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Article I. General

7.12.000 Title.

These rules may be cited as the “Park Rules and Regulations” for the city of Redmond, Washington. (Ord. xxxx).

7.12.010 Definitions.

Whenever used in this chapter the following terms shall be defined as herein indicated:

- (1) “Aircraft” means any machine or device designed to travel through the air including, but not limited to, airplanes, helicopters and balloons.
- (2) “Alcoholic beverages” or “liquor” includes the four varieties of liquor defined as alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, all fermented, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquor, and all other intoxicating beverages, and every liquor, solid or semisolid or other substance, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer; all drinks or drinkable liquids and all preparations or mixtures capable of human consumption. Any liquor, semisolid, solid or other substance which contains more than one percent alcohol by weight shall be conclusively deemed to be intoxicating.
- (3) “Boat” means any contrivance used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- (4) “City of Redmond park area”, “City park” and “park” means any area or facility, including trail corridors, under the ownership, management, or control of the City of Redmond Parks and Recreation Department.
- (5) “Department” means the City of Redmond Parks and Recreation Department
- (6) “Director” means director of the City of Redmond Parks and Recreation Department or his or her designee.
- (7) “Facility” or “facilities” means any building, structure, or park area operated by the City of Redmond Parks and Recreation Department.
- (8) “Floation device” means a buoyancy device, life preserver, buoyant vest, ring or cushion, regardless of shape or size, that is designed to float a person in the water.
- (9) “Mechanical trapping device” shall be defined as any device, including but not limited to snares or machines that shut suddenly upon contact by an animal, or a device which kills or inflicts physical pain and injury upon a captured animal.
- (10) “Remote controlled model” means any mechanism that is piloted by a remote control device and with the ability to travel on land, in air or upon the water including but not limited to any mechanism powered by an internal combustion or electric motor.
- (11) “Motorized watercraft” means any description of watercraft on the water, other than a seaplane, that is equipped with motor propulsion machinery, whether inboard or outboard and whether electric or fuel operated, and that is used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water and shall include, but not be limited to, motorboats, speedboats, powerboats, ski boats and jet skis; however, it does not include nonmotorized watercraft, including but not limited to canoes, kayaks,

paddle boats, row boats, inner tubes, air mattresses, sailboards, and small rafts or floatation devices or toys customarily used by swimmers.

(12) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled device powered by an internal combustion or electric motor capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, jeeps or similar type four-wheel drive vehicles, and snowmobiles, whether or not they can be legally operated upon the public highways. This does not apply to wheelchairs powered by electric motors, electric-assisted bicycles and motorized foot scooters.

(13) "Negligent" means the failure to exercise ordinary care, and is the doing of some act that a reasonably careful person would not do under the same or similar circumstances or the failure to do something that a reasonably careful person would do under the same or similar circumstances.

(14) "Person" means all persons, groups, firms, partnerships, corporations, clubs, and all associations or combination of persons whenever acting for themselves or as an agent, servant, or employee.

(15) "Rocket" means any device containing a combustible substance which when ignited propels the device forward.

(16) "Trail" means any path, track, or right-of-way designed for use by pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians, or other nonmotorized modes of transportation under the ownership, management, or control of the City of Redmond.

(17) "Trailer" means a towed vehicle which contains sleeping or housekeeping accommodations.

7.12.020 Program – Purpose.

The parks, playgrounds, activity centers, pools, and other facilities of the department are established by law for public recreation purposes. The public recreation programs consist primarily of activities planned and directed by the department, and secondarily of recreation activities of community groups brought under control of the division when authorized by and conducted under permit issued by the department.

Article II. Administration

7.12.030 Administrative rules.

The director shall have the authority to promulgate and adopt reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the operation, management and use of the parks, which shall be posted in conspicuous places in park areas. Such rules and regulations may set forth the times and conditions upon which the City parks and recreation facilities will be open, closed, or used by the public. It is unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any park rule or regulation duly adopted and posted by the department.

7.12.040 Permits.

Groups or individuals which desire to use City park facilities may be granted a permit by the department. Where appropriate, special conditions of use will be established by the department and so noted on the

permit form. Permit fees and a schedule of the charges for special services in City of Redmond facilities will be established by the department with the approval of the City of Redmond City Council. Some uses of park facilities will require a Special Event Permit, as described in RMC 10.62.

7.12.050 Sale of goods or services.

The use of park facilities for financial gain shall be allowed only through concession contracts with the City or by parks miscellaneous use permit issued by the department.

Article III. Rules Governing Use of Facilities – Infraction

7.12.060 Food waste, washing of clothes or animals prohibited.

No person shall clean fish or other food, or wash any clothing or other articles for personal or household use, or wash any dog or other animal.

7.12.070 Parking lots and roadways – Games prohibited.

Games of any kind are prohibited in parking lots and roadways of all department facilities.

7.12.080 Motor vehicles – Parking.

(1) No operator of any automobile, trailer, camper, boat trailer, or other vehicle shall park such vehicle in any City of Redmond park area, except where the operator is using the area for the designated recreational purpose and the vehicle is parked either in the designated parking area, or in another area with the permission of the director. No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any City of Redmond park area after closing time except as authorized by the department. In addition to the penalties found in Article V of this chapter, any vehicle found parked in violation may be towed away at the owner's expense.

(2) It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle in a designated handicapped parking space without the officially recognized symbol on the vehicle license plate. All improperly parked vehicles are subject to being towed away at the owner's or operator's expense.

7.12.090 Motor vehicles on roads and trails.

No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a trail in any City of Redmond park area unless such trail has been specifically designated and posted for such use. No person shall operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of a City of Redmond park area except on roads, streets, parking lots, parking areas, or where otherwise permitted by proper posting; provided, that this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles, maintenance vehicles, or construction vehicles authorized by the department.

7.12.100 Motor vehicles – Speed limits.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle within any City of Redmond park area at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour or as otherwise posted, having due regard for traffic on and the surface and width of the road, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property, or wildlife.

7.12.110 Washing of vehicles.

No person shall clean or wash any automobile or other vehicle in any City of Redmond park area.

7.12.120 Motor vehicles – Trucks and commercial vehicles.

No person shall cause a truck or other vehicle while being used for commercial purposes to enter upon, use, or traverse any portion of any City of Redmond park area or any park road except in the service of the department at the request of the employees of the department, or by express permission of the director for a special activity not inconsistent with City park use; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to City roads or state highways.

7.12.130 Trail use.

(1) No person shall travel on a trail at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with persons or property. No person shall travel at speeds in excess of 15 miles per hour on a City of Redmond trail.

(2) No person shall travel on a trail in a negligent manner.

(3) For the purposes of this section “travel” shall be construed to include all forms of movement or transportation on a trail, including but not limited to foot, bicycle, horse, skateboard, and roller skates.

(4) Every person traveling on a trail shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device applicable thereto placed in accordance with applicable laws unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(5) No motorized vehicles shall be allowed on City of Redmond trails except wheelchairs powered by electric motors, electric-assisted bicycles and motorized foot scooters or authorized maintenance, police or emergency vehicles.

(6) Regional trails, local trail corridors, and paved pathways are open to all nonmotorized users unless otherwise designated and posted. Pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians are permitted on all maintained soft surface trails unless otherwise posted and designated. Trail restrictions may be posted at park entrances, trailheads or, in some cases, on individual trails. Trail use designations will be based on the park master plan, resource conservation, trail user conflicts, maintenance issues, and safety hazards.

7.12.140 Overnight moorage.

No person or persons shall moor, anchor, dock or berth a boat or other object overnight in a City of Redmond park area unless the area has been designated for such use.

7.12.150 Tents and shelters.

No person shall erect, maintain, use or occupy a temporary tent or shelter in any City of Redmond park area unless there is an unobstructed view through such tent or shelter from at least two sides; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize overnight camping.

7.12.160 Ice.

No person shall go out onto ice in any City of Redmond park area, except in areas specifically designated for that purpose. This includes, but is not limited to, lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and other bodies of water.

7.12.170 Fishing.

All laws, rules and regulations of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife relating to season, limits, and methods of fishing are applicable to fishing for game fish and shellfish in City of Redmond park areas and associated marine areas. No person may fish for or possess any fish or shellfish taken from any dam, dike, bridge, dock, boat launch, or beach, which is posted with a sign prohibiting fishing.

7.12.180 Pets in City park facilities.

(1) Dogs, pets or domestic animals are not permitted on any designated swimming beach or athletic field, in any City of Redmond park area or in any building, unless specifically permitted by posting of the department; provided, that this section shall not apply to service animals and animals used by public law enforcement or Fire Department personnel.

(2) In permissible areas, dogs or pets or other domestic animals must be kept on a leash and under control at all times.

(3) Any person whose dog or other pet is in any City of Redmond park area shall be responsible for the conduct of the animal and for removing feces deposited by such animal from the park area.

7.12.190 Disturbances by animals prohibited.

No person shall allow his or her dog or other pet or domestic animal to bite or in any way molest or annoy park visitors or other pet or domestic animals or wildlife. No person shall permit his or her dog or other pet or domestic animal to bark continuously or otherwise disturb the peace and tranquility of any City of Redmond park area.

7.12.200 Horseback riding.

Horses are permitted on trails unless otherwise posted and designated. Horses shall be permitted in other City of Redmond park areas that are specifically posted to permit such activity. Horses shall not be permitted in any designated swimming area or picnic area. No person shall allow a horse or other animal to stand unattended or insecurely tied.

7.12.210 Littering.

No person shall leave, deposit, drop or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, food, waste paper, cans, or other rubbish in a City of Redmond park area, except in a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes.

7.12.220 Swimming rules.

Swimmers using City parks, beaches and water resources shall obey all posted beach rules and/or the instructions of lifeguards or other City employees.

(1) Designated swimming areas shall be marked with buoys, log booms, or other markers clearly designating the boundaries of such areas. At City parks, beaches and associated marine areas, swimming shall be permitted only within designated swimming areas.

(2) In designated swimming areas, floatation devices are allowed only at lifeguards' discretion. Swimmers must stay within designated swimming areas when using floatation devices.

(3) In designated swimming areas, the use or operation of nonmotorized watercraft, including but not limited to canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and row boats, is prohibited.

(4) False alarm of drowning is prohibited. No person shall give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning in any manner.

7.12.230 Interfering with lifeguard duties.

Activities are prohibited that endanger other beach users and interfere or tend to interfere with and distract from or obstruct the performance of lifeguarding responsibilities of department personnel. When circumstances can safely permit games, such games will be conducted only with the consent of a lifeguard or other department employee.

7.12.240 Swimming/scuba diving in boat launch areas prohibited.

No person shall swim, sunbathe, or scuba dive in any designated boat launching area.

7.12.250 Operation of remote controlled models prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to operate any motorized model aircraft (including drones), rocket, watercraft, or vehicles in any City of Redmond park area except by permit obtained through the department; provided that this section does not apply to operation of motorized models by public law enforcement personnel.

7.12.260 Amplified Music and public address systems.

It is unlawful to operate a powered public address system or amplified music speaker system or other means of amplifying sound at any City of Redmond park area except by permit obtained through the department. Battery-operated portable radios, recorder or other sound-producing equipment are permitted, provided they shall not be operated at a volume or in any manner which unreasonably disturbs the peace of others.

7.12.270 Signs, posters, and notices.

It is unlawful for any person, without prior written permission of the director, to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod, or cord to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within any City of Redmond park area; provided that the director may permit the erection of temporary directional signs or decorations on occasions of public celebration and picnics.

Article IV. Rules Governing Use of Facilities – Misdemeanors

7.12.280 Presence in parks during hours the park is closed.

No person shall enter or be present in a City of Redmond park area during hours the park is closed except persons using park facilities as part of an event authorized by the department.

7.12.290 Loitering.

Loitering is prohibited in restrooms and other City of Redmond park areas and recreation facilities.

7.12.300 Interference with trails.

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or otherwise cause or suffer to be located any structure, device, or natural or artificial thing that threatens or endangers any portion of a trail owned or maintained by the City of Redmond, or that tends to endanger persons traveling thereon, obstructs or tends to obstruct or constitutes a hazard to persons traveling thereon. This section shall not apply to employees of the City of Redmond in the performance of their duties or to persons acting pursuant to written direction of the City of Redmond.

7.12.310 Moorage in swimming area prohibited.

No person or persons shall moor, dock, or berth a boat or other watercraft, whether motorized or nonmotorized, to a log boom or float line which delineates a swimming area in a City of Redmond park area.

7.12.330 Damage to property/wildlife.

(1) It is unlawful for any person except a duly authorized department employee in the performance of his or her duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to law, to remove, destroy, mutilate or damage any structure, lawn, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, geological formation, plant, flower, lighting system, sprinkling system, gate, barricade or lock or other property lawfully in any park, or to remove sand, soil, or sod in any park. No person shall prune, cut down, destroy, or in any way injure any vegetation, living or dead, in any City of Redmond park areas unless authorized to do so by the department. No person shall deface, damage or destroy any property, material or equipment which is under the jurisdiction of the department.

(2) Damage to Wildlife and domestic animals. Except for fishing and shellfishing in authorized areas and subject to rules promulgated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, it is unlawful in any City of Redmond park area in any manner to attempt to capture, tease, annoy, disturb, or strike any animal with any stick, weapon or other device or throw or otherwise propel any missile or other object at or in the vicinity of any such animal.

(3) Feeding Wildlife Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person in any City of Redmond park area to feed wildlife, except that this prohibition does not include licensed fishing or shellfishing activity in designated areas.

(4) Unintended use. It is unlawful for any person to participate in any activity, practice or play any game or sport in a park area that conflicts with normal, intended park usage or that endangers other park users in any way.

7.12.340 Building Fires.

It is unlawful for any person to build any fire in any City of Redmond park area except in designated areas, such as barbeque grills.

7.12.350 Removal of property.

No person shall change the position of or remove any City property, material, or equipment including vegetation and wildlife from its original position in any area under the jurisdiction of the department.

7.12.360 Household or commercial waste.

No person shall deposit any household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or rubbish garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purpose in a City or Redmond park area.

7.12.370 Waste from vehicles.

No person shall drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper, automobile, or other vehicle, except in designated disposal areas or receptacles in any City of Redmond park area.

7.12.380 Dumping in water prohibited.

No person shall pollute or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing any waste or refuse of any nature, kind or description, including human and bodily waste, into any stream, river, lake or other body of water running in, through, or adjacent to any City of Redmond park area.

7.12.390 Aircraft.

Aircraft Landing/Take Off. No aircraft shall land or take off from any body of water or land area in a City of Redmond park area except:

- (1) Aircraft used to transport injured persons, evacuees, medical personnel, or public officials in the event of an accident, disaster, or emergency;
- (2) No person shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this section in the event of a bona fide emergency, provided the owner of the aircraft submits a written statement explaining the circumstances of the emergency to the director within 72 hours of an emergency landing.

7.12.400 Solicitation.

No person shall solicit, sell, or peddle any goods, services, wares, merchandise, liquids, or edibles for human consumption, or distribute or post any handbills, circulars, or signs in any City of Redmond park area, except by contract or by permit issued by the City.

7.12.410 Fireworks.

No person shall possess, discharge, set off, or cause to be discharged, in or into any City of Redmond park area, any firecracker, torpedo, rocket, firework, explosive, or substance harmful to the life or safety of persons or property, unless so authorized by the department.

7.12.420 Firearms, weapons.

No person shall possess a bow and arrow, crossbow, or air or gas weapon in a City park. No person shall discharge across, in, or into any City of Redmond park area a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, air or

gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal, or damaging or destroying any public or private property. In special cases this section shall not apply, if the Director authorizes by permit (see 7.12.040) a special recreational activity consistent with City of Redmond park use.

7.12.430 Tobacco and related products prohibited.

No person shall light and/or smoke cigarettes, vapor electric cigarettes, cigars, pipes of any kind, including but not limited to hookah pipes, or otherwise use any tobacco products, including but not limited to chewing tobacco, or smoking of legal and illegal controlled substances in any City of Redmond park area.

7.12.440 Alcohol.

Selling, opening or possessing alcohol in an open container, or consuming any alcohol in a City of Redmond park or recreation area is prohibited except through a special events permit obtained from the City of Redmond, pursuant to RMC 10.62, and the appropriate permit from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

7.12.450 Intoxicating drugs

It is unlawful for any person to bring into any park or consume by mouth, inhalation or injection, while in any park, any intoxicating narcotic or dangerous drugs or to consume by any such method any material or substance (such as glue, for example) capable of producing a state of intoxication or euphoria. Provided, however, that this section shall not be applied to any person consuming a drug obtained by such person by lawful prescription and taken pursuant to the medical direction of a licensed physician.

7.12.460 Intoxication.

Being or remaining in, or loitering about in any City park, recreation area, while in a state of intoxication is prohibited.

Article V. Penalties

7.12.470 Infractions.

(1) Failure to perform any act required or the performance of any act prohibited by Article III of this chapter shall be designated as an infraction.

(2) Any person cited for a violation of Article III of this chapter shall be subject to the applicable infraction rules for courts of limited jurisdiction (IRLJ).

(3) Any person found to have committing an infraction shall be assessed a monetary penalty of not more than \$500.00. Penalties for violations shall be set by resolution passed by the City Council.

(4) A finding that an infraction has been committed shall not give rise to any other legal disability which is based upon conviction of a crime.

7.12.480 Misdemeanors.

Any person found guilty of violating any provision of Article IV of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment in the City's jail for not more than 90 days, or both.

7.12.490 Administrative sanctions.

In addition to any prescribed penalty, any person failing to comply with any provision of this chapter shall be subject to the loss of park or recreation facility use privileges and ejection from the City of Redmond park area.

A. A law enforcement officer may order the expulsion of any person from any or all parks for a period of one to seven days if he or she observes such person:

1. Using abusive or disruptive language or engaging in conduct which disrupts a park facility or program;
2. Directing racially offensive remarks at another person;
3. Using tobacco products in an unauthorized area or facility;
4. Causing injury or risk of injury to another person or persons;
5. Causing damage or risk of damage to city property; or
6. Violating any provision of this chapter.

B. A law enforcement officer may order the expulsion of any persons from any or all parks for a period of seven days to one year if such person:

1. Has been expelled from a park two or more times in any 30-day period;
2. Caused injury to another person;
3. Sells, possesses or uses illegal drugs or alcohol;
4. Violates any applicable local, state or federal law relating to the possession or use of weapons;
- or
5. Commits more than one violation of this chapter in any 30-day period.

C. Any order of expulsion under this section shall be in writing and shall be personally served or sent by certified mail to the person expelled at his or her last known address.

D. Any person who enters a park during a period during which he or she has been expelled under subsection A or B of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Article VI. Park Safety – Enforcement

7.12.500 Park safety.

Park rules, as promulgated in this chapter, are established to provide a system by which the greatest number of people may obtain the maximum satisfaction from the use of City parks and recreation facilities. For the rules to serve this purpose, they must be understood and followed by the park users. Accordingly, park safety involves both public awareness and rule enforcement programs.

7.12.510 Responsibilities.

Park safety is the responsibility of both the police department and the Parks and Recreation Department. Specific responsibilities include the following:

(1) Parks and Recreation Department.

- (a) Developing and implementing public awareness programs regarding the purpose of the facilities and the rules governing their use.
- (b) Encouraging voluntary compliance with rules based on awareness.
- (c) Training department personnel in the appropriate use of administrative sanctions as a means of park rule enforcement.
- (d) Notifying law enforcement officers who have primary jurisdiction in a particular geographic area whenever department personnel observe violations of park rules requiring further law enforcement authority or other violations of local, state, or federal laws; whenever there is an emergency requiring law enforcement assistance; or whenever they need assistance in executing their responsibilities pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Police Department.

- (a) Deputizing and training of personnel authorized to issue citations for infractions and misdemeanor offenses.
- (b) Providing supplementary patrols in parks facilities as jointly determined by the Parks and Recreation Department director and the City police chief.
- (c) Responding, as appropriate, to requests from department personnel for assistance in situations beyond their capacity or authority to act.

7.12.520 Enforcement methods.

Violation of the park rules may be a civil infraction or criminal misdemeanor. The initial method of enforcement may be by a request for voluntary compliance. Violation of the City of Redmond Municipal Code may be subject to enforcement by the City of Redmond police department pursuant to RMC 7.12.470 and 7.12.480.

Article VII. Miscellaneous Provisions

7.12.530 Severability.

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter be ordered unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this chapter.