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22.04.010 Chapter constitutes park code. This chapter constitutes the park code of the city of Seattle and may be cited as such. (Ord. 76027 § 1; May 28, 1947).

22.04.020 Exercise of police power. This chapter is to be an exercise of the police power of the state of Washington and the city of Seattle for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and its provisions shall be liberally construed. (Ord. 76027 § 2; May 28, 1947).

22.04.030 Severability. If any part, provision or section of this chapter is held to be void or unconstitutional, all other parts not expressly so held shall continue in full force and effect. (Ord. 76027 § 3; May 28, 1947).

22.04.040. Definitions. The terms herein used, unless clearly contrary to or inconsistent with the context in which used shall be construed as follows:

“Superintendent” means the superintendent of parks and recreation of the city of Seattle.

“Park” means and includes all parks, squares, drives, parkways, boulevards, golf courses, museums, zoos, beaches, playgrounds, and recreation areas and facilities, comprising the parks and recreation system of the city of Seattle and under the management and control of the superintendent of parks and recreation.

Wherever consistent with the context of this chapter words in the present, past or future tenses shall be construed to be interchangeable with each other and words in the singular number shall be construed to include the plural. (Ord. 76027 § 4 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.050 Posting signs, posters and notices. Except as authorized by the superintendent, it is unlawful to use, place, or erect any sign board, sign, billboard, bulletin board, post, pole or device of any kind for advertising in any park; or to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod or card to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within any park; or to place or erect in any park, a structure of any kind. (Ord. 76027 § 5 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.060 Injury to park property unlawful. It is unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, fern, plant, flower, lighting system, or sprinkling system or other property lawfully in any park. (Ord. 76027 § 6; May 28, 1947).

22.04.070 Animals at large prohibited. It is unlawful to allow or permit any animal to run at large in any park, or enter any lake, pond, fountain or stream therein. Ord. 76027 § 7; May 28, 1947).

22.04.080 Firearms, fireworks, bows and arrows and slingshots prohibited. It is unlawful in any park to shoot, fire or explode any firearms or fireworks, firecracker, torpedo or explosive of any kind or to carry any firearm or to shoot or fire any airgun, bow and arrow, or B.B. gun, or use any slingshot, except at places and times set aside by the superintendent as safe for such an activity and so posted by signs specifying the permitted activity. (Ord. 76027 § 8 as amended by Ord. 98778 § 1; April 8, 1970).

22.04.090 Disturbing wild life in game reserve. It is unlawful for anyone except police officers, officers and employees of the parks and recreation department and officers and employees of the State Game Commission, all in the performance of their duties, to enter or go upon any area or place in any park designated and posted as a game refuge, sanctuary or reserve by the superintendent or the State Game Commission, or to molest or

disturb any wild life thereon, their nests or breeding places. (Ord. 76207 § 9-1 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.100 Teasing, annoying or injuring animals prohibited. It is unlawful in any park in any manner to tease, annoy, disturb, molest, catch, injure or kill or to throw any stone or missile of any kind at or strike with any stick or weapon any animal, bird or fowl; or to catch any fish or feed any fowl except at places and times designated for such purposes by the superintendent and so posted by signs. (Ord. 76027 § 9 as amended by Ord. 96454 and Ord. 98778 § 2; April 8, 1970).

22.04.110 Certain vocations prohibited. It is unlawful to take up collections, or to act as or ply the vocation of solicitor, agent, peddler, fakir, mendicant, beggar, strolling musician, organ grinder, exhorter, barker, showman or bootblacks; or to operate or use any loudspeaker without a written permit in any park. (Ord. 76027 § 10; May 28, 1947).

22.04.120 Selling refreshments or merchandise or distributing literature. It is unlawful to sell refreshments or merchandise, or engage in any business or occupation in any park, without the written permission of the superintendent, or a concession contract with the city. (Ord. 76027 § 11 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.140 Watercraft. It is unlawful to have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other watercraft in or upon any bay, lake, slough, river, or creek, within the limits of any park, or to land the same at any point upon the shores thereof bordering upon any park, except at places set apart for such purposes by the superintendent and so designated by signs. (Ord. 76027 § 13 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.150 Riding vehicles and animals. It is unlawful to ride or drive any vehicle or animal over or through any park except along and upon the park drives, parkways, park boulevards and bicycle paths; or at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit, or in excess of fifteen miles per hour where no speed limit is posted; or to stand or park any vehicle in any park except in areas designated for such purpose by the superintendent and so posted by signs; or to stand or park any vehicle in any park between the hours of eleven p.m. and seven a.m. of the following day except in areas designated for such purpose by the superintendent and so posted by signs. (Ord. 76027 § 14 as amended by Ord. 98778 § 3; April 8, 1970).

22.04.160 Camping places. It is unlawful to camp in any park except at places set aside for such purposes by the superintendent and so designated by signs. (Ord. 76027 § 15 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.170 Practicing and playing games.—It is unlawful to practice or play golf, baseball, cricket, lacrosse, polo, archery, hockey, tennis, bad-

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minton or other games of like character or to hurl or propel any missile except at places set apart for such purposes by the superintendent. (Ord. 76027 § 16 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.180 Depositing refuse. It is unlawful to throw any refuse, litter, broken glass, crockery, nails, shrubbery, trimmings, junk or advertising matter in any park or to deposit any such material therein, except in designated receptacles. (Ord. 76027 § 17; May 28, 1947).

22.04.190 Testing vehicles in park prohibited. It is unlawful to operate any motor vehicle or motorcycle for the purpose of testing it, or ascertaining its fitness for service, along or upon any park drive, parkway or park boulevard. (Ord. 76027 § 18; May 28, 1947).

22.04.200 Races prohibited in park. It is unlawful in any park to engage in, conduct or hold any trials or competitions for speed, endurance or hill climbing involving any vehicle, boat, aircraft or animal except at specified places and times designated for such activities by the superintendent upon his determination that:

(1) Adequate provision has been made to ensure that the health and safety of participants in and spectators of, any such activities will not be unduly hazarded;

(2) Such activities will be conducted in such a manner as to minimize potential damage to public or private property;

(3) Such activities will not constitute a public nuisance;
and

(4) Such activities will not unduly interfere with the use of park facilities by the general public. (Ord. 76027 § 19 as amended by Ord. 98778 § 4; April 8, 1970).

22.04.210 Building fires. It is unlawful to build fires in any park except in areas designated by the superintendent. (Ord. 76027 § 20 as amended by Ord. 96454; Feb. 21, 1968).

22.04.260 Aiding and abetting violations. Anyone concerned in the violation of this chapter whether directly committing the act or omitting to do the thing constituting the offense, or who aids or abets the same, and whether present or absent; and anyone who directly or indirectly counsels, encourages, hires, commands, induces, or otherwise procurs another to commit such offense, is and shall be a principal under the terms of this chapter and shall be proceeded against and prosecuted as such. (Ord. 76027 § 24; May 28, 1947).

22.04.270 Penalty for violations. Violation of or failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall subject the offender to a fine in any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the city jail for a term not exceeding ninety days or to both such fine and imprisonment. (Ord. 76027 § 25; May 28, 1947).

Chapter 22.08

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sections:

- 22.08.010 Board of commissioners—Membership—Meetings.
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22.08.010 Board of commissioners—Membership—Meetings. The board of park commissioners shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by a majority of the city council. Original appointees to the board shall serve terms of two for one year ending December 31, 1968, two for two years ending December 31, 1969, and three for three years ending December 31, 1970, respectively. Thereafter all appointments shall be for three year terms ending on December 31st of the third year of such term; provided that any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The mayor shall annually appoint, subject to confirmation by the city council, one member of the board to serve as chairman for a term of one year, beginning on January 1st.

The board shall meet not less than twice each month at a time and place set by the board and shall adopt such rules and administrative procedures consistent with the City Charter and this chapter as are necessary to accomplish the duties prescribed in Section 22.08.020 hereof. (Ord. 96453 § 1; February 21, 1968).

22.08.020 Duties of board. The board shall act in an advisory capacity to the mayor, city council, department of parks and recreation and other city departments in respect to park and recreation matters and in furtherance thereof shall have the following specific responsibilities:

(1) To consult with and make recommendations to the superintendent of parks and recreation and other city departments and officials with regard to the development and amendment from time to time of the city's parks and recreation comprehensive plan and capital improvement program;

(2) To consult with and make recommendations to the superintendent of parks and recreation regarding policies for the planning, development and use of all the city's park and recreation facilities;

(3) To consult with and make recommendations to the superintendent of parks and recreation regarding the planning, development, and implementation of policy concerning the city's recreation program;

(4) To consult with the superintendent of parks and recreation on matters pertaining to the proposed annual budget of the park and recreation department during the period of its preparation and from time to time thereafter.

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(5) To hold public meetings from time to time in various parts of the city for the purpose of reviewing park and recreation programs and objectives with citizen groups and the community at large. A major objective of the board shall be to develop public interest in the activities of the park and recreation department and to solicit, to the fullest extent, participation of community groups, the general public, and public and private agencies;

(6) To make recommendations on the acceptance of gifts and bequests to the city's park and recreation system;

(7) To meet from time to time with local, regional, and national park and recreation agencies and, when possible, attend park and recreation meetings and seminars in order to keep informed of new trends in policy, programs and park facilities' development. (Ord. 96453 § 2; February 21, 1968).

22.08.030 Superintendent—Responsibilities. The superintendent of parks and recreation shall have responsibility for the management and control of the park and recreation system of the city and shall:

(1) Direct the planning, design, construction, improvement and maintenance of all parks and recreation areas and facilities;

(2) Develop and administer broad and varied programs of public recreation activities;

(3) Develop, in cooperation with other city departments and officials, policies relating to the city's parks and recreation comprehensive plan and capital improvement program;

(4) Support and encourage the board of park commissioners in its efforts to assess and interpret the city's recreational and park needs;

(5) Administer all ordinances pertaining to the parks and recreation department;

(6) Appoint, remove, supervise and control officers and employees in the department of parks and recreation in accordance with civil service rules and regulations.

(7) Manage the preparation of the proposed annual budget of the parks and recreation department, authorize necessary expenditures, and supervise the maintenance of adequate accounting systems and procedures;

(8) Supervise, under the direction of the board of public works, all public works construction contracts, service contracts, leases, and permits pertaining to the parks and recreation system, in accordance with city ordinances and rules adopted from time to time by the board of public works;

(9) Enter into and administer such concession contracts as are authorized by ordinance;

(10) Provide staff support for and consult regularly with the board of park commissioners to keep the board informed of the activities of the parks and recreation department, and for such purpose attend, either in person or by designated representative, all regular meetings of the board of park commissioners;

(11) Meet with community groups and individuals to determine park and recreation program needs, facility requirements, and other improvements;

(12) Make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the City Charter and the provisions of this chapter and other city ordinances for the management, control and use of the park and recreation system of the city, a copy of which rules and regulations shall be filed and be available for public examination in the office of the city comptroller;

(13) Prepare and recommend a schedule of fees for the use of park and recreation facilities, which schedule, when approved by the city council by resolution, shall govern the amount of the fee to be collected as a condition to the use of such facilities. (Ord. 96453 § 3; February 21, 1968).

22.08.040 Tennis court use permits. The superintendent of parks and recreation is authorized to issue permits for the use of tennis courts on park property for professional tennis instruction subject to reasonable conditions specified therein, including but not limited to times and places for instruction and fees to be charged therefor, and to charge and collect in connection with the issuance of each such permit a fee which shall be equal to ten percent of the gross receipts of fees charged for instruction carried on in accordance with such permit. (Ord. 99998 § 1; June 16, 1971).

Chapter 22.12

AQUARIUM

Sections:

22.12.010 Declaration.

22.12.020 Certain uses prohibited.

22.12.010 Declaration. Existing public shorelands and parks within the city of Seattle are not adequate for the present needs of its residents. The conversion of public shoreland or parkland open space to intensive uses by the construction of a major public facility is not in the public interest. While a public viewing aquarium will be an asset to the community it would be incompatible with the present values and uses of Golden Gardens Park. (Ord. 100584 § 1; December 29, 1971).

22.12.020 Certain uses prohibited. No portion of the uplands and tide-lands now owned by the city of Seattle commonly referred to as "Golden Gardens Park" shall be utilized in the construction of the "Public Viewing Aquarium" authorized by Section 3 L(2), King County Resolution 34571. (Ord. 100584 § 2; December 29, 1971).

