjoyment of parks, parkways, and portions of public lands, streams and rivers within the City of Fridley by the residents of the City. Insofar as this Chapter relates to beaches, it is to be construed as supplementary to and not to supercede the existing provisions in Chapter 507 of this Code.

508.02. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and application of this Chapter and the following words and terms wherever they occur in this Chapter are defined as follows:

1. Commission.

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Fridley.

2. Parks.

Parks, parkways, playgrounds, recreation fields and buildings, lakes, streams, rivers, and beaches therein, and all public service facilities conducted on grounds, buildings and structures in the City of Fridley which are under the control of the Commission.

508.03. HOURS

Unless otherwise expressly authorized by law, no person shall be in or remain in or leave or park any vehicle in any park or drive in the City of Fridley between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Any person found violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

For purposes of this section, “park,” as defined in Section 508.02.2 of this Code, shall also include any school playground located within the City of Fridley owned by a School District which has agreed, by resolution, to have its playground areas included under the provisions of this section and has posted the hours established herein prominently in the playground area or entrance.

This section shall not apply to persons in the City or school District who are attending, or leaving within one-half hour of the end of, any scheduled event conducted in any park, including buildings, as defined above. (Ref. Ord. 1113)

508.04. DEFACE

No person shall cut, break, scratch, mark, remove or in any way injure or deface any building, fence, pump, lamp, flagpole, construction improvement facility or any other feature of property upon or within any park.

508.05. FLOWERS AND SHRUBS

No one, who is not an employee of the City, shall pick or cut any wild or cultivated flower or cut, break, or in any way injure or deface any tree, shrub or plant within the limits of any park or carry within or out of any park any wild flower, tree, shrub, plant or portion thereof, or any soil or material of any kind.

508.06. KEEP OFF OF GRASS

No person shall go on foot or otherwise upon the grass or turf of any park where any sign prohibiting the same is posted.

508.07. THROWING STONES

No person shall throw or cast any stone or any other missile within any park.

508.08. LITTER

No person shall throw, deposit, place or leave in any park or waters therein, any paper, rubbish, waste or refuse of any kind, whether or not the same is offensive to the senses or is injurious to health, except in the receptacles therein provided for waste.

508.09. SELLING OBSTRUCTION

No person shall place or cause to remain in any park any goods, wares, merchandise or other articles that result in the obstruction of the free use and enjoyment of said park.

508.10. POSTING SIGNS

No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or affix any unauthorized placard, bill, notice or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence, thing or enclosure along or within any park.

508.11. DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULARS

No person shall distribute or display any circulars, cards, announcements, printed or otherwise, within any park, except as authorized by permit.

508.12. FIRECRACKERS

No person shall fire, explode or set off. any squib, cracker or other thing containing powder or other combustible or explosive material within the limits of any park. Exhibitions of fireworks given under the direction of or by permission of the Commission shall, however, be allowed under this Section.

508.13. BIRDS

No person shall rob, injure or destroy any birds' nest within the limits of any park, nor aim or discharge any air gun, sling shot, bow and arrow, or any other weapon, or throw any stone or other missile at any birds' nest or wild animal within any park, nor in any manner capture or kill any bird or wild animal therein.

508.14. TRAPPING

No person shall at any time set, lay, prepare or have in their possession any trap, snare, artificial light, net bird line, ferret, or any contrivance whatsoever for the purpose of catching, taking or killing any bird or wild animal in any park.

508.15. BALL GAME RESTRICTIONS

No person shall play ball, golf, tennis or such other games which cause annoyance or inconvenience to other users of the park upon or within any park except upon ball, tennis or appropriate athletic grounds or golf links established by the Commission for such purpose.

508.16. FENCE RAIL

No person shall stand or sit on any fence rail or any other structure not intended for such use in any park.

508.17. MOVING BENCHES

No person shall move benches, seats or tables from their places in any park, except in picnic areas and then only within designated limits.

508.18. NO SPITTING

No person shall spit upon the floor or furnishings of any boat, canoe, building or walk in any park.

508.19. SALES

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article or thing whatsoever in any park, but this prohibition shall not apply to sales of refreshments and other articles by the City or under its direction at pavilions or stands conducted or authorized by the city.

508.20. PROFANITY

No threatening, profane, abusive, disorderly, insulting or indecent language, conduct or behavior, nor any act tending to cause a breach of the public peace, shall be allowed in or upon any park, nor shall any person play games of chance, drink intoxicating liquor, be drunk, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein.

508.21. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

It shall be unlawful for any persons to have in their possession or to consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon any City park or beach, except as provided below: (Ref 1293)

1. Notwithstanding laws to the contrary, possession and consumption of 3.2% malt liquor is permitted in Locke Park.
2. The City Council may grant permission to consume 3.2% malt liquor in City parks to neighborhood groups.
3. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, upon approval of the City Council and issuance of a temporary on-sale license for the sale of 3.2% malt liquor, a club, charitable, religious or nonprofit public or nonprofit private organization may sell and allow buyers to consume 3.2% malt liquor in Community Park. (Ref 1279)
4. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, upon approval of the City Council and issuance of a temporary on-sale liquor license, as provided for in Chapters 602 and 603 of the Fridley City Code, a club, charitable, religious or nonprofit organization may sell and allow buyers to consume malt liquor and wine at Commons Park and Community Park. Sale and consumption of strong beer and wine at Commons Park and Community Park shall be limited to that occurring during, and as part of, a community festival. Community festivals shall include Fridley 49er Days and other festivals of broad community appeal and participation as designated by City the Council. (Ref 1293)

5. Notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, malt liquor and wine may be sold and or consumed for receptions or social events within the Springbrook Nature Center Interpretive Building and or in an adjacent outdoor designated space allowed only by written agreement with the City under the following conditions (Ref 1293):

- A. Pursuant to a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license.
- B. Pursuant to a temporary on-sale 3.2% malt liquor license.
- C. Pursuant to a temporary consumption and display permit.
- D. A private party may contract with the holder of a State caterer's permit to provide food, malt liquor, and wine to their guests for consumption in the Springbrook Nature Interpretive Building and/or adjacent outdoor designated space as part of a social event.
- E. The holder of a retail on-sale intoxicating liquor license may dispense malt liquor and wine off the licensed premises at any convention, banquet, conference, meeting, or social affair conducted on the premises of the Springbrook Nature Center; however, the licensee is prohibited from dispensing malt liquor or wine to any person attending or participating in a youth amateur athletic event being held on the premises. A youth amateur athletic event, for the purposes of this section, is defined as an event whose participants are 18 years of age and younger.

508.22. DOGS

No person shall be permitted to take any dog into any park unless it is led by a suitable leash and in no case shall any person allow or bring any dog owned or attended by such person into any park waters or into any bird or animal refuge or upon any skating rink or in any park building whether the dog is leashed or otherwise.

508.23. ANIMALS

Cattle, horses, mules, swine, sheep, goats or fowl shall not be allowed upon park property or in any lake or waters of any park and all owners or attendants of such animals shall prevent such occurrences, but this prohibition shall not apply to animals or fowl kept by the City under its direction.

508.24. UNATTENDED ANIMALS

No person shall tie or fasten any animal to any tree, shrub, plant, fence, building or structure in or upon any park.

508.25. PARADES

No band, procession, military company or any company with flags, banners or transparencies shall be allowed in or upon any park except with a written permit issued by the City.

508.26. ENTERTAINMENT

No entertainment or exhibition shall be given in any park except entertainment given under the direction or authority of the Commission.

508.27. PUBLIC SPEAKING

No public meeting of any kind shall be held in any park, playground or athletic field, nor shall there be any public speaking therein without a written registration with the City.

508.28. FIRES

1. No person, except an agent of the City, shall start any fire in any park, except that wall charcoal fires for culinary purposes in stoves provided in the parks by the Commission may be made by picnic parties in the areas designated by the Commission. Open pit fires for culinary purposes shall be allowed in Locke Park only.

2. Every person who starts any such fire and every person using such fire shall completely extinguish such fire or fires before leaving such park.

508.29. RULES

The Commission may establish from time to time other rules and regulations governing the further use and enjoyment of parks, playgrounds, lakes, streams and facilities thereof which shall be effective upon passage by the Commission. At the discretion of the Commission, regulations may be posted at particular facilities under its control. A copy of all rules and regulations shall be available for review in the office of the Parks and Recreation Director. Persons who shall violate such rules or regulations or who refuse to subject themselves thereto, may be, in addition to all other penalties provided by this Code, excluded from the use of such facilities.

508.30. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The motor vehicle regulations or traffic regulations applicable to the City streets within the City of Fridley shall be applicable in all respects to the ownership, use and occupancy of motor vehicles in the areas under the control of the Commission. The Police, or duly authorized agents thereof, may remove any vehicle found in violation of said regulations or which remain in said areas after closing hours.

508.31. TOWING

1. No driver of any vehicle shall tow behind or on the side or push in front of it any toboggan, sled, ice skates, roller skates, bicycle, coaster, toy vehicle or any other sliding or coasting device, nor permit any persons in or upon such device to attach same or themselves to said vehicle nor permit any person to board or alight from nor hang onto said vehicle then in motion.

2. Persons riding in or upon said devices in violation of this Section shall be held in violation of this Chapter.

508.32. ROADWAYS

No motor vehicle or snowmobile shall be permitted to drive on or upon park lands except roadways, parking lots, and areas designated by the Commission, except such motor vehicles or snowmobiles operated by the City of Fridley or under their direction for park maintenance or Emergency purposes. (Ref. 445)

508.33. VEHICLE FOR SALE SIGNS

No person shall drive or park any vehicle upon any park displaying a sign indicating that it is for sale or exchange or otherwise displaying advertising.

508.34. WASHING

No person shall wash, grease or repair any vehicle on any park or boulevard except such repairs as are required by an emergency.

508.35. IMPOUNDING CARS

Any unoccupied motor vehicle or snowmobile found in violation of the provisions of this Chapter may be immediately removed and impounded by any police officer or duly authorized person in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. (Ref. 445)

508.36. PERMITS

The City may authorize the issuance of permits for uses and activities in which the holders thereof request permission to do any of the following: (a) to remain in the parks during otherwise prohibited hours; (b) to post notices; or (c) to park vehicles in otherwise unauthorized areas.

508.37. PENALTIES

Any violation of this Chapter is a misdemeanor and is subject to all penalties provided for such violations under the provisions of Chapter 901 of this Code.