

PARKS, ATHLETIC AND COURT AREAS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

WELCOME to the facilities of Overland Park Parks and Leisure Services. To help ensure an enjoyable visit, we ask that everyone observe these rules and regulations, which are governed by chapter 10.08 Overland Park Municipal Code.

1. The shelters at our parks may be used on a first come/first serve basis; however, since you have officially reserved a shelter, you have first priority. **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BRING YOUR PERMIT WITH YOU.** If you should encounter difficulty with others occupying the reserved shelter at the time stated on your permit, show them the permit and ask them to leave. **If they refuse to vacate the shelter, you should phone the Overland Park Police Department to enforce your permit, (913) 895-6300.**
2. **Cancellation of park shelter, athletic field, and court permits: per current Resolution "Request for fee refunds for use of ...must be submitted in writing at least seven business days in advance of the rental date. Any request for refund submitted less than seven business days from the rental date will not be processed."** All refunds will be equal to the total paid minus the \$5 permit fee.
3. **Rainout policy – THERE IS NO RAINOUT REFUND. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. RESCHEDULING A FACILITY WILL BE AT THE CUSTOMER'S OWN EXPENSE.**
4. **Note: the rental of a park shelter does not guarantee the availability of any tennis courts, playgrounds, ball fields, basketball courts, green space, or any other amenity at that location. The park shelter fee covers only the shelter and the tables directly under it for the date(s) and time(s) requested.**
5. Park Hours are 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Except for Arboretum shelter (Summer: 8:00am-7:30pm) (Winter: 8:00am-5:00pm).
6. **Rest rooms in park areas will be open from approximately May 1 through October 1.**
7. Alcoholic or cereal malt beverages are prohibited in parks – including parking lots and drives.
8. Motorized vehicles are prohibited within park areas, including bike/hike trails.
9. Fires may be built only in cookers provided by the City and are to be extinguished before leaving.
10. All waste materials should be deposited in the proper disposal drums.
11. Firecrackers and fireworks are prohibited in park areas.
12. Horseback riding is allowed along bike/hike trails and wooded areas, but not on athletic fields, court areas, open fields where athletic events occur, picnic areas, or around playground areas.
13. Woodcutting for firewood or other reasons is prohibited in all park areas.
14. Park areas may not be used for any commercial enterprise.
15. Boats with motors are prohibited on lakes.
16. All boats must carry oars to operate the craft and one life preserver for each occupant.
17. Fishing and game laws of the state of Kansas must be strictly observed while fishing at parks. This includes the requirement for all Kansas residents between the ages of 16 and 65 to have a Kansas State Fishing license. All nonresidents of Kansas must have a Kansas state fishing license at 16 years of age or older.
18. Swimming, wading, and bathing are prohibited in all park lakes.
19. Weapons prohibited. The possession of a weapon in any City owned, leased or operated park, pool, tennis court, basketball court or other recreational property or facility, or community center is hereby prohibited. This rule shall not apply to those persons authorized by O.P.M.C. Section 11.28.061 to possess a weapon in City owned or leased buildings. A weapon shall include any object that is calculated or reasonably likely to produce death or serious bodily injury and shall be further defined as provided in said Section 11.28.061 or O.P.M.C. 11.60.005.
20. Any amusement device, such as inflatable play structure, requires proof of insurance and prior approval from the Leisure Services office.
21. No sound amplification of voice or music is allowed without prior approval from the Leisure Services office. Any noise or sound resulting from an activity in a City park must be in compliance with City Ordinance regarding noise, Chapter 7.08.

*****IF FOR ANY REASON YOU WERE NOT SATISFIED, CONTACT LEISURE SERVICES AT (913) 895-6390. THANK YOU!**