

# YALE CITY CODE

## Chapter 18

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### Article 1. Parks.

##### Sec. 18-1. Police powers, extended.

All police powers of the city and all ordinances relating to health and rules and regulations of the health officers, together with all laws and regulations of the state relating to health or the preservation of water supplies of cities, are hereby extended over all of the reservoirs, adjacent lands, and watersheds owned or controlled by the City of Yale, to which this chapter is applicable. Any person who violates any such ordinance, law, or regulation is guilty of an offense.

##### Sec. 18-2. Unlawful to deface.

It is unlawful to deface, cut, mark, break, or injure any tree, shrub, plant, or building in any place under the control of the City of Yale.

##### Sec. 18-3. Damaging or tampering with property.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, tear down, remove, destroy or injure in any manner whatsoever, or to cause to be defaced, torn down, destroyed or injured in any manner whatsoever, any fence, building, seat, signs, structure, excavation, post, bracket, awning, fireplug, hydrant, waterpipe, tree, shrub, plant, flower, railing, bridge, culvert, or any other property whatsoever belonging to the city or to any private corporation or persons in, at, or upon any of the parks owned or controlled by the City of Yale.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to injure or damage or cause or permit to be injured or damaged, in any manner whatsoever, any property of the City of Yale at, in or upon any of its parks by cutting, hacking, bending, breaking, burning, daubing with paint or other substances, or by means of fire, or by affecting such injury or damage in any other manner.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, other than authorized city employees, to move or remove any park property or equipment for any reason whatsoever, other than in case of emergency.

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### Sec. 18-4. Trespass in buildings.

It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any trespass by entering any secured, enclosed cabin or structure owned or controlled by the city and located within a city park or in a recreational area under the supervision of parks, events and recreation department without the written permission of the City Manager.

### Sec. 18-5. Possession of alcohol or drugs.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to be in any city park while such person shall have in his possession or under his control any alcoholic beverage except such beverage may be consumed or possessed by persons twenty one (21) years of age or older within the boundaries of any area licensed by the ABLE Commission.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to be in any city park while such person shall knowingly or intentionally have in his possession any controlled dangerous substance punishable as a misdemeanor under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act as defined by Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

### Sec. 18-6. Litter.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited any refuse, litter or rubble in any city park or in or upon any city impound except in containers specifically designated for such use. Where public receptacles are not provided, litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere as provided by ordinance. Litter shall be placed in such containers in such a manner as to prevent it from being scattered by the elements.

### Sec. 18-7. Disturbing the peace.

(a) No person shall use any offensive language or make loud, unnecessary, offensive noise, nor shall any person assault another, or assault and beat another, or fight, or strike another while in any city park.

(b) It shall be unlawful during the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for any person to engage in an activity which would disturb campers, or other users of the park because of radios, loud or vociferous talk, or other unnecessary loud or offensive noise. Such activities will be considered as "disturbing the peace."

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### Sec. 18-8. Motor vehicles.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any operator of a motor vehicle to park or drive within or upon any part of a park except on permanently established roadways or parking areas, or in any area specifically designated and marked for parking and/or drive purposes.

(b) Motor vehicles shall not exceed twenty-five (25) miles per hour on primary access roads or fifteen (15) miles per hour on secondary roads. Primary roads shall be those roads which provide initial access to the park and secondary roads shall be those roads which provide access to park facilities.

### Sec. 18-9. Sales of goods.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or offer for sale any merchandise, article, goods, or services in any city park without the written permission of the City Manager unless such person, firm or corporation participates in an event that has been permitted by the City Manager.

### Sec. 18-10. Swimming.

(a) No swimming or similar activities shall be permitted in any city impoundment except in designated areas.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any glass or metal container while he is within a designated swimming area, or facilities adjacent to it.

### Sec. 18-11. Water pollution.

It shall be unlawful for any person to wash dishes, empty waste liquids, or in any manner pollute the water of any fountain, pond, lake or stream in any city park.

### Sec. 18-12. Unlawful to post bills.

It is unlawful to post any advertising notices or bills, or to distribute circulars, or advertisements in any place under the control of the City of Yale without permission of the City.

### Sec. 18-13. Unlawful to leave trash.

It is unlawful to leave any trash or waste of any nature, or dump rubbish of any nature whatsoever in any park or place under the control of the City of Yale, or along the public highway leading thereto. Any person or organization using any public place or park owned or controlled by the City of Yale for picnics and other purposes shall place all waste paper, rubbish

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and refuse of any nature whatsoever in the trash containers furnished for the same and shall leave said ground in a clean and sanitary condition.

### Sec. 18-14. Unlawful to harm wildlife.

It is unlawful to harm, capture or destroy any wild animal or bird, or to disturb or destroy any bird's nest in any public park or place under control of the City of Yale.

### Sec. 18-15. Regulating traffic and parking in City Park.

(a) It is unlawful to drive any vehicle within any City Park except on the driveways and roads thereof.

(b) It is unlawful to park anywhere in any City Park except during on designated parking places, and along driveways and roads thereof.

(c) It is unlawful to drive any vehicle in any City Park in a careless or reckless manner, or at a speed in excess of fifteen miles per hour.

### Sec. 18-16. Fires.

Fires shall not be permitted except in existing fire rings, barbecue grills or other wood burning facilities approved by the parks, events and recreation department. All fires shall always be attended by at least one individual until the fire is completely extinguished.

## Article 2. Camping.

### Sec. 18-17. Camping prohibited without permit.

No person in a park shall camp in other than permanent cabins for organized camping without first acquiring a permit from the City Clerk. No person shall set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in a park after dusk any movable structure or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purposes, such as house-trailer, camp-wagon, motor home, or the like without first having obtained a camping permit from the City Clerk. Tent camping shall be in a designated area only.

### Sec. 18-18. Permit.

Prior to camping in any City Park, a permit shall be obtained from the City Clerk to allow overnight camping in any movable structure, tent or special vehicle.

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### Sec. 18-19. Application for permit.

(a) An application for a vehicle overnight camping permit shall supply the following information to the City Clerk:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant;
- (2) The days for which the permit is desired;
- (3) The park for which the permit is desired;
- (4) A description of the tent, structure or special vehicle to be used;
- (5) Any other information that the City Clerk shall find reasonably necessary to determine whether a permit should be issued;
- (6) A permit fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day without services or Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per day with service.

(b) The City Manager shall issue a permit when he finds:

- (1) That the proposed camping or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park;
- (2) That the proposed camping use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of public health, welfare, safety and recreation.
- (3) That the proposed camping use is not unreasonably anticipated to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct;
- (4) That the proposed camping will not entail unusual, extraordinary or burdensome expense of police operation by the City;
- (5) That the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour required in the application.

### Sec. 18-20. Permit expiration.

Unless granted an extension by the City Manager, all permits issued hereunder shall expire on passage of seven (7) days from the date of issuance.

### Sec. 18-21. Effect of permit.

A permittee shall be bound by all park rules and regulations and applicable ordinances fully as though the same were inserted in said permits.

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### Sec. 18-22. Revocation.

The City Manager shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon finding of violation of any rule or ordinance, or upon good cause shown.

### Sec. 18-23. Penalty.

(a) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to violate, neglect or refuse to comply with any regulation, requirement or provisions contained within this chapter.

(b) Each act or omission in violation shall be deemed to have been committed.

(c) Any person, firm or corporation, who violates, neglects or refuses to comply with any regulation, requirement or provision of Chapter 18 of the Yale City Code is hereby deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined of a sum of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) excluding costs. For purposes hereof, each day said violation continues may be determined as a separate offense hereunder.