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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKS
IN THE ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA
PARK SYSTEM
REPEALING ORDINANCE #2000-1

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CHAPTER I - PURPOSE / AUTHORITY / DEFINITIONS

Section 1 - Purpose

The purpose of the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department is to positively impact the quality of life in Anoka County by providing parks, outdoor recreation, and leisure services for the public. The mission encompasses protection of the natural environment, improving the health of citizens and supporting a strong local economy. In accomplishing that mission, the Department seeks to preserve, enhance and interpret natural resources and wildlife and create user-friendly facilities, programs, services and opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment while promoting leisure well-being with an emphasis on outdoor recreation and nature appreciation. The Department also seeks to provide safe, clean and well maintained facilities to accommodate a broad and diverse population of users so that all users may enjoy the park system.

Section 2 - Policy

In order to accomplish this purpose, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners deems it reasonable, necessary and desirable to provide an ordinance specifying rules and regulations in order to provide: for the safe and peaceful use of parklands; for the education and recreation of the public; for the protection and preservation of the property, facilities, and natural resources; and for the safety and general welfare of the public.

Section 3 - Authority

The ANOKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, under Minnesota Statutes § 398.31 - 398.35 in performing its primary duty of the acquisition, development and maintenance of parks, wildlife sanctuaries, forest and other reservations, and providing the means for public access to historic sites, lakes, rivers, streams and other natural phenomena; is granted full power and authority to acquire and establish parks and to operate, maintain, protect and improve a park system and conduct a recreational program.

As an aid to the accomplishment of these duties, the Board is granted the authority to enact ordinances and to declare that the violation thereof shall be a misdemeanor.

Section 3a - Repealer

Anoka County Ordinance 2000-1 is hereby repealed.

Section 4 - Definitions

- a. "Alcoholic Beverage" includes any intoxicating beverage as defined by Minnesota law and includes beer and wine as further defined in this ordinance.
- b. "Amusement Devices" means any contrivance, device, gadget, machine or structure designed to test the skill or strength of the user or to provide the user with any sort of ride, lift, swing or fall experience including, but not limited to, ball throwing contest device, pinball type device, electronic videos, animal ride devices, dunk tank, ball and hammer device, trampoline devices and the like.
- c. "Area" or "areas" means a specified place within a park.
- d. "Barrels" means any various units of volume or capacity, as a liquid measure of 31 to 42 gallons.
- e. "Beach" means that part of a body of water and shore designated for swimming.

- f. "Beer" means any alcoholic malt beverage, including 3.2 beer.
- g. "Board" means the appointed and elected members of the Anoka County Board of Commissioners.
- h. "Case Lot Quantity" means no more than twelve 12-ounce containers or a total of 144 ounces of intoxicating or non-intoxicating alcoholic malt beverage per person per day. This includes "party balls" containing more than 144 ounces.
- i. "Contractor of the County" means any person or company contracted by Anoka County to provide specific services.
- j. "Constitutionally protected rights of expression" means a political, religious or other constitutionally protected expression or activity of a non-commercial or non-business character as is specified under the United States and Minnesota Constitutions.
- k. "Controlled substance" means any drug substance or immediate precursor in schedules 1 through 5 of Minnesota Statutes, Section 152.02.
- l. "Director" means the person appointed by the Board to serve as the Director of Parks and Recreation of the Anoka County Parks and Recreation System.
- m. "Disc Golf" means a game played much like traditional golf. Instead of using a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc, or Frisbee from a tee area to an elevated target basket which is the "hole".
- n. "Dog Park" means an enclosed area of land where dogs are permitted to be off leash.
- o. "Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device" means a two or three wheeled device designed to transport only one person, with an electric propulsion system.
- p. "Employee" means any full or part-time regular, temporary, authorized volunteer or seasonal worker in the employ of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- q. "Enforcement Officer" means the MN DNR Commissioner, the Director of the Enforcement Division, a conservation officer or other peace officer that have the authority to arrest, without a warrant, any person detected in the actual violation of Anoka County Ordinance #2007-1.
- r. "Geocaching" means an outdoor recreational activity that involves the use of a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver to find an object or geocache placed at a pre-determined location. The internet is often used to provide the direction and coordinates of the geocache.
- s. "Glass Container" means any receptacle or holder used to contain or transport a liquid.
- t. "Glue" means any substance that releases vapors and which is used by a person for the purpose of inducing symptoms of intoxication, elation, excitement, confusion, dizziness, paralysis, irrational behavior or in any manner changing, distorting or disturbing the balance or coordination of a person's audio, visual or mental processes.
- u. "Hiking" means traveling by foot; i.e., walking, running or with an electric personal assistive mobility device.
- v. "Keg" means a small cask or barrel containing more than 288 ounces of intoxicating or non-intoxicating malt liquor.
- w. "Law Enforcement Officer" means any "Peace Officer" licensed by the Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training and meeting the definition assigned to it in Minnesota Statutes, section 626.84, subdivision 1, clause (c).
- x. "Leash" means a cord, rope, strap, or chain which shall be securely fastened to the collar or harness of a dog or other pet and shall be of sufficient strength to keep such a dog or other pet under control.
- y. "Motorized Recreation Vehicle" means any self-propelled, off the road or all-terrain vehicle including, but not limited to, snowmobile, mini-bike, amphibious vehicle, motorcycle, go-cart, trail bike, dune buggy, motorized skateboard or all-terrain cycle.
- z. "Natural Resources" means all flora and fauna within parks and the physical factors upon which they depend; including air, water, soil and minerals.

- aa. "Park" means any land or water area and all facilities thereon, under the jurisdiction, control or ownership of Anoka County and designated by the Board as a unit of the Anoka County Parks and Recreation System.
- bb. "Park Ranger" means any regular, temporary, seasonal or intermittent employee vested with the authority to enforce the Park Ordinances.
- cc. "Parks and Recreation Department" means an operating unit of the Anoka County Division of Public Services responsible for the acquisition, development, programming, operation and maintenance of the Anoka County Parks System.
- dd. "Permit" means the written permission that must be obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department to carry out a given activity.
- ee. "Person" or "Persons" means individuals, firms, corporations, societies or any group or gathering whatsoever.
- ff. "Pest" means any plant, animal or microorganism that is determined to be undesirable because it conflicts with park management objectives, creates an annoyance to park guests or has the potential to create a health hazard.
- gg. "Pesticide" means a chemical or biological substance intended to prevent or destroy a pest, and/or a substance to be used as a plant regulator, defoliate or a desiccant. Repellents are not considered a pesticide.
- hh. "Pet" means any animal that is tamed and domesticated and kept as a companion.
- ii. "Pollutant" means any substance, liquid, solid or gas, which could cause contamination of air, land or water so as to create or cause a nuisance or render unclean or noxious or impure so as to be actually or potentially harmful or detrimental or injurious to public health, safety, welfare or that of wildlife or vegetation.
- jj. "Possession" - Physical Possession: Having a controlled substance on one's person with knowledge of the nature of the substance; or, Constructive Possession: Having once possessed a controlled substance, continuing to exercise dominion and control over the substance up to the time of arrest, aiding and abetting another in possessing a controlled substance.
- kk. "Property" means any land, waters, facilities or possessions of Anoka County designated by the Board as a component of the Anoka County Parks and Recreation System.
- ll. "Responsible Person" means the parent, guardian or person having lawful custody and control of another person, including juveniles.
- mm. "Roller Skater" or "Roller Skating" is any person riding or propelling oneself by human power or gravity on wheeled devices that are worn on a person's feet or stood upon by a person. Such devices specifically include, but are not limited to, roller skates, in-line skates, roller skis, skateboards and scooters.
- nn. "Sunrise" means the time of the daily first appearance of the sun above the eastern horizon.
- oo. "Sunset" means the time of the daily disappearance of the sun below the western horizon.
- pp. "Superintendent of Park Rangers" means an employee of Anoka County that directs and supervises operations within the Park Ranger Unit of the Parks and Recreation Department. "Trout Pond" means that part of the Anoka County Parks and Recreation System designated by the Board and recognized by the Department of Natural Resources, allowing for legal trout fishing during the established trout fishing season. All trout fishing requirements as to dates, times, limits and the possession of a State Trout Stamp must be met. The use of live minnows is prohibited.
- qq. "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

- rr. "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designated for navigation on water other than (a) duck boat during the duck hunting season, (b) rice boat during the harvest season or (c) seaplane.
- ss. "Water Park" means an aquatic recreation area with water-based facilities such as pools, slides with flowing water, play features, and a wave pool.
- tt. "Weapon" means any device including, but not limited to, firearms, bows, paint-ball guns, electronic weapons, slings and pellet or B-B guns from which a shot or projectile of any type is discharged or propelled by means of an explosive, gas, compressed air or other means. An electronic weapon means a portable device which is designed, used or intended to be used, offensively or defensively, to immobilize or incapacitate persons by the use of an electric current.
- uu. "Wildlife" means any living creature, not human, wild by nature, endowed with sensation, power of voluntary motion, including, but not limited to, mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans and mollusks.
- vv. "Wine" means a vinous alcoholic beverage containing not more than 14% alcohol by volume.

CHAPTER II - REGULATION OF PUBLIC USE

Section 1 - Park Hours

- a. Parks shall be open to the public daily from 6:00 a.m. until 30 minutes after sunset. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain in a park at any other time without a use permit or except when the park area or facility is otherwise designated by the Board or Director.
- b. The Director or designee is authorized to close any park or portion thereof at any time for the protection of park property or for the health, safety or welfare of the public.

Section 2 - Permits

- a. Permits shall be required for the exclusive or special use of all or portions of park areas, buildings or trails or for use of park areas and facilities when they are closed to the public.
- b. It shall be unlawful for a person to violate any provisions of a permit.
- c. Permits shall be required for any entertainment, tournament, exhibition or special use.
- d. Issuance of permits for park facilities shall be established through regulations established by the Director.
- e. Issuance of permits for firewood cutting shall be established through regulations established by the Director.

Section 3 - Use Fee, Failure to Pay

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, without payment, any facility for which a fee is charged, excluding picnic shelters when not otherwise reserved, unless the payment is waived by the Director or Designee.

Section 4 - Vehicle Entry Permits

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter a park (where a vehicle entry permit is required) with a motor vehicle without appropriately displaying a valid annual or daily entry permit unless exempted by special permit by the Director or Designee.

CHAPTER III - REGULATION OF GENERAL CONDUCT - PERSONAL BEHAVIOR

Section 1 - Drug and Alcohol Use

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Serve, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage within a park in violation of Minnesota Statutes;
- b. Serve, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage, except beer and wine within a park, unless otherwise authorized by special permit.
- c. Use, manufacture, possess, constructively possess, sell, give away, barter, exchange, distribute or otherwise transfer any controlled substance, except on a lawful prescription by a person licensed by law to prescribe and administer controlled substances.
- d. Inhale, breathe, or drink or be or become intoxicated by reason of inhaling, breathing or drinking any substance defined as "glue".
- e. Sell, barter, furnish or give alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age.
- f. Purchase or attempt to purchase any alcoholic beverage, if under the age of 21.
- g. Induce a person under the age of 21 years to purchase or procure any alcoholic beverage.
- h. Possess or bring beer or wine into a park in kegs, barrels or case lot quantities without a permit.
- i. Sell, buy, give, receive, or consume any beer or wine on county park properties set aside or designated by the Director as a parking area, park road, or trail. Consume or display any alcoholic beverage at sites where the Parks and Recreation Department or its agent is a licensed vendor of alcoholic beverages, unless purchased at that site, or authorized by special permit.

Section 2 - Gambling

It shall be unlawful for any person to gamble or participate in any game of chance for a consideration of items of value; excepting private social bets or chance drawings not incidental to organized, commercialized or systematic gambling.

Section 3 - Public Nuisance / Personal Conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Intentionally expose his or her genitals, pubic area, buttocks or female breast below the top of the areola, with less than a fully opaque covering while wading, swimming or using any beach or other areas within a park, if five (5) years of age or older; or
- b. Conceal their identity in a public place by means of a robe, mask or other disguise, unless incidental to amusement or entertainment or weather protection, is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- c. For purposes of this ordinance, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 609, Sections 609.705, 609.71, 609.713, 609.715, 609.72, 609.725, 609.74, are hereby incorporated by reference and are listed as follows:
 - a. 609.705 Unlawful Assembly - When three or more persons assemble, each participant is guilty of unlawful assembly, which is a misdemeanor, if the assembly is:
 - i. With intent to commit any unlawful act by force; or
 - ii. With intent to carry out any purpose in such manner as to disturb or threaten the public peace; or

- iii. Without unlawful purpose, but the participants so conduct themselves in a disorderly manner as to disturb or threaten the public peace.
- b. 609.71 Riot - When three or more persons assembled disturb the public peace by an intentional act or threat of unlawful force or violence to person or property, each participant therein is guilty of riot and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both; or if the offender, or to the offender's knowledge any other participant, is armed with a dangerous weapon or is disguised, to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.
- c. 609.713 Terroristic Threats
 - i. Subdivision 1. Whoever threatens to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility of public transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years.
 - ii. Subdivision 2. Whoever communicates to another with purpose to terrorize another or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror, that explosives or an explosive device or an incendiary device is present at a named place or location, whether or not the same is in fact present, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years.
- d. 609.715 Present at Unlawful Assembly - Whoever without lawful purpose is present at the place of an unlawful assembly and refuses to leave when so directed by a law enforcement officer is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- e. 609.72 Disorderly Conduct
 - i. Subdivision 1. Whoever does any of the following in a public or private place, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know that it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, is guilty of disorderly conduct, which is a misdemeanor.
 - 1. Engages in brawling or fighting; or
 - 2. Disturbs an assembly or meeting, not unlawful in its character; or
 - 3. Engages in offensive, obscene, or abusive language or in a boisterous and noisy conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger or resentment in others.
- f. 609.725 Vagrancy - Any of the following are vagrants and are guilty of a misdemeanor:
 - i. A person, with ability to work, who is without lawful means of support, does not seek employment, and is not under 18 years of age; or
 - ii. A person found in or loitering near any structure, vehicle, or private grounds who is there without the consent of the owner and is unable to account for being there; or
 - iii. A prostitute who loiters on the streets or in a public place or in a place open to the public with intent to solicit for immoral purposes; or
 - iv. A person who derives support in whole or in part from begging or as a fortune teller or similar impostor.
- g. 609.74 Public Nuisance - Whoever by an act or failure to perform a legal duty intentionally does any of the following is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance, which is a misdemeanor:
 - i. Maintains or permits a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable number of members of the public; or

- ii. Interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous for passage, any public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or
- iii. Is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.

Section 4 - Property of Others

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Intentionally disturb, harass or interfere with a park visitor's property; or
- b. Leave or store personal property in any park outside of park hours without a permit.

Section 5 - Littering / Dumping

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Deposit, scatter, drop, dispose or abandon in a park: bottles, cans, broken glass, hot coals, ashes, sewage, waste or other material, except in receptacles provided for such purposes; or
- b. Dispose of any household or yard waste or commercial waste in a park, except at County designated compost sites, in accordance with compost site rules and regulations.

Section 6 - Possession and Use of Firearms / Dangerous Weapons / Fireworks / Hunting

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Have in their possession, fire, discharge or cause to be fired or discharged across, in or into any portion of a park, any gun or firearm, spear, bow and arrow, crossbow, sling shot, air or gas weapon, or any other dangerous weapon or projectile, except in areas and at times designated by the Board or Director for such use, or with a permit; or
- b. Possess, set off or attempt to set off or ignite any firecracker, fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, black powder guns or other pyrotechnics without authorization from the Board or Director.
- c. Engage in hunting or the taking of wild animals as defined in Minnesota Statute 97A, subdivisions 55, 47 and 26, within any park, without having a permit from the Board.

Section 7 - Interference with Employee Performance of Duty

It shall be unlawful for any person to impersonate any employee or contractor of Anoka County or interfere with, harass or hinder any employee or contractor in the lawful discharge of their duties.

CHAPTER IV - REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO GENERAL PARKLAND OPERATION

Section 1 - Commercial Use / Solicitation / Advertising / Photography

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Solicit, sell or otherwise peddle any goods, wares, merchandise, services, liquids or edibles in a park except by authorized concession or written permission granted by permit from the Board, the Director or designee; or

- b. Operate a still, motion picture, video or other camera for commercial purposes in a park without permission granted by the Board, the Director or designee; or
- c. Expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, notice, poster or display in a park without authorization from the Director or designee.

Section 2 - Pets in Parks

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Permit a pet, except service dogs trained and certified to assist persons with disabilities, to enter or be in a park except in parking lots, on approved trails, in dog parks without authorization from the Director or designee; or
- b. Bring a pet into a park, unless in a designated area and controlled on a leash, or unless in a dog park established for off-leash uses.
- c. Permit a pet to disturb, harass or interfere with any park visitor or a park visitor's property, property of a park employee, contractor of the county, or park wildlife; or
- d. Tether any animal to a tree, plant, building or park equipment; or
- e. Operate a dog sled, skijoring device or any other sled / ski equipment pulled by a pet or other animal except on designated trails for dog sleds at dates and times designated by special use permit; or
- f. Have custody or control of any dog or domestic pet in a park without possessing an appropriate device for cleaning up pet feces and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner; or
- g. For any person to intentionally abandon or release any animal, living or deceased, within the boundaries of Anoka County Parks; or
- h. For any person to intentionally leave any animal in circumstances likely to endanger the health and safety of the animal or to disturb, anger, alarm or annoy other park users.

Section 3 - Noise / Amplification of Sound

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Install, use or operate or permit the use or operation within park boundaries any of the following devices:
 - a. Loudspeaker or sound amplifying equipment without authorization by permit; or
 - b. Radios, compact disc players, audio or video devices, tape players, phonographs, television sets, musical instruments or other machine or device for the production or reproduction of sound in such a manner as to be disturbing or a nuisance to reasonable persons of normal sensitivity within the area of audibility without authorization by permit.
 - c. Willfully make or continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace and quiet within any park or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable park visitor of normal sensitivity.

The standards which shall be considered in determining whether a violation of the provisions of this section exists shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Level of the noise.
2. The intensity of the noise.
3. Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual.
4. The level and intensity of the background noise, if any.

5. The type of area within which the noise emanates.
6. The intensity of human use of the area during the time at which the noise emanates.
7. The time of the day or night the noise occurs.
8. The duration of the noise.
9. Interpretation of this criteria by assigned staff of the Parks and Recreation Department shall allow, deny or control level of sound amplifying equipment by park users.

Section 4 - Fires

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Start a fire in a park, except in a designated area, and then only in fire rings, portable stoves or grills; or any other use exclusively allowed by permit;
- b. Leave a fire unattended or fail to fully extinguish a fire; or
- c. Scatter or leave unattended lighted matches, burning tobacco, paper or other combustible material.

Section 5 - Aviation

It shall be unlawful to use park property for a starting or landing field for aircraft, hot air balloons, parachutes, hang gliders or other flying apparatus, unless otherwise authorized by permit.

Section 6 - Assembly, Meetings, Speeches, Demonstrations, Religious Services, Parades

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct public meetings, assemblies, worship services, entertainment, parades or demonstrations within a park without a permit.

Section 7 - Amusement Devices

It shall be unlawful to bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any amusement or entertainment device or gadget without a permit.

Section 8 - Unlawful Occupancy

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any building, installation or area that may be under construction, locked or closed to public use; or to enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time, before the posted opening time, or contrary to posted notice in any park without a permit.

Section 9 - Engine-Powered Models and Toys

It shall be unlawful for any person to start, fly or use any fuel-powered model aircraft, model boat or model car or rocket or like-powered toy or model except at those areas or waters designated by the Director for such use, or with a permit.

CHAPTER V - PROTECTION OF PROPERTY, STRUCTURES AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Section 1 - Disturbance of Natural Features

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Intentionally remove, alter, injure or destroy any tree, plant, rock, soil or mineral without a permit; or
- b. Dig trenches, holes or other excavations in a park without a permit; or
- c. Introduce any plant or other agent within a park without a permit.

Section 2 - Disturbance of Wildlife

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Kill, trap, hunt, remove, harass, annoy, pursue or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed, any species of wildlife, except as permitted in designated areas; or
- b. Release or abandon any animal within a park without a permit; or
- c. Feed any wildlife in a park without permission of the Director or Designee.
- d. Remove any animal, living or dead, from a park without a permit and any animal so removed or taken contrary to the provision of this Ordinance or laws of the State of Minnesota, shall be considered contraband and subject to seizure and confiscation.

Section 3 - Destruction / Defacement of Park Property / Signs

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Intentionally deface, vandalize or otherwise cause destruction to park property; or
- b. Intentionally deface, destroy, cover, damage or remove any placard, notice or sign, or parts thereof, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- c. Remove any cultural artifacts from any park by any means, except by permit.

Section 4 - Release of Harmful or Foreign Substance

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Place any debris or other pollutant in or upon any body of water in or adjacent to a park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters; or
- b. Release a pesticide in or upon any park land except as permitted by the Board or Director; or
- c. Discharge waste water or any other wastes in a park, except into designated containers, drain or dumping stations.

Section 5 - Interference of Park Property

It shall be unlawful for any person to build an encroaching structure, such as a fence or garden, on park property except by authorized permit.

CHAPTER VI - REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY

Section 1 - Camping

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Camp in a park except in areas provided and designated for that purpose; or
- b. Camp without a permit issued by the Parks and Recreation Department; or
- c. Occupy camp sites in a park contrary to a permit or otherwise violate provisions of a permit; or
- d. Operate any vehicle within a campground during posted curfew hours, except in emergencies; or
- e. Camp overnight in a park, if under 18 years of age, unless accompanied by parent or legal guardian, or possess written authorization from a parent or guardian, or by special permit issued by the Director.
- f. Camp in a park campground, or any combination of park campgrounds, for more than seven (7) days in a thirty (30)-day period without written permission from the Director or designee.

Section 2 - Picnicking

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Assume use of a picnic shelter if the area is reserved by a permitted group; or
- b. Conduct picnic activities at reservation picnic sites contrary to a permit or otherwise violate provisions of a permit; or
- c. Conduct picnic activities at a county campground or any designated campsite without the intention of camping and obtaining a permit to camp.
- d. Set up temporary shelters, tents, tarps, canopies and other such devices without authorization by the Director or designee; or
- e. Destroy or remove a permit posted at a park facility.

Section 3 - Swimming / Beaches / Aquatic Facilities

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Fail to obey posted safety rules established by the Board or Director at any swimming area, beach or aquatic facility; or
- b. Wade or swim within a park except in such areas specifically designated by signs and buoys for such use; and only between the dates and hours posted; or
- c. Take glass containers, or glass of any kind, except eye glasses into designated swimming area, beach or aquatic facility without approval by the Director or his designee; or
- d. Use within a designated swimming beach area, any inner tube, life raft or other inflatable or buoyant object or flotation device intended to support a person, except a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V personal floatation device may be used when it is properly secured, of the proper size, and undamaged. Handicapped persons who require use of a floatation device in order to participate in swimming may be exempted from Section 3, paragraph e., by special permission from the Director or designee; or
- e. Throw sand, mud, rocks or any other dangerous objects on the beach or in the water which could cause injury to others; or
- f. Swim beyond boundary buoys or markers; or
- g. Fish in an area designated for swimming.

Section 4 - Scuba Diving and Snorkeling

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Scuba dive or snorkel in a park in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 86B "Water and Watercraft Safety;" or
- b. Scuba dive or snorkel in a designated swimming area, pool or aquatic facility unless authorized by permit; or
- c. Scuba dive or snorkel within 100 feet of watercraft access point; or
- d. Conduct scuba diving instruction from a park without a permit.

Section 5 - Boating

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Launch or land any watercraft upon any waters within a park except at designated locations and times or by permit; or
- b. Leave any watercraft unattended except in designated areas; or
- c. Operate any watercraft in a designated swimming area or other prohibited area; or
- d. To launch or operate a watercraft in a park in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 86B "Waters & Watercraft Safety" or Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 18.317 "Eurasian or Northern Water Milfoil" and "Zebra Mussels."
- e. Tow a person on water skis, inner tube or any other device; or use a surfboard, kneeboard, or other water recreation device in a designated swimming area, boat launching area or other unauthorized area;
- f. Launch or operate any watercraft in violation of rules and regulations controlling surface water use as established by the Board or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources;
- g. Operate a watercraft in such a manner that its wash or wake will endanger, harass or interfere with any person or property.

Section 6 - Fishing

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Fish in a park in violation of any provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 97C; or
- b. Fish in a prohibited area; or
- c. Leave any structure, shelter or ice house upon a frozen body of water in a park after sunset, except in such areas and times as may be designated by the Director; or
- d. No person shall clean fish and dispose of the remains except at a facility provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 7 - Horseback Riding

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Ride, lead or allow a horse within a park except in designated areas or trails at designated hours; or
- b. Ride, lead or allow a horse on any hard surface, roadway or trail except at designated trail crossings; or
- c. Ride a horse in a reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or endanger the safety or property of any park visitor; or
- d. Tether a horse to a tree, other plant, building or park equipment in situations likely to endanger natural habitat; or
- e. Allow a horse to graze on growing grasses or browse on seedlings, trees, shrubs or bushes.

Section 8 - Bicycling

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Operate a bicycle, except on bike trails and roadways and except as close to the right-hand side of bike trail or roadway as conditions permit; or
- b. Operate a mountain bike or similar non-motorized cycle except on bike trails and roadways as permitted in Section A except at areas and times authorized by the Director; or
- c. Operate a bicycle in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, "Minnesota Traffic Code"; or
- d. Ride or operate a bicycle except in a prudent and careful manner or at a speed faster than is reasonable and safe with regard to the safety of the operator and other persons on a trail, or in the immediate area; or
- e. Park or leave a bicycle on any beach, in any county building, or in any picnic shelter, or in any other area where likely to endanger the health and safety of the public.

Section 9 - Snowmobiling

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Operate a snowmobile in a park except on designated trails and then only on the right-hand side of the trail; or
- b. Operate a snowmobile in a park contrary to rules and regulations established by the Director; or
- c. Operate a snowmobile in a park in excess of posted speed limits, at a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under current condition, or in a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto; or
- d. Operate a snowmobile in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.81 - 84.90 "Snowmobile Laws" and Minnesota Rule 6100 "Snowmobile Rules and Regulations" (all rules and regulations therein pertaining to 'public land and water' shall apply on park property); or
- e. Tow another person or thing except through the use of a rigid tow bar attached to the rear of the snowmobile, except in emergencies; or
- f. Operate a snowmobile in violation of any posted trail sign.

Section 10 - Cross-Country Skiing

During the cross-country ski season, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Cross-country ski in any park except on designated trails at designated times; or
- b. Conduct a race or event on park cross-country ski trails without a permit; or
- c. Cross-country ski in a park in violation of Minnesota Statutes, 1983 Supplement, Section 85 - "Cross-Country Ski License;" or
- d. Use a designated cross-country ski trail for any purpose such as snowboarding, kicksleds, sliding, and skijouring other than cross-country skiing except by special permit or on those trails and times so designated by the Director ; or
- e. Operate a dog sled or any motorized recreation vehicle on cross-country ski trails except by special permit from the Director or their designee; or
- f. Cross-country ski on park trails contrary to rules and regulations issued by the Director or in violation of any posted trail sign.

Section 11 - Other Winter Activities

It shall be unlawful for any person to ice skate, sled, coast, snowshoe, snowboard or downhill ski in a park in situations likely to endanger the user or the natural habitat or except at designated times and places.

Section 12 - Golfing

It shall be unlawful for any person to strike or propel a regulation golf ball, plastic type golf ball, or similar object using a golf club or comparable device in any area of a park not designated for such purpose. Chomonix Golf Course is designated as an area for the purpose of golfing. All patrons shall abide by the rules and regulations established by the Director and posted at the golf course.

Section 13 - Roller Skating / In-line Skating / Skateboarding

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Roller skate in a park, including the activities of skateboarding and in-line skating except on paved bike/hike trails unless posted otherwise; or
- b. Roller skate / in-line skate or skateboard in a park except in a prudent and careful manner and at a speed that is reasonable and safe with regard to the safety of the operator and other persons in the immediate area; or
- c. Roller skate / in-line skate or skateboard except as close to the right-hand side of the authorized trail as conditions permit or cross to the left of a center line; or
- d. Intentionally cause damage to any park facility in the act of roller skating or in-line skating.
- e. Roller-skate, including activities of skateboarding, in-line skating, and rollerskiing, in a park building, stairway, railing, picnic table, or other park structure.

Section 14 – Geocaching

It shall be unlawful for any person to: Geocach in a park except in areas and at times designated by the Board or Director.

Section 15 - Disc Golfing

It shall be unlawful for any person to: play disc golf in a park except in areas and at times designated by the Board or Director.

CHAPTER VII - REGULATION OF MOTORIZED VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Section 1 - Motorized Recreation Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any self-propelled vehicle, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles as defined in Minnesota Statutes. Chapter 169, other self-propelled vehicles, motorized skateboards and scooters, go-carts, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), or travel within county parks, except on established roadways, trails or other areas designated for such purpose within said parks except by permit from the Director or designee.

Section 2 - Vehicle Operation

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour or posted speed limits; or
- b. Operate any vehicle within a park except upon roadways, parking areas or other designated locations; or
- c. Operate a vehicle within a park in violation of posted regulations, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169, or municipal traffic codes, or orders or directions of traffic officers or park employees authorized to direct traffic; or
- d. Operate a vehicle in a careless or reckless manner; or
- e. Operate a vehicle which emits excessive or unusual noise, noxious fumes, dense smoke or other pollutants; or
- f. Fail to yield right-of-way to pedestrians and other trail users.

Section 3 - Parking Vehicles

It shall be unlawful to:

- a. Park or leave a vehicle standing except in a designated area and then only in a manner so as not to restrict normal traffic flow, unless authorized by Director or designee; or
- b. Leave a vehicle standing after posted closing hours without a valid camping permit or other permit, except at a boat launch for the purpose of nighttime angling and only at those areas and times as so designated by the Director; or
- c. Park in a space designated for handicapped parking only, except with handicapped license or permit; or
- d. Park or leave a vehicle without a boat trailer in a parking space designated for vehicles with boat trailers; or
- e. Park a vehicle with a boat trailer except in designated boat trailer parking areas.

Section 4 - Maintenance of Personal Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person to wash, polish, grease, change oil or perform other maintenance on any vehicle on park property except in emergencies or when authorized by the Director or designee.

CHAPTER VIII - ENFORCEMENT

Section 1 - Officer Authority

- a. Anoka County Sheriff, enforcement officers, local police, and other peace officers shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.
- b. The Superintendent of Park Rangers and all other Park Rangers shall, in connection with their prescribed duties, uphold the provisions of this ordinance and, except as limited by the Director, issue warnings and eject from a park, persons acting in violation of this ordinance.

Section 2 - Fines and Penalties

A person guilty of violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine and/or by imprisonment. All fines collected under this ordinance shall be deposited in the county park fund to the extent authorized by the State of Minnesota or other legally designated authority.

Section 3 - Additional Rules and Regulations

The Director shall have the right to issue rules and regulations relative to this Ordinance.

Section 4 - Impoundment of Pets

Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department shall have the authority to impound pets found running at large and shall collect an impoundment fee plus the per diem fee specified in the contract for impounding of animals which may be in force between Anoka County and the pound keeper at that time.

Section 5 - Permit Revocation

The Director or his designee shall have the authority to revoke for good cause any permit. Any permit or reservation may be revoked upon violation by the permittee of any ordinance, rule or regulation of Anoka County.

Section 6 - Employee Performance of Duty

Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent employees or agents of the county from performing their assigned duties.

Section 7 - Closing of Park Roads and Parking Lots

The County Parks Director or his Designee shall have the power to close any county park roadway, trail or other area within the county park system provided these areas are not part of:

1. The county highway system,
2. The county state aid highway system, or
3. A local road system.

CHAPTER IX - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1 - Conflict

Existing Parks Ordinance and any rules and regulations in conflict with this Ordinance, or any parts thereof, are hereby repealed.

Section 2 - Enactment

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage approval and publication by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners.

Section 3 - Repealer

The enactment of this Ordinance repeals and replaces Anoka County Ordinance #2000-1.

Section 4 - Captions and Headings

The captions and headings used herein are for convenience of reference only and do not define or limit the contents of each paragraph.

Section 5 - Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions hereof.

Section 6 - Amendments

This Ordinance may be amended from time to time by the county board and such amendment may be shown by either marking the section amended, attaching the amendment to this Ordinance, reprinting the Ordinance publication, or filling in the below schedule of information.

DATE	CHAPTER	SECTION	TITLE OR DESCRIPTION
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CHAPTER X - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners and publications according to laws.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Anoka County, Minnesota, the 12th day of June 2007.

ATTEST:

Terry Johnson
County Administrator

Dennis Berg, its Chairman