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**Cross reference(s)**--Convention facility, § 2-216 et seq.; department of parks, recreation and civic facilities, § 2-266 et seq.; museum board, § 2-486 et seq.; parks and recreation board, § 2-671 et seq.; tree board, § 2-846 et seq.

**State law reference(s)**--Municipal parks and recreation systems, RSMo 67.750 et seq., 90.010 et seq.

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**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL****Sec. 21-1. Park district established.**

The territory embraced within the corporate limits of the city, and the parks and boulevards lying outside of the limits of the city and under the control and jurisdiction of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, shall be comprised of one park district. (Code 1969, § 17-3; G.O. 1203, 8-1-94)

**Charter reference(s)**--Park districts, §§ 7.1--7.3.

**Sec. 21-2. Openings, driveways into, across park, parkway, boulevard.**

(a) No opening, driveway or roadway shall be made into or across any park, parkway or boulevard without a permit therefor from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities and with the approval and authority, by ordinance, of the council. The application for such permit shall be made to the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities showing the proposed location, the grade and describing in detail the proposed specifications in order that the effect, if any, on existing or future park drainage and improvements located on such park, boulevard or parkway may be ascertained by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(b) All that portion of a driveway connecting private property with the roadway and lying between the lot line and roadway on all boulevards and parkways and other avenues under the control of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities shall be constructed by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities or under his supervision, at the expense of the property owner, and shall be of such width and construction as the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities may determine in each case. However, the maximum width required by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities shall not exceed ten feet unless, at the request of the property owner, a special permit is granted by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities for a greater width. Such driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by and under the supervision of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, and their location shall be with the consent of the director.

(c) No permit shall be issued for any opening or roadway destroying any improvements made unless such drains or sewerage required by the director are provided for in the proposed plans. (Code 1969, § 17-39)

**Sec. 21-3. Sidewalks.**

All sidewalks constructed on boulevards, avenues, parkways and in parks or other public grounds under the control or supervision of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities shall conform as nearly as practicable to the requirements of sidewalks as provided by this code or other ordinances for sidewalks throughout the city generally. The director of parks, recreation and civic facilities may establish in each case the dimensions and specifications for construction of sidewalks, endeavoring so far as possible to keep the sidewalks uniform in character and appearance throughout each boulevard, park and parkway under his control and supervision. (Code 1969, § 17-40)

**Sec. 21-4. Footways, walks.**

(a) *Required.* On all boulevards, avenues, streets and parkways and other public grounds under the control of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities there shall be constructed, at the expense of the property owner, footways or walks connecting private property with the public walk and also with the curblin when necessary. There shall not be more than one walk for each residence, except by special permission of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(b) *Location.* Such walks shall be located at such points and in such manner as the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities may designate and approve.

(c) *Width.* The width of such walks shall in all cases be established by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, and they shall be constructed of the same materials and in accordance with the plans and specifications governing the construction of public walks with which such walks connect.

(d) *Slope.* The rise of such walks or footways from the top of the curb to the property line shall be at the rate of one-fourth inch per foot. This rate

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of slope may be increased or diminished by permission of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities when, in his judgment, such change will not be detrimental but will improve the appearance of such boulevard, avenue, parkway or other public place under his jurisdiction.

(Code 1969, § 17-41)

**Sec. 21-5. Parkway access limited.**

(a) No person shall place lines, pipes, wires, cables, conduit facilities, poles, towers, vaults, pedestals, boxes, appliances, antennas, transmitters, gates, motors, appurtenances or other equipment and systems that have a purpose related to the transmission or transportation of electricity, electronic signal, liquids or gases, wholly or partially in, above or underneath any park, parkway or boulevard without obtaining a permit therefor from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities or his designee and without complying with all requirements, including approval requirements, stated in the Public Utility Right-of-Way Management Ordinance (Chapter 29, Article V) as if the park, parkway or boulevard were also right-of-way.

(b) The director of parks, recreation and civic facilities or his designee may issue a permit authorized under this section for any person to utilize a trenchless construction technology to place underground lines, pipes, wires, cables, conduit facilities and substantially similar systems designed to transmit or carry electronic signal, liquids, gases or similar materials directly across, but not parallel to or diagonally across, any parkway or boulevard.

(c) The director of parks, recreation and civic facilities or his designee may issue a permit for the placement of any lines, pipes, wires, cables, conduit facilities, poles, towers, vaults, pedestals, boxes, appliances, antennas, transmitters, gates, motors, appurtenances or other equipment and systems wholly or partially in, above or underneath any park, parkway or boulevard with the approval and authority, by ordinance, of two-thirds of all members of the council.

(d) Upon completion of any activity for which a permit pursuant to this section is obtained, the person who obtained the permit must return the park, parkway and boulevard affected by activities performed to substantially the same form, as determined by the director of parks,

recreation and civic facilities, or his designee, as they were in prior to the initiation of the permitted activities.

(e) The director of parks, recreation and civic facilities or his designee shall issue no permit authorized under this section for the placement of any above-ground poles, towers, vaults, pedestals, boxes, appliances, antennas, transmitters, gates, motors, appurtenances or other similar equipment and systems within 15 feet of any parkway or boulevard unless such facilities' or structures' primary function facilitates the safe use and operation of the parkway or boulevard.

(f) Notwithstanding the requirements stated herein and in the Public Utility Right-of-Way Management Ordinance (Chapter 29, Article V), any person obtaining a permit under this section shall, at the discretion of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, or his designee be required to compensate the city for the placement, maintenance, operation or presence of items for which a permit is obtained.

(g) The requirements and restrictions of this section shall not apply to the city, including utilities owned and operated by the city.

(h) The requirements and restrictions of this section shall apply neither to uses and activities that occur wholly within a park, parkway or boulevard and do not serve a use or facility outside the park, parkway or boulevard at the time the use or activity occurs, nor to the placement of lines, pipes, wires, cables, conduit facilities, poles, towers, vaults, pedestals, boxes, appliances, antennas, transmitters, gates, motors, appurtenances or other equipment and systems when such placement lasts less than seven days.

(G.O. 2429, 3-5-12)

**Sec. 21-6. Protection of park property.**

(a) *Damage to park property.* No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, tamper with, displace, or remove any buildings, tables, benches, fireplaces, trees, shrubs, flowers, or any other park property or appurtenances within any park, parkway, or boulevard except when authorized by the director of parks, recreation, and civic facilities, or his or her designee, or when such efforts are completed pursuant to a contract with the city.

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(b) *Installations on park property.* No structure, booth, tent, stall, path, trail, or other fixture shall be erected, constructed, or created on park property for any purpose except when authorized by the director of parks, recreation, and civic facilities, or his or her designee, or when such efforts are completed pursuant to a contract with the city.

(c) *Application process.* The director of public works and transportation may establish reasonable application and review procedures for projects to be authorized in accordance with the requirements of this section and may delegate approval authority to other city officials.

(d) *Exception; customary maintenance.* Minor maintenance activities that do not materially change the parks property and that are customarily completed by parks users may be performed without the authorization required by this section.  
(G.O. 2972, 11-30-20)

**Secs. 21-7--21-30. Reserved.**

## ARTICLE II. IMPROVEMENTS\*

### Sec. 21-31. Advertisement for bids required.

Whenever the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities shall provide, as otherwise required by law, for the grading, regrading, paving, repaving, curbing, recurbing, guttering, reguttering, and otherwise improving any roadway, parkway, boulevard or avenue or part thereof, including construction, reconstruction, repair and maintenance of bridges, viaducts and sidewalks, the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities shall, before letting any contract for any of such work, insert in a daily newspaper of general circulation, published in the city, a notice to be published one day. The notice shall describe the work to be performed and notify all persons that on a date to be fixed in such notice, which shall not be less than five days after the date of publication of the notice, the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities will receive

sealed bids for the performance of such work as shall be described in the notice and that a contract may be awarded pursuant to the notice. In computing the time for receiving bids, the day of the insertion of the notice and the day on which bids are finally received shall be excluded.  
(Code 1969, § 17-34)

**Charter reference(s)**--Bid requirements, § 8.4.

### Sec. 21-32. Filing of plans, specifications.

Plans and specifications for the doing of all work for which bids are advertised as provided in Section 21-31 shall be on file in the office of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities between the time of the publication of the notice provided for in Section 21-31, and the day on which the contract shall be awarded, for the inspection of such persons as may be interested in such work.  
(Code 1969, § 17-35)

### Sec. 21-33. Certified check.

All bids submitted for the doing of any work provided for in this article shall be accompanied by a certified check for five percent of the amount of the bid.  
(Code 1969, § 17-36)

### Sec. 21-34. Opening, accepting, rejecting bids.

All bids for improvements as stated in this article shall be in the hands of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities at the time and on the date fixed in the notice required by Section 21-31 and shall be opened thereafter on such day by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities. If the director shall be satisfied that the lowest and best bid for the doing of such work is reasonable, the contract may be let to such bidder. If in the opinion of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities the bids are excessive or otherwise unsatisfactory, the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities shall have the right to reject any and all such bids and readvertise the request for bids.  
(Code 1969, § 17-37)

\***Charter reference(s)**--Public improvement, art. VIII.

**Cross reference(s)**--Public improvements and special assessments, § 2-1151 et seq.

**Sec. 21-35. Contracting with successful bidder.**

If the bid for improvements as stated in this article of any person shall be accepted by the purchasing agent and director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, the mayor, with consent of the city council, shall enter into a contract with the bidder so selected in the manner and form as provided by law relative to contracts for public improvements, and such bidder shall execute to the city a bond to be approved in the same manner as other bonds executed to the city and shall in all respects comply with the statutes applicable to bonds required for the performance of work under the contracts for public improvements. If the successful bidder shall fail to execute such bond within five days after having been awarded such contract, the bidder shall forfeit to the city any sum which may have accompanied his bid.

(Code 1969, § 17-38)

**Secs. 21-36--21-50. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE III. PARK AND RECREATION  
FACILITY RULES\***

**Sec. 21-51. Applicability.**

Insofar as they do not conflict with the Charter pertaining to the powers and duties of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, the provisions of this code and the general ordinances of the city shall apply to all areas under the jurisdiction of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(Code 1969, § 17-1)

**Sec. 21-52. Use of undesignated areas for organized games.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any portions of parks, boulevards or parkways which are not designated by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities for recreational facilities for organized games, including but not limited to baseball, football, tennis and sports of a similar nature except in accordance with rules and regulations of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(Code 1969, § 17-2(b))

**Sec. 21-53. Reservation and fees--park areas and shelters.**

(a) *Park areas affected.* The following fees have been established for use of the following park areas:

- (1) Civic Center Park; electricity..... \$30.00
- (2) Coleman Hawkins Park  
at Felix Street Square; electricity.... \$30.00
- (3) Krug Park rose garden/gazebo  
or amphitheater; electricity ..... \$50.00
- (4) Patee Park gazebo; electricity ..... \$30.00

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\***Cross reference(s)**--Carrying advertisements on streets or in parks, § 3-1; drinking in public ways or in specified parks, § 4-4; sale, possession, or consumption of alcohol in Krug Park or Houston Wyeth Park, § 4-4.

(b) *Park shelters affected.* The fees of \$25.00 per day and an additional \$10.00 for electricity have been established for use of the following park shelters:

- (1) Hyde Park Shelters:
  - a. Bandstand Shelter (easternmost shelter).
  - b. Middle Shelter (second shelter from the east).
  - c. Rotary Club Shelter (third shelter from the east).
  - d. Sertoma Club Shelter (westernmost shelter).
- (2) Krug Park Castle Pavilion.
- (3) Krug Park upper shelters:
  - a. Lion's Club Shelter; and
  - b. New Shelter (large shelter located by the playground).

(4) Wyeth Hill shelter.

(c) *Reservation permit.*

- (1) All persons shall first obtain a valid reservation permit for a shelter, setting forth the date and time limits for use or occupancy thereof, from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, or his/her designated agent.
- (2) All persons must display and produce a valid reservation permit at the time the shelter is occupied.

(d) *Unlawful use.* It shall be unlawful for any person to use or occupy any park shelter at the locations described in Subsection (b) of this section for any purpose whatsoever when a valid reservation permit is attached to or displayed at the shelter. Should any person without a valid permit refuse to leave the shelter after being requested to do so by the person actually holding the permit, he/she/they may be asked to leave by the director of parks, recreation or civic facilities, or his/her designated agent.

(e) *Notice.* Every shelter described in Subsection (b) of this section shall have posted signs to provide permit and reservation

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information and describe the unlawful use thereof.

(f) *Rules and regulations.* The parks, recreation and civic facilities director, or his/her designated agent, shall develop reasonable rules and regulations for obtaining a valid reservation permit and post the rules and regulations at the main office of the parks, recreation and civic facilities department. A copy of the rules and regulations shall also be filed with the city clerk.

(g) *Enforcement season.* The policies set forth in this section shall only be enforced from April 1 through September 30 of each year.

(h) *Penalty.* Any person violating any provisions of this section or refusing to comply therewith shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished as provided in Section 1-14 for violations of this code.  
(Gen. Ord. No. 874, § 1(17-26), 5-28-91; G.O. 2267, 1-14-08)

**Sec. 21-54. Youth basketball.**

The following fees for team entries for youth basketball are required:

- (1) *Regular season play:*
    - a. In-city school teams, per team entry..... \$250.00
    - b. Nonresident school teams, per team entry..... \$275.00
  - (2) *Post-season tournament:*
    - a. In-city school teams, per team entry..... \$30.00
    - b. Nonresident school teams, per team entry..... \$36.00
- (Gen. Ord. No. 727, § 1(17-51), 10-16-89; G.O. 1859, 11-26-01; G.O. 1945, 6-9-03; G.O. 2397, 8-9-10; G.O. 2694, 6-24-13)

**Sec. 21-55. Swimming pools.**

(a) The following fees for the general admissions at the Krug swimming pools are required:

- (1) Regular admission (13 years and up):
  - a. Resident..... \$4.00
  - b. Non-resident..... \$5.00

- (2) Junior admission (12 years and under):
  - a. Resident..... \$3.00
  - b. Non-resident..... \$4.00

- (3) One child, three and under, with paid adult ..... Free

(b) The following fees for the general admissions at the St. Joseph Aquatic Park are required:

- (1) Regular admission (13 years and up):
  - a. Resident..... \$5.00
  - b. Non-resident..... \$6.00
  - c. City employee ..... \$3.00
- (2) Junior admission (12 years and under):
  - a. Resident..... \$4.00
  - b. Non-resident..... \$5.00

- (3) One child, three and under, with paid adult ..... Free

(c) Punch cards are available for purchase only by residents of the City of St. Joseph. The following rates for punch cards at the Krug swimming pool and the St. Joseph Aquatic Park are required:

(1) Krug swimming pool:		Regular	Junior
Punch card/10 punches	\$ 37.00		\$ 27.00
Punch card/25 punches	90.00		65.00
Punch card/50 punches	175.00		125.00
(2) St. Joseph Aquatic Park:		Regular	Junior
Punch card/10 punches	\$ 45.00		\$ 35.00
Punch card/25 punches	100.00		80.00
Punch card/50 punches	190.00		150.00

(d) The following rental rates for the Krug swimming pool and the St. Joseph Aquatic Park are required:

- (1) Krug swimming pool:
  - a. Up to 75 people, per hour..... \$150.00

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- b. Over 75 people, per person additional ..... \$1.00
- (2) St. Joseph Aquatic Park:
  - a. Up to 100 people, per hour..... \$300.00
  - b. Over 100 people, per person additional ..... \$2.00
- (e) The following rates for party packages (all pools during regular hours of operation) are required:

- (1) Parties include pool admission, shelter reservation, drinks, hot dogs and chips for 20 people or less: ..... \$150.00
- (2) Per person for every person over 20 people: ..... \$7.00
- (f) Swimming lessons (all ages; two-week session)..... \$40.00

(g) Fees for other activities, such as lifeguard training and lane rental, shall be developed by the department of parks, recreation and civic facilities and this schedule of fees shall be filed with the city clerk.  
(Gen. Ord. No. 781, § 1(17-52), 4-17-90; G.O. 1424, 6-17-96; G.O. 2098, 5-23-05; G.O. 2381, 5-17-10; G.O. 2692, 6-10-13; G.O. 2721, 3-17-14; G.O. 2770, 4-13-15; G.O. 2811, 5-23-16; G.O. 2984, 6-14-21)

**Sec. 21-56. Fairview Golf Course.**

The following fees for the membership and play at Fairview Golf Course are required:

- (1) Driving range fees:
  - a. Ball rental:
    - i. Large basket ..... \$8.50
    - ii. Medium basket..... \$6.50
    - iii. Small basket ..... \$4.50
  - b. Memberships (annual):
    - i. Individual ..... \$175.00
    - ii. Couple (two individuals).. \$250.00
    - iii. Family (husband, wife, children under 18)..... \$300.00

- iv. July through December – all memberships discounted by 40%
- (2) Golf cart rental fees:
  - a. Per person (18 holes)..... \$16.00
  - b. Per person (9 holes)..... \$10.00
  - c. Senior (65 and older), per person (18 holes)..... \$14.50
  - d. Senior (65 and older), per person (9 holes)..... \$9.00
- (3) Greens fees:
  - a. Weekdays (18 holes)..... \$21.00
  - b. Weekdays (9 holes)..... \$16.00
  - c. Weekends and holidays (18 holes) ..... \$24.00
  - d. Weekends and holidays (9 holes) ..... \$18.00
  - e. Seniors (65 and older) (weekdays, 18 holes)..... \$18.50
  - f. Seniors (65 and older) (weekends and holidays, 18 holes) ..... \$22.00
  - g. Seniors (65 and older) (weekdays, 9 holes)..... \$14.00
  - h. Seniors (65 and older) (weekends and holidays, 9 holes) ..... \$16.00
  - i. Juniors (weekdays)..... \$12.00
  - j. Juniors (weekends and holidays)..... \$14.00
- (4) Locker rental (annual): ..... \$75.00
- (5) Memberships (annual):
  - a. Individual ..... \$575.00
  - b. Couple (two individuals)..... \$650.00
  - c. Family (husband, wife, children under 18)..... \$725.00
  - d. Seniors (65 and older) (weekdays only, no holidays) ..... \$465.00
  - e. Seniors (65 and older) (everyday) ..... \$525.00
  - f. Juniors (under 18) (weekdays only, no holidays) ..... \$185.00
  - g. College student (18-23) (weekdays only, no holidays,) ..... \$250.00
  - h. High school student golfer (limit of six months) ..... \$100.00
  - i. City employee ..... \$275.00
  - j. Bundle (includes greens fee, golf cart rental and driving range ball rental (weekdays, weekends and holidays):

- i. Individual .....\$1,300.00
  - ii. Couple (two individuals) ..... \$1,700.00
  - iii. Family (husband, wife children under 18)... \$2,000.00
  - iv. Seniors (65 and older)... \$1,225.00
  - k. July through December - all memberships discounted by 40%
  - (6) Surcharge:
    - a. Per round (applicable to all players every day of the week)..... \$2.00
  - (7) Twilight fees (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.):
    - a. Weekdays ..... \$17.00
    - b. Weekends and holidays ..... \$19.00
  - (8) Super twilight fees (after 6:00 p.m.):
    - a. Weekdays ..... \$11.00
    - b. Weekends and holidays ..... \$11.00
  - (9) Alternate rates and annual memberships:
    - a. Active military (with I.D.) will be charged the daily senior and membership rate.
    - b. Ten round punch cards, per card..... \$215.00
  - (10) Concessions fees and prices will be established/adjusted by the parks, recreation and civic facilities director, in accordance with market rates.
  - (11) Banquet room rental fees (cleanup included):
    - a. Eagle package (2 hours or less) ..... \$75.00
    - b. Par package (up to 3 hours, including decorating)..... \$125.00
    - b. Bogey package (up to 5 hours, including decorating)..... \$250.00
    - b. Hole-in-one (all day rental) .... \$375.00
- (Gen. Ord. No. 1115, § 1(17-50), 9-13-93; G.O. 1485, 12-30-96; G.O. 1708, 6-14-99; G.O. 1774, 6-26-00; G.O. 1946, 6-9-03; G.O. 2287, 4-21-08; G.O. 2369, 12-14-09; G.O. 2678, 3-18-13; G.O. 2722, 3-17-14; G.O. 2823, 12-5-16; G.O. 2823, 12-5-16)

**Sec. 21-57. Closing of certain parks and facilities at night.**

(a) Civic Center Park, College Hill Park, Drake Field, Eleventh & Grand Field, Fairview Golf Course, Felix Street Square, 1920 Grand Avenue, Huston Wyeth Park, Hyde Park, John Lucas Recreation Complex, Julius Hochman Park, Horace Mann Complex, King Hill Overlook, Krug Park, Leonard Road Acres, Marion & Goff Field Complex, Mitchell Park, Nature Center at Ninth & Powell Streets, Northside Recreation Complex, Noyes Field Complex, Patee Park, Phil Welch Stadium, Riverfront Park, South Park, Heritage Park Complex, Arrowhead Park, Western Gateway Park, Corby Dog Park and Northeast Park are declared to be closed to the public between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. each day. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any of the premises set forth in this sub-section if signs are posted at the entrances thereto advising the public of the hours of operation.

(b) Bartlett Park, except for the public thoroughfares therein known as Southwest Parkway, Monterey Street and Duncan Street, is declared to be closed to the public between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. each day. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any of the premises set forth in this subsection if signs are posted at the entrances thereto advising the public of the hours of operation.

(c) Fort Smith is declared to be closed to the public between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any of the premises set forth in this subsection if signs are posted at the entrances thereto advising the public of the hours of operation.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any authorized city personnel conducting city business or any persons authorized by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, or his/her designee; nor shall the provisions of this section apply to any special event authorized by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities, or his/her designee.

(Gen. Ord. No. 726, § 1(17-24), 10-2-89; G.O. 1469, 10-21-96; G.O. 1655, 10-5-98; G.O. 1713, 7-26-99 G.O. 2840, 7-5-17)

**Sec. 21-58. Fences, other barriers adjoining parks and boulevards.**

No person shall be permitted to build or place any fence, wall or other barrier around, abutting on or adjacent to any grass plots or planting spaces on any boulevard, park, parkway or other public ground under the control and supervision of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(Code 1969, § 17-7)

**Sec. 21-59. Misuse of parks, parkways and boulevards.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use or permit to be used any park, parkway or boulevard under the jurisdiction of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities in any manner or way contrary to or in violation of the rules and regulations duly established by the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities for use of the parks, boulevards and other public property under the jurisdiction of the director.

(Code 1969, § 17-6)



**Sec. 21-60. Use of streets, boulevards, parks for commercial purposes.**

The use of any streets, boulevards and parks regulated in this article for any commercial purposes without a permit from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities is prohibited. (Code 1969, § 17-12)

**Sec. 21-61. Peddling, distributing handbills, erecting signs, placing notices.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to expose any article or thing for sale or to do any hawking or peddling or to distribute or cause to be distributed handbills or to erect any signboard or post or affix any notice or bill or other writing or printing, including placards being used in election campaigns, on any tree, lamppost, hydrant, curbstone, sidewalk, coping, flagstone, fence, wall, building or other place in or within 100 feet of any park, boulevard, avenue, street, parkway, park road, driveway or other public grounds under the control or supervision of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities. (Code 1969, § 17-13)

**Sec. 21-62. Animals.**

(a) No person shall permit or cause to be permitted the placing or presence of any animals or fowl upon any portions of the parks, parkways or boulevards under the jurisdiction of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities. This shall include but not be limited to the grazing or feeding of livestock, cattle, chickens, ducks and swine, and the use of such parks and boulevards for such purposes is prohibited.

(b) Dogs shall not be taken in or upon any park, parkway or boulevard, except while being led and secured at all times by proper cord or chain of a length not greater than six feet unless in a dog park in accordance with Chapter 5 of the code. (Code 1969, § 17-8; G.O. 2762, 11-24-14)

**Sec. 21-63. St. Joseph Recreation, Exercise and Community (“REC”) Center.**

The following membership and other fees at the St. Joseph REC Center are required:

(1) Memberships (monthly):

- a. Individual:
  - 1. Resident ..... \$35.00
  - 2. Non-resident..... \$37.00
- b. Corporate (minimum of 12 people).....\$25.00 (Company verification of employment required.)
- c. Family:
  - 1. Resident:
    - i. One adult and dependents ..... \$40.00
    - ii. Two adults and dependents..... \$50.00
    - iii. Three adults and dependents..... \$60.00
  - 2. Non-resident:
    - i. One adult and dependents .....\$42.00
    - ii. Two adults and dependents.....\$52.00
    - iii. Three adults and dependents.....\$62.00

(2) Memberships (annually):

- a. Individual:
  - 1. Resident ..... \$350.00
  - 2. Non-resident..... \$370.00
- b. Corporate (minimum of 12 people)..... \$275.00 (Company verification of employment required.)
- c. Family:
  - 1. Resident:
    - i. One adult and dependents ..... \$440.00
    - ii. Two adults and dependents..... \$550.00
    - iii. Three adults and dependents..... \$660.00
  - 2. Non-resident:
    - i. One adult and

- dependents .....\$460.00
- ii. Two adults and dependents .....\$570.00
- iii. Three adults and dependents .....\$680.00

- b. Two gym floors, per hour..... \$75.00
- c. Community room, per hour..... \$25.00

Family is defined as a combination of parents, adult children and dependent children [under 18 years of age] who live in the same household and are claimed on income taxes.)

(3) City employee memberships:

- a. Monthly:
  - i. Individual .....\$20.00
  - ii. One adult and dependents.....\$30.00
  - iii. Two adults and dependents.....\$40.00
  - iv. Three adults and dependents.....\$50.00
- b. Annually:
  - i. Individual .....\$240.00
  - ii. One adult and dependents.....\$330.00
  - iii. Two adults and dependents.....\$440.00
  - iv. Three adults and dependents.....\$550.00

Fees for other activities, such as tournaments, sports camps, fitness classes and others, and how the employee rate applies to family memberships, shall be developed by the department of parks, recreation and civic facilities and this schedule of fees shall be filed with the city clerk.

Refunds of annual membership fees will be calculated based on the monthly membership rates.  
(G.O. 2648, 7-9-12; G.O. 2695, 6-24-13; G.O. 2723, 3-17-14)

**Sec. 21-64. Driving animal or vehicle with advertising.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or cause to be driven any animal or vehicle displaying an advertising placard or sign of any kind upon or along any boulevard, parkway, street or in any park or other public grounds under the control and management of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.  
(Code 1969, § 17-14)

(4) Daily fees (ages nine and older):

- a. Full facility:
  - 1. Resident.....\$8.00
  - 2. Non-resident.....\$8.50
- b. Fitness room:
  - 1. Resident.....\$6.00
  - 2. Non-resident.....\$6.50
- c. Gym and walking track:
  - 1. Resident.....\$5.00
  - 2. Non-resident.....\$5.50
- d. Walking track:
  - 1. Resident.....\$1.00
  - 2. Non-resident.....\$1.50
- e. Specified youth activities .....Free

**Sec. 21-65. Firearms.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry firearms of any kind into or upon any parks, parkways, boulevards or other public grounds under the jurisdiction of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities unless otherwise authorized by law. It shall be unlawful for any person to fire or discharge any firearm of any kind into any of the parks, parkways, boulevards or other public grounds for any purpose whatsoever under the jurisdiction of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.  
(Code 1969, § 17-16)

(5) Rental:

- a. One gym floor, per hour .....\$35.00

**Sec. 21-66. Depositing garbage, trash.**

No person shall deposit or permit to be deposited any rubbish, trash, refuse, garbage or waste matter of any kind, nature or description upon any park, parkway or on any boulevard, and the depositing of any dirt or rock upon any boulevard, parkway or in any park shall be unlawful without a permit having first been obtained from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(Code 1969, § 17-17)

**Sec. 21-67. Swimming, wading, boating, and ice skating prohibited.**

(a) *Prohibitions; swimming.* No person shall utilize Corby Pond, Krug Lagoon, or any other body of water in any city park, other than swimming pools and associated features, for swimming or wading without written permission from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(b) *Prohibitions; other activities.* No person shall utilize Corby Pond, Krug Lagoon, or any other body of water in any city park for boating, ice skating, or the operation of corded or radio-controlled devices without written permission from the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(c) *Exceptions.* This section shall not be deemed to prohibit any activity on the Missouri River or the use of a boat or similar device by the city or any governmental agency for non-recreational purposes.

(G.O. 2973, 12-14-20)

**Sec. 21-68. Ball games.**

No person shall play at or participate in any game of ball in or upon any street, boulevard, sidewalk, public grounds, public park or parkway, except in such part of any park as may be designated for the purpose of the director of parks, recreation and civic facilities.

(Code 1969, § 17-21)

**Sec. 21-69. Permit for digging by treasure hunters.**

(a) No person shall dig or excavate for treasure trove in any portion of the city park and boulevard system without a permit therefor from the city manager or his duly authorized

representative. The application for such permit shall be made to the city manager describing the proposed area where the applicant intends to dig or excavate.

(b) A special permit may be granted by the city manager or his duly authorized representative for the dig or excavation in the proposed area of the park and boulevard system. The city manager or his duly authorized representative shall require that any dig or excavation authorized for treasure hunts shall have the assurances of the applicant that the dig or excavation will be totally replaced immediately after the dig or excavation is made so that no hazardous condition shall exist or the appearance of the park and boulevard system is in any way detracted by the dig or excavation. If, in the opinion of the city manager or his designated representative, the nature of the dig or excavation warrants, the applicant shall provide a bond or insurance protecting the city from damages to the park and boulevard system caused by the dig or excavation and against any claims for personal injury or property damage made by anyone caused by the dig or excavation. If a bond or insurance is required, it shall be in the form and amounts required by the city manager or his duly authorized representative.

(c) No permit shall exceed a period of 30 days.

(d) No permit shall be issued which constitutes a hazardous condition in or detracts from the appearance of the city park and boulevard system. (Code 1969, § 17-25)

**Sec. 21-70. Dirt bikes, ATV's and other similar motorized vehicles.**

(a) No person shall operate a dirt bike, ATV (all terrain vehicle) or other similar motorized vehicle in the riverbluffs area. For purposes of this section, the riverbluffs area is designated as the area bounded by Highland Avenue on the south, Waterworks Road on the west, I-229 on the east and by the eastward extension of Ellinger Street on the north.

(b) No person shall operate an off-road motorized vehicle, such as a dirt bike or ATV, in or on any park facility, including the city trails system, unless in or upon those areas specifically permitted for such use.

(c) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

(d) Violation of this section shall authorize the police department to have the offender’s motorized vehicle removed and stored at the offender’s expense pursuant to Chapter 28, Article VI of this Code.

(e) Failure of the offender to recover said motorized vehicle within 30 days of impoundment shall authorize the filing of a Criminal Activity Forfeiture Act (CAFA) action pursuant to Section 513.600 et seq. RSMo. (G.O. 1837, 8-6-01; G.O. 2991, 6-28-21)

**Sec. 21-71. City softball fees/Heritage Park gate fees.**

(a) Fee for each team entry into city-sponsored softball leagues:

- (1) Fall softball league (six games) .... \$275.00
- (2) Summer softball league (ten games) ..... \$400.00
- (3) Fast pitch league (10 games) ..... \$450.00
- (4) Fall kickball league (six games) ... \$200.00
- (5) Summer kickball (ten games) ..... \$280.00

(b) Gate fee, per person, including players, coaches and spectators, at Heritage Park ..... \$1.00

(c) Baptist league team fee at Heritage Park (field use fee)..... \$45.00 (G.O. 1947, 6-9-03; G.O. 2125, 9-15-05; G.O. 2398, 8-9-10; G.O. 2696, 6-24-13; G.O. 2873, 7-16-18)

**Sec. 21-72. Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph.**

The following fees for the Remington Nature Center of St. Joseph are required:

- (1) Memberships:
  - a. Student membership (must have valid school ID): includes free admission and one small logo item..... \$15.00
  - b. Single membership: includes free admission, and one logo item ..... \$35.00
  - c. Family membership: includes free admission for

- two and two logo items ..... \$50.00
- d. Extended family membership: includes free admission for two and two guests when accompanied by member, two logo items and 10% off any item in gift shop..... \$75.00
- e. Deluxe family membership: includes free admission for two and up to four guests when accompanied by member, four logo items, 10% off any item in gift shop and ten single use passes ..... \$125.00
- f. Ambassador family membership: includes free admission for two and up to six guests when accompanied by member, four logo items, 10% off any item in gift shop, 15 single use passes and 10% discount on one conference room rental .... \$200.00
- g. Small business membership: includes free admission for two employees (limit of six people), one-time discount on conference room rental during regular business hours and one logo item ..... \$100.00
- h. Medium business membership: includes free admission for up to four employees (limit of 12 people), one-time discount on conference room rental during regular business hours, two logo items and six guests passes ..... \$200.00
- i. Large business membership: includes free admission (limit of 15 people), two discounted conference room rentals during or after regular business hours, four logo items and 12 guests passes ..... \$300.00

Family and business memberships are good for members or employees, their children and grandchildren (up to age 15).

- (2) General admissions:
  - a. Children (3 and under) ..... Free
  - b. Youth (4-15)..... \$2.00
  - c. Adults (16-59) ..... \$4.00
  - d. Seniors (60 and over) ..... \$3.00
- (3) Conference room rental (includes tour):



- a. Full room (147 capacity)  
during hours facility is  
open (10am to 5pm) ..... \$140.00  
After hours  
(before 10am and after 5pm).. \$180.00
  - b. Half-room (60 capacity)  
during hours facility is  
open (10am to 5pm) ..... \$115.00  
After hours  
(before 10am and after 5pm).. \$155.00
- (G.O. 2300, 9-22-08; G.O. 2771, 4-13-15; G.O. 2872, 7-16-18; G.O. 2963, 8-24-20)