



Rules of the City of Taunton Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Commission relative to the use of the public parks and other public facilities.

Article III Park and Recreation Department and Commission

Sec. 15-42. Commission: powers, duties, control of parks and playgrounds.

The commission shall be the policy-making body and shall establish policies relating to planning and development of all parks, playgrounds, commons and recreation programs for the city. The commission shall approve the annual budget requests as prepared by the director and review all bills submitted by the director. As provided by statute (Chapter 45 of the General Laws), the commission shall exercise the powers and duties contained therein as to parks, playgrounds and public domains, and specifically as contained in Section 14 with regard to recreational programs, except the commission shall not make appropriations of money. (Ord. of 2-17-81)

General Rules:

Section 1 No person shall, in any public park or public facility under the control of the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Ground Commission:

- Abuse or annoy another; or
- Solicit for money; or
- Break any bottle or other article of glass: or
- Get rid of debris on a walkway or grass area except in a receptacle provided for the purpose, any bottle, can, paper or other thing, or
- Have in his or her possession any intoxicating liquor, or
- Use of smoking materials in Smoke-Free Zone Areas of any City of Taunton facility or open space.
- Use the Taunton Green, Vietnam Memorial, Liberty & Union Plaza to make any public speech or distribute free or for a price printed matter unless written approval is received under the Special Permit process.

Section 2 No person shall, in any public park or public place under the control of the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Commission:

- Sit, stand or lie upon, or climb upon or over, any statue, monument, fountain, bush or tree; or
- Stand or lie upon any seat; or
- Erect tents or canopies on any grass area of Taunton Green; or
- Place any obstruction on cement walkways to prohibit pedestrian foot traffic on Taunton Green; or
- Go upon any flower bed or cultivated area; or

- Dig up, cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or take any tree, bush, plant, turf, building, structure, fence, railing, sign or other thing connected with such park; or
- Throw any stone or other objects; or
- Attach signs or balloons on trees or structures; or
- Drop or place and suffer to remain a lighted match, cigarette, cigar or other burning substance; or
- Have or discharge any firecracker or fireworks; or
- Discharge any firearm or destructive weapon; or
- Have in any such park or place, except a boundary road or parkway on which there are dwelling, any firearm or destructive weapon; or
- Sit, stand or lie upon lawn areas on Taunton Green except such lawn areas designated as sitting areas or written approval if received under the Special Permit process.
- Bathe or swim in the Taunton Green Fountain or Vietnam Memorial Fountain.

Section 3 No person shall, in any public park or public place under the control of the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Commission:

- No person owning or keeping a dog shall permit it to defecate or urinate within the boundaries of any municipally owned playground, park or open space to which the public has access, unless expressly permitted in specially designated areas. (Sec. 3-19) (ord. of 5-23-2000)
- Have, ride, or drive any vehicle except a wheelchair, baby carriage or other like vehicle; or
- Use a bicycle, scooter, roller skates, skateboard; or
- Play golf or hit golf balls

Section 4 No person shall be at the outdoor swimming pool under the control of the Parks, Cemetery & Public Grounds Commission unless he or she is so clothed that not indecently exposed, and no person shall dress or undress at the pool except in a place set apart for that purpose.

Section 5 No person in any public park or other public place under the control of the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Commission shall fail to comply with any reasonable direction given by any police officer or by any Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds employee or contained in any notice posted by the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Department.

Section 6 No person shall place any snow or ice removed from private property upon any sidewalk or roadway of any boundary road of a public park or on any parkway under the control of the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Commission, nor

shall the owner or tenant of an estate abutting on any sidewalk suffer any snow to remain on such sidewalk for more than three hours between sunrise and sunset to suffer any ice to so remain unless such ice is made even and covered with sand to prevent slipping.

Section 7 No person shall drive any vehicle upon any sidewalk of a public park under the control of the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Commission except in accordance with written approval under the Special Permit process.

As voted upon:
Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Commission
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