

## 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.**

(a) Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 125.06(6), fermented malt beverages may be sold by City officers or employees in any City park under such terms and conditions as authorized by the Chief of Police and Director of **Parks and Recreation** ~~Public Infrastructure~~ or their designee.

(b) No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages, wine or fermented malt beverages in 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) **or (1)(c)** 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.

(c) No person shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverages, wine or fermented malt beverages on the sidewalks surrounding the parks named in subsection (1)(b) of this section except where provided pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this section, and except that it shall not be a violation of this section if a person possesses the beverages on the sidewalks in their original unopened containers or if a person has obtained permission from the ~~Special Events Committee~~ Common Council to possess alcoholic beverages in the above-named parks.

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#### **(3) Park Hours.**

(a) Standard Park Hours. Park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., unless otherwise stated by ordinance or attending a Parks **and Recreation Department** ~~Division~~ or City-sponsored or -approved activity. The Parks **and Recreation Department** ~~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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(c) Lincoln Park Zoo. Except for authorized personnel or City-sponsored activities it shall be unlawful for any person to be within the perimeter fence or the immediate surrounding outside

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**(4) Loud Noise.** 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 **and Recreation Department** ~~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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(d) Motor vehicles, equipment or materials cannot be parked or staged on park property outside of park hours without the approval of **the** Director of **Parks and Recreation** ~~Public Infrastructure~~ or their designee.

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**(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 Parks and Recreation ~~Public Infrastructure~~ or their 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 is further governed by MMC 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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(b) Policy. Metal detecting is permitted from sunrise to sunset or during posted park hours in all City beach park areas listed below, and other nondesignated beach areas within City limits upon prior approval by the Parks and Recreation ~~Public Infrastructure~~ Committee:

1. Silver Creek Park Beach Area;
2. Red Arrow Park Beach Area;
3. Lakefront Park Beach Area;
4. Lighthouse Park Beach Area;
5. Memorial Drive Wayside Beach Area.

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

**(11) Staking or Digging in Parks Prohibited.** No person may dig, damage, or disturb turfed areas within any City park unless such activity is authorized by the ~~Special Events Committee~~/Common Council. This provision does not apply to authorized municipal employees conducting City business.

**(12) Protecting Park Property.**

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(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 Parks and Recreation ~~Public Infrastructure~~ Committee.

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**(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 Parks and Recreation ~~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 and Recreation Department ~~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 Recreation Department ~~Division~~ and Forestry Division.

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**(14) Camping.** 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.

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**(16) Conduct.**

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(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 **Parks and Recreation** ~~Public Infrastructure~~ or their designee.

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**(21) Geocaching.**

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

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

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APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor

<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	Anticipate no more than \$300 in expenses for ordinance publication and municipal code revisions/updates. Expenses are appropriated in the 2026 adopted budget. No additional tax levy or 2026 budget amendments needed.
<b>Funding Source:</b>	General Fund – Clerks – Pub of Legal Notices (1100-13100-532100)
<b>Finance Director Approval:</b>	/SMA
<b>Approved as to form:</b>	/EGN

This ordinance was drafted by Eric Nycz, City Attorney