

Sec. 32-4. - Rules and regulations for parks owned and operated by city.

- (a) *Adopted.* There shall be a set of rules and regulations developed to set standards of conduct in the parks and recreational facilities owned or operated by the City of Alpharetta. These rules shall be designed to assure the safety and enjoyment of park participants.
- (1) No person shall serve, consume, or transport in open containers any alcoholic beverage within a city park or recreation facility except in designated event venues during city sponsored events. For purposes of this section, the department of recreation, parks, and cultural services shall define "event venue" for each such event.
 - (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to use tobacco products within a city park. Examples of tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, etc.
 - (3) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle of any kind or nature in or on a city park, bicycle path, trail, or any other area owned or operated by the city for recreational purposes.
 - a. This section does not prohibit persons with disabilities from using a motorized wheelchair, as an auxiliary aid, in a city park or on a bicycle path, or any other area owned or operated by the city for recreational purposes.
 - b. This section does not prohibit the use of motorized vehicles for maintenance purposes or motorized vehicles using marked roads, driveways, or parking areas.
 - c. The use of golf carts, ATVs, LSVs and PTVs, motorized scooters, motorized skateboards, class 3 electric bicycles, hover boards, and similar devices is prohibited on the Greenway, AlphaLoop, or any other trail.
 - (4) The use of bicycles on sidewalks and trails is prohibited within city parks, except as follows:
 - a. Bicycles, including class 1 and 2 electric bicycles, may be used at a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour on the Greenway, AlphaLoop, marked roads, driveways, or parking areas.
 - b. Children under the age of six may use bikes with training wheels on park trails, when accompanied by an adult.
 - (5) The use of skateboards is prohibited in city parks except on the Greenway, AlphaLoop, and in areas expressly designated for the use of skateboards.
 - a. Designated areas will be posted with proper signage.
 - (6) Park hours are set according to park categories and are posted at each park. Park categories and a listing of all park hours can be found on the City of Alpharetta's website. Park categories and their respective park hours are also provided below:
 - a. Active parks: 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - b. Greenway, greenway access parks, and the AlphaLoop: Dawn to dusk.

- c. Neighborhood parks: Dawn to dusk.
 - d. Downtown parks: Dawn to midnight.
- (7) Littering, vandalism, and the damage or removal of city property is prohibited.
- (8) All pets must be on-leash and under physical control at all times, except at designated off-leash areas. Additionally, park guests must adhere to the following:
- a. No pets or animals are allowed on athletic fields;
 - b. Animals are prohibited inside buildings, in city swimming areas, the areas inside fencing around pools, and in concession and restroom facilities at swimming pools;
 - c. This section does not prohibit persons with disabilities from bringing service animals as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into any such areas or into any city park or area owned or operated by the city for recreational purposes; and
 - d. Pet waste must be picked up and disposed of properly in designated pet waste containers.
- (9) All organized programs and activities must be approved by the city.
- a. Organized assemblies or groups of 25 or more persons are prohibited, unless approved by prior issuance of a permit by the director of recreation, parks, and cultural services.
 - b. When using an athletic field, a group of ten or more persons and private instruction require prior issuance of a permit by the director of recreation, parks, and cultural services.
- (10) It shall be unlawful for any person to build or maintain a fire in any park, except in city-provided pavilion grills.
- (11) The following are prohibited, except by permit issued by the city:
- a. Hunting;
 - b. Camping, urban camping, and/or tents;
 - c. Open fires, fireworks, and/or explosives;
 - d. Golf;
 - e. Archery;
 - f. Soliciting, vending, peddling, or selling;
 - g. Cutting of trees, shrubs, or other plantings;
 - h. Removal or attachments of any kind to trees, plants, or structures;
 - i. Public address systems, loudspeakers, or amplifying devices;
 - j. Overnight parking;
 - k. Drones, unmanned aerial vehicles, rockets, or model aircraft;
 - l. Inflatables;

- m. Petting zoos;
- n. Metal detecting; or
- o. Construction of any structure (temporary or permanent).

(12) Disorderly conduct is not permitted in any city park or any other area owned or operated by the city for recreation purposes. For purposes of section 32-4, disorderly conduct includes any conduct or behavior tending to a breach of the public peace, such as, but not limited to:

- a. Engaging in fighting or threatening, violent or tumultuous behavior;
- b. Jostling or roughly crowding persons unnecessarily;
- c. Creating a hazardous condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose;
- d. Causing or risking public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm; or
- e. Making an obscene communication or display.

(b) *Greenway and AlphaLoop designated parks.* For all purposes of section 32-4, the City of Alpharetta Greenway system and the AlphaLoop shall be deemed as a park.

(c) *Enforcement.*

- (1) All city law enforcement officers, city officials, and other city officers are authorized, empowered, and directed to enforce compliance with this section.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall prevent the enforcement of city and county ordinances and regulations or state statutes or codes in any park or recreation facility owned or operated by the city.
- (3) Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined according to the penalties described in section 1-8, or sentenced to labor under city supervision on the streets, sidewalks, parks or other public works for a period not to exceed 45 days.

(d) *Public notification.*

- (1) The director of recreation, parks, and cultural services shall reproduce the rules in a format suitable for public distribution. Such copies of the park rules and regulations shall be available to the public at all city recreation buildings and other city locations, as deemed necessary by the director of recreation, parks, and cultural services.
- (2) The director of public works shall have the rules and regulations reproduced on all-weather signs and shall post the signs in the city's parks. Locations of such signs shall be determined by the director of recreation, parks, and cultural services and shall be placed in plain public view.

(Code 1989, § 14-4; Ord. No. 286, §§ 1—3, 5-13-1991; Ord. No. 844, § 1, 5-2-2022)