

Chapter 58 PARKS AND RECREATION¹

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 58-1. City youth programs standards of care adopted.

The city council hereby adopts the City of Saginaw Youth Programs Standards of Care for providing basic child care regulations for day camp activities operated by the city recreation and community services department. As required by V.T.C.A., Human Resources Code § 42.041(b)(14), the standards adopted by this ordinance include staffing ratios; minimum staff qualifications; minimum facility, health, and safety standards; and mechanisms for monitoring and enforcing the adopted local standards. A substantial copy of the City of Saginaw Youth Programs Standards of Care is attached to Ord. No. 2010-05 and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes as exhibit "A" and shall be available on the city's web site under the "Recreation" subheading.

(Ord. No. 2007-06, § 1, 3-6-07; Ord. No. 2008-03, § 1, 3-4-08; Ord. No. 2009-05, § 1, 3-17-09; Ord. No. 2010-05, § 1, 4-6-10)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 2007-06, § 1, adopted March 6, 2007, did not specify manner of inclusion; hence, inclusion as § 58-1 is at the discretion of the editor.

Secs. 58-2—58-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. ADVISORY RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD²

Sec. 58-31. Created; compensation; qualifications.

There is hereby created an advisory recreation and parks board of the city, consisting of seven regular members and two alternate members to be appointed by city council, said members to serve without compensation. All regular and alternate members must be qualified voters in the city and shall be subject to removal at any time by the city council. Alternate members should attend all meetings of the board, and may participate in discussions, but shall have no right to make motions or vote except when acting in the absence or disqualification of a regular member. Alternates shall be designated on their appointment as first and second alternate. On absence or disqualification of one or more regular members, alternates shall be requested by the chairperson of the board to act in place of the absent or disqualified member in numerical order of their respective alternate designations.

(Code 1987, § 16-16; Ord. No. 2021-09, § 1, 4-20-21)

¹Cross reference(s)—Environment, ch. 30; streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 86.

State law reference(s)—Election required for sale of public park or square, V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 253.001; parks and wildlife, V.T.C.A., Parks and Wildlife Code § 1.001 et seq.

²Cross reference(s)—Boards and commissions, § 2-131 et seq.

Sec. 58-32. Terms of members.

Regular members of said board shall be appointed to places one through seven, respectively.

Regular members shall be appointed to the odd-numbered places in odd-numbered years and to the even-numbered places in even-numbered years. Alternate members shall be appointed in even-numbered years. All members shall serve a term of two years from May 1 of the year of appointment until their successor is appointed in May of the succeeding odd-numbered to even-numbered year, respectively.

(Code 1987, § 16-17; Ord. No. 2021-09, § 1, 4-20-21)

Sec. 58-33. Duties.

(a) It will be the duty of the advisory recreation and parks board to:

- (1) Make recommendations and suggestions to the city council, through the city manager or his designated representative, on the use, control and regulation of the parks and recreation centers and facilities of the city;
- (2) Review existing facilities to determine the need for expansion of the parks and recreation centers of the city;
- (3) Administer all gifts, bequests and legacies made to the city for park and recreation purposes for the benefit of the park and recreation system, subject to review and audit by the city manager and city council.

(b) Administration of regular budget items for park and recreation purposes shall be under the control of the city manager.

(Code 1987, § 16-18)

Sec. 58-34. Procedures.

The board shall elect annually from its members a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall prescribe its own rules as to meeting times and places and procedures to be followed at the meetings.

(Code 1987, § 16-19)

Sec. 58-35. Authority.

The board is to be an advisory board only as the name implies. All decisions and actions by the board shall be subject to review by the city manager, who shall keep the council advised as he deems necessary or appropriate. Any decision or action by the board shall be subject to veto by either the city manager or the city council.

(Code 1987, § 16-20)

Secs. 58-36—58-60. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. PARK, PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 58-61. Activities restricted; authority; special permits; overnight camping.

It shall be unlawful for any individual or group of individuals to participate in any activity on any park or playground area when such activity will create a danger to the public or may be considered a public nuisance. The city manager or parks and recreation director (designated by the city manager) may designate particular locations within the park and playground areas for specific activities. When deemed necessary, the city manager may limit the conduct of such activities by the issuance of special permits upon application, which permits shall set out particular conditions under which activity is permitted. Overnight camping is prohibited on any park property except by special permit issued for such activity on special occasions.

(Code 1987, § 16-21)

Sec. 58-62. Restricted areas; hours posted.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any portion of a park or recreation area which is designated as restricted or to enter any area during the hours of the day when said area is not open to the public or to enter at any time any park and recreation area which is closed for the season. Hours during which the area is open to the public shall be posted by the parks and recreation director.

(Code 1987, § 16-22)

Sec. 58-63. Concessions; granted by contract.

The city council may from time to time, upon the recommendation of the city manager, grant concessions for the operation of amusements, refreshment stands and related concessionaire facilities for operation in city parks and playgrounds. Any such concessions shall be granted upon a written contract detailing the privileges, duties and responsibilities of the concessionaire and providing adequate protection for the city and its citizens.

(Code 1987, § 16-23)

Sec. 58-64. Written agreement or permit required for selling food, merchandise; application.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer to sell any food, drinks, confections, merchandise or services in any park or playground unless such person has a written agreement or a permit issued by the city permitting the sale of such items in the park or playground. Application for such permit shall be made to the parks and recreation director.

(Code 1987, § 16-24)

Sec. 58-65. Parking.

Where vehicle parking lots or areas have been set aside in a park in the city, no vehicle shall be driven over or across the curbs, sidewalks, grass or lawn within such park but shall be parked in such parking lots or areas and not otherwise.

(Code 1987, § 16-25)

Cross reference(s)—Traffic and vehicles, ch. 94.

Sec. 58-66. Use of vehicles; transportation of goods; riding horses or other animals.

It shall be unlawful to drive or propel any vehicle over or through any park or playground except along or upon park drives, parkways or park boulevards or to drive or propel along or over any park, parkway or park boulevard any heavily laden vehicle or vehicles carrying merchandise, goods, material or rubbish or any market wagon, dirt cart, moving van or truck. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or to lead or drive any horse or other animal over or through any park or playground except along and upon the designated paths.

(Code 1987, § 16-26)

Cross reference(s)—Animals generally, ch. 6; traffic and vehicles, ch. 94.

Sec. 58-67. Advertising; signs; exception.

It shall be unlawful to place or erect any structure, sign, bulletin board, post, pole or advertising device of any kind whatsoever in any park or playground or to attach to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, post or structure within any park or playground. Provided, however, the parks and recreation director may permit the erection of temporary decorations on occasions of public celebrations or holidays.

(Code 1987, § 16-27)

Cross reference(s)—Sign code, § 10-381 et seq.; signs generally, ch. 78.

Sec. 58-68. Destruction of park property.

It shall be unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench or other property in any park or playground.

(Code 1987, § 16-28)

Sec. 58-69. Injuring or destroying vegetation or structures.

It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, break, deface or in any way injure the trees, shrubs, plants, grass, turf, seats, fountains, fences, structures, improvements, ornaments or property within or upon any of the parks and playgrounds.

(Code 1987, § 16-29)

Sec. 58-70. Teasing or molesting animals.

It shall be unlawful to tease, annoy, molest, catch, injure or kill or throw any stone, object or missile of any kind at or strike with a stick, object or weapon any animal, bird, fowl or fish in any park or playground.

(Code 1987, § 16-30)

Cross reference(s)—Animals generally, ch. 6.

Sec. 58-71. Disturbing the peace; profanity.

It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue or cause to be made or continue at any recreation facility any loud unreasonable or unusual noise or any noise which disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort,

repose, health, peace or safety of others. It shall be unlawful for any person to use boisterous, insulting, profane language or to conduct oneself in a disorderly, lewd, obscene or lascivious manner in any park or recreation area.

(Code 1987, § 16-31)

Secs. 58-72—58-74. Reserved.

Sec. 58-75. Dog park rules and regulations.

- (a) Dog park hours are from dawn to dusk.
- (b) All dogs must have current rabies tags and be free of any contagious diseases.
- (c) Dogs to remain leashed in entry/exit area.
- (d) Dogs displaying aggressive behavior shall be leashed and removed immediately.
- (e) Dogs must be in view and voice control of their owners/handlers at all times.
- (f) Owners/handlers must carry a leash at all times for their dog(s).
- (g) Maximum of two dogs per owner/handler.
- (h) No unaccompanied children under 13 years old allowed.
- (i) Dogs four months of age or less are prohibited.
- (j) Dogs in heat are prohibited.
- (k) No food or drinks (human or canine) except bottled water allowed in park.
- (l) Dogs less than 25 lbs. are not allowed in the large dog area. Dogs over 25 lbs. are not allowed in the small dog area.
- (m) No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards or motorized vehicles allowed in park except maintenance vehicles.
- (n) Owners/handlers must clean up their dog's waste.
- (o) Owners/handlers shall report dog bites or dog scratches of humans to animal services at 817-232-0311 (police dispatch).
- (p) Your use of this park is at your own risk. The City of Saginaw is not responsible for accidents, injury, or other damages of any kind.
- (q) The city manager is hereby authorized to post additional dog park rules necessary to protect the public's welfare.

(Ord. No. 2015-02, § 1, 2-3-15)