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Sec. 12-1-1 Park Regulations.

- (a) **Purpose and Definition.** In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Village of Elmwood from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term "park" as hereinafter used in this Chapter shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the public use as a park, parkway, recreation facility, play ground, swimming pool or conservancy area in the Village.
- (b) **Specific Regulations.**
- (1) **Littering Prohibited.** No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse, earth or other material in any park.
 - (2) **Sound Devices.** No person shall operate or play any amplifying system unless specific authority is first obtained from the Village Board.
 - (3) **Bill Posting.** No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park, except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Village Board.
 - (4) **Throwing Stones and Missiles Prohibited.** No person shall throw stones or other missiles which may cause harm in or into any park.
 - (5) **Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited.** No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.
 - (6) **Trapping.** "Trapping" when used in this Section includes the taking, or the attempting to take, of any wild animal by means of setting or operating any device, mechanism or contraption that is designated, built or made to close upon, hold fast or otherwise

capture a wild animal or animals; live traps on a person's property are excluded. The trapping of wild animals is hereby prohibited in Village parks.

- (7) **Making of Fires.** No person shall start, tend or maintain a fire except in personal grills or designated fireplaces. Personal grills shall be used only in designated picnic areas. The use of personal grills is permitted provided lawns and vegetation are not endangered. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property. Control of the fire and the smoke will be the responsibility of the person using such a fire.
- (8) **Protection of Park Property.**
 - a. No person shall kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any park, except as permitted by this Chapter. No person shall climb any tree or remove flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, fountain, ornament, building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign or other property within any park.
 - b. No person shall deface, by throwing stones, pebbles or other debris in any of the toilets, bubblers or other sanitary facilities located in any Village park; or to deface by drawing with crayon, chalk, paint, or anything else on any of the buildings or equipment at any Village park; or to deface the equipment by means of a sharp instrument.
- (9) **Motorized Vehicles.** Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas except vehicles which have Village Board authorization for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading. No vehicle maintenance or car washing is permitted in any Village park.
- (10) **Snowmobiles.** No person shall operate a snowmobile in a Village park except in designated areas. Snowmobiles shall only be operated on designated trails.
- (11) **Speed Limit.** No person shall operate any vehicle in a Village park in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- (12) **Glass Beverage Bottles in Parks Prohibited.** No individual shall possess or consume any beverage in a glass bottle or glass container in any Village park.
- (13) **Reckless Driving in Parks Prohibited.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any of the public parks of the Village.
- (14) **Parking in Parks.** No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the Village except in a designated parking area.
- (15) **Horse and Carriages.** No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park, or lead a horse into a park, except on roads or designated bridle paths,

except when approval of the Village Board is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner which may endanger the safety and well-being of others. Horseback riding shall be allowed only during the daylight hours. No person shall ride a horse which cannot be held under such control that it may be easily turned or stopped. Horses shall not be left unbridled or unattended.

- (16) **Removing Tree Protectors.** No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees or shrubs.
- (17) **Golfing and Sporting Activities.** No golfing or practicing golf in Village parks or recreation areas shall be allowed except with the use of a whiffle ball. All sporting activities must be held in areas so designated for that purpose.
- (18) **Arrows.** No person shall use or shoot any bow and arrow in any Village park, except in authorized areas.
- (19) **Fees and Charges.** The Village Board shall establish such fees as deemed necessary for use of any park facility, shelter or land area. It shall be unlawful to use such areas without payment of such fee or charge when required.
- (20) **Firearms; Hunting.** Possessing or discharging of any air gun, sling shot, explosive, firearm or weapon of any kind is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (21) **Fish Cleaning.** Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilet facilities or picnic areas is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (22) **Controlled Substances.** Possessing, using or dispensing of a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act is prohibited in all Village parks.
- (23) **Vendors Restricted.** No person shall sell, vend or give away any article of merchandise whatever, without a written permit from the Village Board. No person shall peddle or solicit business or operate concessions or stands in any Village park without the written permission of the Village Board.
- (24) **Alcohol Beverages.** The consumption or possession of alcohol beverages in Village parks shall be as regulated by Section 11-4-1.
- (25) **Pets.** Dogs and any other pets must be kept on a leash and under control at all times; pet owners are responsible for cleanup of pet waste.
- (26) **Skates.** No skateboards, inline skates or roller skis will be permitted in the park at any time, except in designated areas.
- (27) **Bicycles.** No bicycles are permitted in any building whether ridden or parked there for any reason.
- (28) **Misuse of Equipment.** Jumping, standing or misuse will not be permitted on any bench, bleachers or picnic tables; any misuse or use with intent to do damage will be considered vandalism and may result in dismissal from the park.
- (29) **Loitering on Equipment Preventing Use.** No loitering is permitted on playground equipment so as to disrupt use by persons waiting to use such equipment.

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- (30) **Responsibility for Equipment Damage.** Any person or persons causing any damage to property in the Village park shall be punished and/or fined under the appropriate ordinance and be required to make full and complete restitution.
- (31) **Camping.** Camping is prohibited in Village parks, except in Butternut Park. Camping in Butternut Park requires the payment of the posted nightly camping fee, which is prescribed in Section 1-3-1.
- (32) **Satellite Toilets; dumpsters.** It will be the obligation of civic organizations or other major park users to provide satellite toilets and extra garbage dumpsters during the time of celebrations or special events.
- (33) **Waste Disposal Restrictions.** No person shall dispose of any garbage, bottles, tin cans or any other solid waste material, including demolition material, in any Village park where the waste is generated from outside of the Village park property.
- (34) **Bicycle Restrictions.** No person shall ride a bicycle or skateboard or rollerblade in a reckless manner or ride in and around any bleacher area or shelter house areas. All bicycles will be placed in bicycle racks when unattended.

Cross-Reference: Section 11-4-1.

Sec. 12-1-2 Operation of Remote or Radio-Controlled Airborne Toys or Devices Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fly, operate or make use of any airborne remote or radio-controlled model airplane, helicopter, vehicle or any other such device in, over or upon any street, park or other public or private property except in areas specifically designated and posted for such purpose and with the consent of the property owner or lessee of the property.

Sec. 12-1-3 Turf Protection on Public Property.

Except as authorized by the Village Board, no person shall dig into the turf of any Village-owned park or recreational property for any purposes whatsoever or remove any trees or flowers. Absent authorization by the Village Board, the use of metal detectors and digging for buried objects on Village parks or recreational property.

Sec. 12-1-4 Park Hours.

- (a) **Park Hours.** Unless a person is engaged in authorized camping, no person or persons shall enter into or pass through Village park areas between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily, except on those occasions when permission has been granted by the Village Board for organized activities such as athletic events and/or holiday celebrations.

- (b) **Exceptions for Organized Activities.** Subsection (a) shall not apply to any persons participating in or any organized activity in a Village park which was authorized by the Village Board. This exception shall apply during the time such activity is in progress at a Village park and for thirty (30) minutes after the termination of such activity.

Sec. 12-1-5 Ultralight Aircraft Regulated.

- (a) **Definition.** An ultralight aircraft, vehicle or hang glider is an unpowered or powered aircraft which is not subject to extensive regulation by the Federal Aviation Administration by virtue of its characteristics and which is defined as an ultralight vehicle by 14 C.F.R. Sec. 103.1 and which is defined as an ultralight aircraft by Sec. 114.195, Wis. Stats.
- (b) **Regulations Regarding Use.** No person shall operate any ultralight aircraft within the Village in such a manner or in such a location as to endanger or injure any person or property. No person shall operate an ultralight aircraft in the Village in violation of any applicable state and federal regulations and standards. No person shall cause an ultralight aircraft to land or to take off from any property without permission of the owner or occupant of said property, provided that an emergency landing may be made to prevent a catastrophe. In the case of landing or taking off from a Village public park or other public property, the operator of such ultralight aircraft shall first obtain a permit from the Village Board. No fee shall be charged by the Village Board for such permit which may be issued for a period up to thirty (30) days nor shall the Village Board sponsor such activity.