

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to amend Section 8.230 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regulating Regulations of Parks and Related Facilities.

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Manitowoc do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 8.230 is amended to read as follows:

“8.203 Regulations of Parks and Related Facilities.

(1) Alcohol Beverages.

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(b) No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages, wine or fermented malt beverages in ~~Washington Park, Union Park, Riverview Park, Pulaski Park, Lincolnshire Park, Schuette’s Park, Custerdale Playground, Union Park Playground, Mariner’s Landing, Manitowoc Youth Baseball Complex at Citizen Park, or Municipal Athletic Field~~ Dale Street Park, Henry Schuette Park, Lincoln Park Zoo, Lincolnshire Park, Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center at Citizen Park, Manitowoc Youth Baseball Complex at Citizen Park, Mariners Landing, Pulaski Park, Riverview Park, Union Park, or Washington Park. except where provided pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section, and except where the person has obtained possession of fermented malt beverages from the holder of a Class “B” license authorizing the sale of such beverages at such park. This prohibition shall extend to the sidewalks in and immediately adjacent to the parks listed above, except that it shall not be a violation of this section if any person possesses wine or alcoholic beverages on such sidewalks in the original unopened containers.

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(3) Park Hours.

(a) Standard Park Hours. Park hours are 56:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., unless otherwise stated by ordinance or are attending a Park Division or City-sponsored or -approved activity. The Parks Division may close Parks or areas within the Parks to the public as necessary to protect public safety, property, or by approval of the Common Council.

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(e) Camp Vits Park and Vetter Trailhead. Except for authorized personnel or City-sponsored or -approved activities, it shall be unlawful for any person to be within Camp Vits Park or Vetter Trailhead between sundown and sunrise.

(4) Loud Noise. ~~The Police Department shall police all park areas of the City of Manitowoc parks and~~ Park users and event organizers shall keep the volume of public address systems or loudspeakers confined to the immediate area of the participating groups within City Parks. The Police Department and/or designated Park Division personnel shall order a reduction in the volume of said public address system or loudspeakers whenever it becomes a nuisance because of the volume or the method in which it is being operated.

(5) Motor Vehicles and Parking.

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(c) Motor vehicles must be operated at 15 miles per hour or less, or pursuant to a posted speed limit.

(d) Motor vehicles, equipment or materials cannot be parked or staged on park property outside of park hours without the approval of Director of Public Infrastructure or their designee.

(e) Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicles on Public and Private Property is further governed by City of Manitowoc Ordinance 14.450 which references motorized recreation vehicles on public land.

(6) Fires. No fires shall be permitted in any City park or City property except charcoal fires in barbecue grills or clean (natural, bare, dry cord-wood) wood fires in fire rings and fire pits provided by City. The Director of Public Infrastructure or their ~~Director of Parks and Recreation or his~~ designee is authorized to grant specific exceptions to this rule in individual instances where adequate precautions are taken to assure public safety. Any fires on City property must be supervised by an adult until the fire is fully extinguished. Lighting fires are further governed by City of Manitowoc Ordinance 6.120.

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(8) Rules. The ~~Parks and Recreation~~ Public Infrastructure Committee of the Common Council is authorized to promulgate rules for the regulation of City parks and events in the parks. Any person who violates such rules shall be considered to have violated this section and be subject to any penalties therefor.

(9) Metal Detecting.

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3. ~~South Lakefront Wayside~~ Park Beach Area;

4. ~~Lakeview~~ Lighthouse Park Beach Area;

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6. ~~Mariners Trail Beach Area.~~

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(10) Inflatable Devices Amusement Equipment Prohibited. No person may erect an inflatable device amusement equipment such as a “bounce house,” swimming pool, climbing wall, dunk tank or other inflatable structures used for recreational purposes in any City park unless such inflatable amusement device is erected as part of an event approved by the Special Events Committee/Common Council.

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(12) Protecting Park Property.

(a) Damaging, vandalizing, altering, or removing park property is prohibited. Park property includes, but is not limited to, park buildings, grounds, signs and equipment.

(b) Dumping or littering trash, yard waste, liquids, furniture, or construction materials is not allowed in any park. Disposal of waste generated offsite and placed in park garbage or recycling receptacles is prohibited.

(c) The use of or encroachment on park property for personal or private use, such as long term or overnight occupancy in park facilities, storing equipment, erecting structures, installing objects, posting signs, or placing utilities is not allowed without the consent of the Public Infrastructure Committee.

(d) All park signs, barriers, posted rules and regulations must be followed at all times.

(13) Protecting Natural Resources

(a) Removing, altering or damaging any tree, plant, driftwood, or animal is not allowed. Fruits, nuts and mushrooms on park property may be foraged and harvested for personal use with approval of Director of Public Infrastructure or their designee.

(b) Removing invasive and/or noxious plants and trees from City of Manitowoc Parks is strictly prohibited without the approval of the Parks Division. Removing wood from City of Manitowoc Parks and cemetery locations is strictly prohibited without the approval of the Forestry Division through a fully executed Wood/Brush Cutting and Harvesting Agreement.

(c) Planting any trees or plants within a park is not allowed without approval from the Parks and Forestry Division.

(d) Feeding, hunting, trapping, releasing or disturbing any animal in a park is prohibited without the approval of the Manitowoc Police Department.

(e) Fishing is allowed, consistent with the State of Wisconsin Fishing Regulations.

(14) Camping

(a) Tents, temporary shelters, maintaining campsites or temporary lodging and overnight sleeping are prohibited within every park unless otherwise approved and authorized by the Public Infrastructure Committee/Common Council.

(15) Pets

(a) Animals on public property are regulated by Section 14.020(5) of the City of Manitowoc Municipal Code.

(b) Pets must be on a leash no more than 6 feet long at all times, except within fenced in dog parks or designated dog run areas.

1. All dogs within a dog park or dog run area must be licensed and vaccinated pursuant to Wis. Stats. §95.21(2).
2. A dog owner or handler must be at least 16 years of age, stay within the fenced in area at all times and shall not leave their dog(s) unattended or out of sight. The dog(s) must be under the voice control of the owner or handler at all times.
3. A dog owner or handler is permitted a maximum of three dogs per person, per visit, in off-leash areas.
4. Dog owners are responsible for their dog(s) and any injuries caused by the dog(s).
5. Dogs must be restrained by leash no longer than 6 feet prior to entering and upon leaving a designated off-leash area.
6. Dogs under the age of 4 months are not permitted in designated off-leash areas.
7. Dangerous animals are prohibited from parks, dog parks and dog run areas pursuant to section 14.020(3).

(c) Pets are not allowed in any park buildings, picnic areas, beach areas, playgrounds or in the following designated park areas: Lincoln Park Zoo, Citizen Park, and Miracles Park. This prohibition does not include or apply to service animals as defined by Americans with Disabilities Act.

(d) All pets must be attended at all times.

(e) Pet defecation on park property is regulated by City of Manitowoc Municipal Code 14.020(8).

(16) Conduct

(a) Soliciting donations or sales is allowed with permit or prior authorization from the Special Events Committee but is otherwise prohibited.

(b) Posting, displaying, pasting, fastening, painting or affixing any bill, notice or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence or enclosure in any park is prohibited absent written approval from the Director of Public Infrastructure or their designee.

(c) Obstruction and interference of a City employee or agent in the performance of their duties is prohibited.

(d) Scattering of human or animal cremains is prohibited.

(e) Smoking, vaping and commercial tobacco use is prohibited inside or within 50 feet of any City facilities, which includes, park rental facilities, open air shelters, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, Lincoln Park Zoo and Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center. Smoking and tobacco products are further regulated by City of Manitowoc Municipal Code 14.270.

(17) Fireworks

(a) Possessing or setting off fireworks, rockets, smoke bombs and other pyrotechnics is prohibited in all parks and further regulated by City of Manitowoc Municipal Code 6.070.

(18) Bicycles

(a) Bicycles must be operated on paved trails within the parks, with the exception of clearly marked and designated off-road biking trails.

(b) Bicyclists must operate bicycles in a safe manner, staying as close to the right-hand side of the trail as conditions allow.

(c) Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and pass with care.

(d) Electric bicycles are allowed on designated bicycle trails and must be operated safely and in accordance with posted trail rules.

(e) Operating a bicycle is prohibited in Manitowoc Youth Baseball Complex at Citizen Park, the Lincoln Park Zoo, all tennis courts and Goodwill NCW Miracle League Field of Dreams at Miracle Park.

(f) Bicycles are further regulated by City of Manitowoc Municipal Code 10.830.

(19) Skating: Roller Skating, In-line Skating, Skateboarding, Scootering

(a) Skating is permitted in parks on paved trails, sidewalks, Manitowoc X-Sports Complex and Citizen Park Rec Center for skating events but is otherwise prohibited.

(b) Skaters must stay as close to the right-hand side of the trail and sidewalk as conditions allow.

(c) Skaters must yield to pedestrians and pass with care.

(d) Skaters must adhere to all posted park rules.

(e) Electric scooters and similar electric skate equipment are permitted on paved trails and must operate in accordance with posted trail rules.

(f) Skating is further regulated by City of Manitowoc Municipal Code 14.370.

(20) Golfing

(a) Golfing is regulated by City of Manitowoc Municipal Code 14.820.

(21) Geocaching

(a) Authorization from Director of Public Infrastructure or their designee is required to place caches in parks.

(b) Dangerous or illegal material may not be placed in a cache.

(21) Glass Beverage Containers in Parks

(a) Glass beverage containers are strictly prohibited in all parks with the exception of wine bottles, which are allowed in conformance with Section 8.230(1) of the Manitowoc Municipal Code.”

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect the day after publication.

INTRODUCED _____ ADOPTED _____

_____ APPROVED _____

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

Fiscal Impact:	Anticipate no more than \$100 for ordinance publication and code update costs of which are appropriated in the 2024 adopted budget. No additional tax levy or 2024 budget amendments needed.
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Finance Director Approval:	/SMA
Approved as to form:	/EGN

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