

An Ordinance Regulating the Parks and Recreation Areas of Chisago County

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The County Board of Chisago County does Ordain:

Ordinance #98-01

Section 1. Enabling act

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with Section 398.34 of Minnesota Statutes, as amended.

Section 2. Purposes

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the protection and use of Chisago County Parks. This ordinance shall apply only to these parks and recreation areas owned and controlled by Chisago County.

Section 3. Separability

Each section, paragraph, sentence, clause and provision of this ordinance is separable, and if any portion thereof is held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 4. Violations

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$700, with costs, or by imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days, or both. All fines collected under this ordinance shall be deposited in the park fund.

Section 5. Interpretation

The provisions of this ordinance shall be liberally construed to affect its purpose.

Section 6. Enforcement

The Director and personnel of the Department of Parks may, in connection with their duties imposed by law, enforce the provisions of this ordinance and said Director and personnel of the Department of Parks shall have the authority to:

- Eject from any park any person acting in violation of this ordinance.
- Seize and confiscate any property, thing or device in any park used in violation of any of the provisions of the ordinances.
- Authorized personnel may issue citations for violations.

Section 7. Use and occupancy regulations for parks and recreational areas

In any park, trail or recreation area, it shall be unlawful for any person:

- To possess or discharge firearms, air rifles, BB guns, sling shots, explosives or fireworks.
- To engage in an act of or relating to gambling as defined in Minnesota Statute §609.755, (1), (2), or (3);
- To engage in offensive, obscene, or abusive language or in boisterous or noisy conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger or resentment in other;
- To engage in brawling or fighting;
- To bring or possess keg beer or other bulk tap quantities;
- To drink intoxicating liquors as defined in Minnesota Stat. §340.07 and intoxicating malt liquors as defined in Minnesota Stat. § 340.401.
- To use or possess controlled substances; or
- To possess or use alcoholic beverages in posted beach areas.
- For a minor to possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- To advertise, sell or attempt to sell, or solicit for a private gain or cause without proper permits.
- To participate in active games or sports outside designated play areas.
- To exceed posted speed limits or to park in an area other than those designated for parking or to drive in a reckless or careless manner.
- To picnic or to light and/or maintain a fire outside areas designated for use.
- To leave a fire unattended.
- To be present in a park or recreation area after the hour of 10:00 p.m. or before the hour of 7:00 a.m. on any day (trail hours not included).

CLOSING OF PARKS: The Director is hereby authorized to close any park, trail or portion thereof at any time for any interval of time, whether temporarily or at regular stated intervals as he shall find necessary, for the protection of park property or for the public health, safety or welfare.

- It shall be unlawful for any person to bring in or to dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, discarded vegetation including but not limited to Christmas trees, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse, or other trash in any park. No person shall place such refuse or trash in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or leave any refuse or trash anywhere on the grounds of the park.

USE OF TRASH RECEPTACLES: Where trash receptacles are provided in any park, all refuse and trash related to park use shall be placed therein; provided, however, residential trash and construction debris shall in no event be placed in such receptacles.

- To discharge in any lake, stream or other body of water any substance, liquid or solid, or any other matter or thing which may result in the pollution of said waters.
- To remove, break, destroy, injure, mutilate, deface or in any way damage any structure, monument, fence, flagpole, vehicle, bench, natural growth, fireplace or any other property located therein.
- To use a park, trail or recreation area, or any portion thereof, for group celebrations, meetings, or entertainment which are not open to the public except upon obtaining prior thereto a permit from the Park Board or its designated official.

The Director shall issue a temporary permit when the applicant shall show and the Director shall determine:

- That the proposed use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park.
- That the proposed use will not unreasonably interfere or detract from the promotion of the public health, welfare and safety.
- That the proposed use is not reasonably anticipated to lead to or incite violence, crime, disorderly conduct or injury or damage to park property.

REVOCAION OF PERMIT: The Director shall have the authority to revoke a temporary permit upon finding of a violation of any rule, regulation or ordinance, or upon good cause shown.

- To place advertising, decorations or any other device or thing on park property without park board authorization.
- To operate a motor vehicle or any device propelled by human power except on roads, paths or areas designated for such use.
- To permit any pet or other animal over which the person has control to be therein while not on a leash.
- To fail to obey the directions or orders of an official park personnel, park ranger, park director or a Chisago County Deputy relating to the safe use of said parks, trails, recreation areas and swimming areas, by or for the public.
- To launch watercraft in any area outside the designated public boat launch.
- To trap or endanger wildlife on park land/trails owned by Chisago County .
- It shall be unlawful for any person to use any restroom in any park in other than a clean and sanitary manner. No person over the age of eight (8) shall use restrooms designated for the opposite sex. Those persons eight (8) years of age or under who use the restroom of the opposite sex shall be accompanied by an adult of the proper sex.
- To climb trees or other natural growths or flagpoles or buildings or structures, unless specifically designed for that purpose.

Section 8. Permits for Motor Vehicle

- Except as provided in Clause C, it shall be unlawful for any person to bring a motor vehicle or be permitted to bring a motor vehicle into Fish Lake Park, from Memorial Day through Labor day, unless it has affixed to its windshield in the lower right-hand corner thereof a motor vehicle park permit which is provided for hereinafter. This provision shall take effect on June 1, 1990.
- The County shall issue without charge a County Motor Vehicle Permit to any County employee who, for the purpose of performing official duties, must enter places where park stickers are required. The County employee shall display the permit on his motor vehicle in the same manner as County park stickers are displayed. A motor vehicle displaying only a County employee's permit may not enter a place where park stickers are required if the vehicle is used for purposes other than performing official duties.
- No permit shall be required for County-owned vehicles when brought to the park for the purpose of performing official duties.
- The fee policy includes vehicles towing boats into the park to use boat launch facilities.

Section 9. Motor Vehicle Park Permits.

The director of the Chisago County Parks System shall procure permits for each calendar year which by appropriate language shall grant permission to use any of the above listed County park facilities during times requiring said permits. Permits for each calendar year shall be provided and placed on sale on and

after November 1st of the preceding year and may be affixed and used on or at any time after that date until the end of the next calendar year for which issued. The specific fees to be charged for the motor vehicle park permits to be issued hereunder shall be set by resolution of the Chisago County Board.

Section 10. Snowmobiles

- It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a snowmobile with metal traction devices, including carbide studs, on the Sunrise Prairie Trail, except it shall be permissible for law enforcement officers to use such devices in the performance of their duties.
- It Shall be unlawful to operate a snowmobile on the paved portion of the Sunrise Prairie Trail.