

Title 18

PARKS AND RECREATION¹

This title is intended for those provisions of the Code which relate to city parks and recreation areas.

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1. Cross-reference: For provisions regarding civic centers (Seattle Center, Pike Place Market), see Title 17 of this Code.

Chapter 18.04

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCILS—
ASSOCIATED RECREATION COUNCIL

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18.04.010 Authority of Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation is authorized to:

A. Recognize advisory councils in the various neighborhood communities of the city (called "community advisory councils" in this chapter): (1) to advise and assist the Department of Parks and Recreation (called the "Department" in this chapter) in performing its functions and activities at its facilities in such neighborhoods and in planning parks, playgrounds, and other community recreation areas; and (2) to carry out projects and activities as community advisory council recreational programs at facilities which are part of the park and recreational system of the city;

B. Provide information, assistance, supplies, and the use of equipment as necessary and appropriate to community advisory councils;

C. Make facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department available for use by the respective community advisory councils for programs and activities for the general public at charges or rentals which allow for the benefit provided to the Department thereby and grant preference in the usage of such facilities to the respective community advisory council programs and activities for the general public over requests by other persons or groups for uses that are not open to the general public;

D. Include information concerning community advisory council recreational programs for the general public in information and publicity provided to the public as to Departmental operations and/or activities and events

occurring at its facilities, and encourage members of the general public to participate in the respective community advisory councils as a way of expressing opinions and guiding Departmental policy and activities at Departmental facilities;

E. Contract with the respective community advisory councils regarding any of the foregoing, any activities to be undertaken by such agencies at facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department and services and assistance to be provided by the Department in establishing and conducting programs and activities for the general public, any concurrent activities to be undertaken, and such other matters as deemed appropriate and ancillary thereto;

F. Establish minimum criteria for recognition and for withdrawal of recognition of such community advisory councils, and/or for contracting for various types of programs at Departmental facilities, by rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with Ordinance 102228,¹ including among other requirements:

1. A legal structure adequate for a community advisory council to undertake and implement the type of program and activities it plans to undertake at Departmental facilities,

2. Standards for conducting and planning recreational programs at Departmental facilities,

3. Satisfactory internal controls, deposit of funds, maintenance of records, and accounting and handling of funds generated by such programs,

4. Procedures for reporting on activities and funding,

5. Maintenance of personnel and payroll records, payment of employment taxes (e.g. social security, unemployment compensation, industrial insurance assessments) and withholding of income taxes, and proof of filing the necessary reports, and

6. Authorization to city officials, upon notice during reasonable business hours, to examine books and records and make such audits as deemed appropriate; and

G. Contract with the Associated Recreation Council to provide financial management, accounting, and material support for its member community advisory councils, to provide publicity beyond the capability of the respective community advisory councils, and to provide such other services as do not impair the programs of the community advisory councils;

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and, in such contract, to provide office space to the Associated Recreation Council at a Department facility and such other services or consideration as necessary and appropriate for the Associated Recreation Council to advise the Superintendent in performing other functions for the Department as shall be agreed upon from time to time by contract; and

H. Call upon the community advisory councils and the Associated Recreation Council from time to time for assistance in other matters that further the programs and activities of the Department;

all as the Superintendent shall deem appropriate and for the purpose of increasing educational and recreational opportunities for Seattle residents, providing greater public use and enjoyment of the city's park and recreation system and establishing a variety of activities, and, through a sound system of accounts and records, preserving public confidence in programs and activities offered at city facilities.

(Ord. 105655 § 1, 1976.)

1. Editor's Note: Ord. 102228, the Administrative Code, is codified in Chapter 3.02 of this Code.

18.04.020 Collection of funds—Prior determination of deposit credit.

Wherever practicable, the manner of collection, deposit, and ownership of funds received for or in connection with a service undertaken by the Associated Recreation Council or an activity, event, or program undertaken by or in conjunction with a community advisory council shall be determined prior to the collection of funds for the event, activity, or program, and the person making the payment informed as to whom the money will belong. All money, checks or other funds payable to the city in any capacity shall be deposited in the City Treasury. All money, checks, or other funds payable to a community advisory council or the Associated Recreation Council for an event, activity, or program or to the Associated Recreation Council for a service on city-owned facilities authorized by this chapter shall be deposited in a financial institution, approved by the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, for the credit of the community advisory council concerned or the Associated Recreation Council. When the identity of the party to whom funds belong is uncertain, the same shall be deposited in the City Treasury and the determination as to whom the funds belong shall be made by the Superintendent of Parks

and Recreation with adjustments made as authorized by ordinance.

(Ord. 105655 § 2(part), 1976.)

18.04.030 Collection of funds—No prior determination of deposit credit.

A. In the event moneys shall be collected where no prior determination has been made about the appropriate disposition thereof, the same shall be deposited in the City Treasury whenever:

1. The instrument of payment names the city, the Parks and Recreation Department, or a city official as payee;

2. Circumstances identifying the intended recipient as a community advisory council or the Associated Recreation Council are absent;

3. The payment is made in cash to a city officer or employee while in the course of employment or assigned duties; or

4. The payment is made for a function or service not sponsored by a community advisory council or the Associated Recreation Council.

B. Deposit shall be made with the authorized depository of the concerned community advisory council or the Associated Recreation Council whenever the payment is made for an authorized program, activity or event presented and performed by the community advisory council and:

1. The check, money order, or other instrument names such community advisory council or the Associated Recreation Council as payee;

2. The payment is made in cash accompanied with a registration form or letter, which identify the intended recipient as a community advisory council or the Associated Recreation Council as the case may be, or other surrounding circumstances which clearly manifest such intent; or

3. The payment is made to an official of the recipient organization authorized to receive the same at a location that is outside the control of the city.

(Ord. 105655 § 2(part), 1976.)

18.04.040 Adjustments for mistaken payments.

Adjustments for mistaken payments after deposit in the City Treasury and crediting of funds received, shall be made only by ordinance upon proper documentation.

(Ord. 105655 § 2(part), 1976.)

18.04.050 Provisions to govern transactions.

The following provisions shall govern transactions of the Superintendent with the respective community advisory councils and the Associated Recreation Council:

A. No organization that receives recognition from the Superintendent or conducts programs for the public at city facilities, as authorized in this chapter, shall discriminate in membership or participation in activities upon the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or the presence of a physical, sensory, or mental handicap unless based upon a bona fide inability to perform an assignment or participate in an activity;

B. The Superintendent retains and may exercise the power to regulate and control the amount of fees charged to the general public by any organization authorized in this chapter for participation in any program or activity upon a facility that is under the jurisdiction of the Department;

C. Services, supplies, and the use of facilities provided by the city to the respective community advisory councils and the Associated Recreation Council shall be paid or accounted for at true and full value, provided, as authorized in this chapter, the Superintendent may take into account the benefits to the city from projects and activities to be provided by the contracting party to the general public and the long-range best interests of the city, and may make allowance therefor in establishing the consideration in an agreement; and

D. All funds held by the respective advisory councils and/or the Associated Recreation Council which are generated by activities of the community advisory councils at city facilities shall be devoted to projects and activities for the general public, advisory and other activities authorized in this chapter, and expenses incidental thereto.

(Ord. 105655 § 3, 1976.)

18.04.060 Policies to guide transactions.

The following general policies shall guide the Superintendent in transactions with the community advisory councils and the Associated Recreation Council;

A. Departmental policies and practices applicable to community advisory councils and to the Associated Recreation Council generally should be established by rules and regulations promulgated by the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, and matters relating to particular

facilities, programs, or activities with named community advisory councils should be the subject of individual agreements;

B. The services performed by the Associated Recreation Council shall support activities of the respective community advisory councils, shall avoid displacing or duplicating activities undertaken by an active community advisory council unless requested by the community advisory council concerned; and

C. Rules and regulations promulgated, and agreements authorized should be drawn and interpreted to fulfill the purposes stated in Section 18.04.010.

(Ord. 105655 §4, 1976.)

Chapter 18.08

PARK NAMING PROCEDURES

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18.08.020 Notification of name—Official adoption.

18.08.010 Authority to designate names— Naming committee created.

The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation with the advice of the Board of Park Commissioners is authorized to designate the names of parks, recreation areas or facilities from among names submitted to him by a Parks and Recreation Naming Committee hereby created which shall consist of the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, the Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, and the chairman of the committee of the City Council responsible for parks and public grounds, or their designated representatives, and the Naming Committee is authorized to establish policies and procedures as contemplated in C.F. 269124 to be followed in selecting names to be submitted to the Superintendent.

(Ord. 104937 § 1(part), 1975; Ord. 99911 § 1 (part), 1971.)

18.08.020 Notification of name—Official adoption.

Upon designating a name for a park, recreation area or facility the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation shall notify the Mayor and chairman of the committee of the City

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Council responsible for parks and public grounds of such name within ten days, and thereafter upon filing of such name designation in the Office of the City Comptroller, the name shall thereupon become officially adopted. (Ord. 104937 § 1(part), 1975; Ord. 99911 § 1 (part), 1971.)

Chapter 18.12

PARK CODE

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Severability: The provisions of this chapter are declared to be separate and severable and the invalidity of any section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, or portion of this chapter or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances. (Ord. 106615 § 19, 1977.)

Subchapter I General Provisions

- 18.12.010 Citation.
This chapter shall constitute the Park Code of the city and may be cited as such. (Ord. 106615 § 1, 1977.)

- 18.12.020 Police power.

This chapter is declared to be an exercise of the police power of the city, and its provisions shall be liberally construed for the preservation and protection of the natural environment, public peace, health, safety and welfare. (Ord. 106615 § 2, 1977.)

- 18.12.030 Definitions—Rules of construction.

A. Unless clearly inconsistent with the context in which used, the following definitions

apply:

1. "Aquarium" means a habitat containing aquatic or semiaquatic forms of life for purposes of research, recreation, conservation or education.

2. "Camp" means to remain overnight, to erect a tent or other shelter, or to use sleeping equipment, a vehicle, or a trailer camper, for the purpose of or in such a way as will permit remaining overnight.

3. "Park" means all parks and bodies of water contained therein, squares, drives, parkways, boulevards, trails, golf courses, museums, aquaria, zoos, beaches, playgrounds, playfields, botanical gardens and other park, recreation and open space areas and facilities comprising the parks and recreation system of the city under the management and control of the Superintendent.

4. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation of the city and authorized agents of the Superintendent.

5. "Zoo" means a zoological garden where animals, reptiles and fowl are kept for purposes of research, recreation, conservation, education or viewing.

6. "Zoo exhibit" means an area in the Zoo reserved for the purpose of exhibiting Zoo animals, reptiles and fowl.

B. 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, words in the singular number shall be construed to include the plural, and words in the masculine gender shall apply to the feminine and neuter genders.

(Ord. 106615 § 3, 1977.)

18.12.040 Rulemaking—Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to enforce the provisions of this chapter. The Superintendent may, in accordance with the Administrative Code,¹ adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations consistent with this Park Code and necessary to carry out his duties under this chapter, including rules:

A. Providing clarification and interpretation of this Park Code;

B. Regulating the use of parks;

C. Regulating conduct in parks; and

D. Designating restricted places or areas in parks.

(Ord. 106615 § 4, 1977.)

1. Editor's Note: The Administrative Code is codified in Chapter 3.02 of this Code.

Subchapter II Property Regulations

18.12.050 Posting signs, posters and notices.

Except as authorized by the Superintendent, it is unlawful to use, place or erect any signboard, sign, billboard, bulletin board, post, pole or device of any kind for advertising or notification 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. 106615 § 5(a), 1977.)

18.12.060 Distribution of handbills.

It is unlawful to distribute any handbills, circulars, or signs in any park in any manner that interferes with or obstructs the normal passage of people or vehicles.

(Ord. 106615 § 5(b), 1977.)

18.12.070 No-trespassing areas—Removal or destruction of property.

A. It is unlawful for any persons except duly authorized Department of Parks and Recreation or other city employees in the performance of their duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to law, to enter or go upon any area which has been designated and posted by the Superintendent, as a "no admittance" or "no trespassing" area for the purpose of protecting the environment or for the purpose of protecting the public from conditions which constitute a potential hazard to life or physical well-being.

B. It is unlawful for any persons except duly authorized Department of Parks and Recreation or other city employees in the performance of their duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to law, to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any structure, lawn, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, geological formation, driftwood, fern, plant, flower, lighting system, sprinkling system, gate, barricade or lock or other property lawfully in any park, or to remove sand, soil, or sod in any park. Every offense defined by this section or conduct made unlawful hereby shall constitute a crime subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04 of this Code (Seattle Criminal Code) and any person convicted of such crime may be punished by a fine in any sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail for a term not to exceed

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six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
(Ord. 106615 § 6, 1977.)

Subchapter III Animals

18.12.080 Running at large prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to allow or permit any dog or other pet to run at large in any park, or to permit any dog or other pet with or without a leash, except Seeing Eye dogs or dogs used by public law enforcement agencies and under control of a law enforcement officer, to enter any public beach, swimming or wading area, pond, fountain, stream, or organized athletics area therein, except in areas specifically designated by the Superintendent for the exercising of pets. The Superintendent may ban dogs and other pets from areas of any park where he determines the same may be a nuisance. Any person with a dog or other pet in his possession in any park shall be responsible for both the conduct of the animal and for removing from the park feces deposited by such animal.

(Ord. 106615 § 7(a), 1977.)

18.12.090 Entering exhibits or game refuge prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person except police officers, officers or employees of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or employee of appropriate state and federal agencies, in the performance of their official duties, to enter or go upon any Zoo or Aquarium exhibit or upon any area or place in any park designated and posted by the Superintendent or by appropriate state or federal agencies as a game refuge, sanctuary or reserve (unless designated by the Superintendent for entry), or to molest or disturb any wildlife thereon, its nests, or breeding places.

(Ord. 106615 § 7(b), 1977.)

18.12.100 Capturing or striking animals prohibited.

Except for fishing in areas authorized by the Superintendent and subject to rules promulgated by the Washington State Game Commission, it is unlawful in any park in any manner to attempt to capture, tease, annoy, disturb, or strike any animal, reptile, bird or fowl with any stick, weapon or other device or thing or throw or otherwise propel any missile or other object at or in the vicinity of any such animal, reptile,

bird, or fowl.
(Ord. 106615 § 7(c), 1977.)

18.12.110 Animals prohibited in designated areas.

It is unlawful for anyone except police officers, park patrol officers, or other authorized city employees, in the performance of their duties, to have any animal present within the Zoo, Aquarium or other park area designated by the Superintendent and so posted, or to allow or permit any animal under his control to enter such facilities.

(Ord. 106615 § 7(d), 1977.)

18.12.120 Feeding of Zoo and Aquarium animals.

It is unlawful for Zoo or Aquarium visitors to feed food or other material to any Zoo or Aquarium specimens located within a Zoo or Aquarium exhibit, or to cause any food or other material to be left within reach of any animal inside an exhibit area; provided, however, food approved by the Zoo or Aquarium Director may be given to free-roaming animals on Zoo grounds not enclosed in exhibit areas, including but not limited to squirrels, rabbits, chickens, peafowl, guinea fowl, pigeons, crows, sparrows, and others found on the grounds or in designated feeding areas such as the Children's Zoo Farm or Aquarium contact area.

(Ord. 106615 § 7(e), 1977.)

Subchapter IV Weapons

18.12.130 Unlawful use of airguns, bow and arrow or slingshots.

It is unlawful in any park to discharge or use any airgun or bow and arrow, or to use any slingshot or other device the purpose of which is to propel an object away from the person using it, except at places and times set aside by the Superintendent as safe for such activity and posted by signs specifying the permitted activity.

(Ord. 106615 § 8(a), 1977.)

18.12.140 Firearms prohibited—Exceptions.

It is unlawful to carry a firearm in any park; provided, that this section shall not apply to police officers or to Department of Parks and Recreation employees acting pursuant to and in accordance with rules and regulations of the Superintendent; and provided further, that this section shall not apply at shooting, trap-shooting

and skeet-shooting ranges.
(Ord. 106615 § 8(b), 1977.)

Subchapter V Prohibited Acts

18.12.150 Soliciting prohibited.

Except as may be specifically provided by law, no person shall solicit contributions for himself, nor for any charitable, educational or scientific purpose, in any park.
(Ord. 106615 § 9(a), 1977.)

18.12.160 Sale of merchandise—Concession contract required.

It is unlawful to sell or attempt to sell any merchandise, liquid, edible, or any other tangible or intangible thing, right, privilege or claim in any park without having an authorized concession contract or use permit to do so.
(Ord. 106615 § 9(b), 1977.)

18.12.170 Sound-amplifying devices.

Except as authorized by the Superintendent for specific events and times, or except as necessary for the preservation of public peace or safety, it is unlawful to use any public address system, loudspeaker or other sound-amplifying device in any park.
(Ord. 106615 § 10, 1977.)

Subchapter VI Watercraft and Vehicles

18.12.180 Operation or landing of watercraft at designated areas only.

It is unlawful to have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other watercraft in or upon any bay, lake, pond, slough, river, or creek within the limits of any park, or to land the same at any point upon shores within a park, except at places set apart and posted by the Superintendent for such purposes.
(Ord. 106615 § 11(a), 1977.)

18.12.190 Motor-powered watercraft prohibited in certain areas.

Except as authorized by the Superintendent for special events and rescue purposes, motor-powered watercraft are prohibited on Green Lake, and on those waters which are contiguous to the Washington Park Arboretum and located south of the State Inner Harbor Line within the northeast one-quarter of Section 21, Township 25 North, Range 4 E., W.M., in King County, Washington.

(Ord. 106615 § 11(b), 1977.)

18.12.200 Use of driveways and boulevards—Speed limit.

It is unlawful to ride, propel, drive or direct any animal or motorized vehicle over or through any park except along and upon the park drives, parkways and park boulevards, or to do so at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit, or to do so in excess of fifteen miles per hour where no speed limit is posted.

(Ord. 108379 § 1(part), 1979; Ord. 106615 § 12(a), 1977.)

18.12.210 Areas closed to general vehicular access.

Except as authorized by the Superintendent, it is unlawful to drive or operate a noncity vehicle in any park or in any area therein which is designated as being closed to general vehicular traffic access, and which is so posted.

(Ord. 108379 § 1(part), 1979; Ord. 106615 § 12(b), 1977.)

18.12.220 Hours for vehicle use in certain parks.

It is unlawful to stand, park, drive, ride in or on any motor vehicle or animal other than city-owned service and emergency vehicles or horses of the Police Department Mounted Patrol, between the hours of twelve midnight and six a.m. in Volunteer Park; between the hours of eleven p.m. and six a.m. in the following parks: Discovery Park, Seward Park, Lincoln Park, Schmitz Park, Magnuson Park, and Woodland Park; or between the hours of nine p.m. and six a.m. in Golden Gardens Park and Carkeek Park, except where a street through such park serves as access to a residential or commercial area. Unattended vehicles parked in violation of this section are declared to be a nuisance and may be impounded in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic Code¹ providing for impoundment with or without citation, and without prior notice to the owner.

(Ord. 108379 § 1(part), 1979; Ord. 106615 § 12(c), 1977.)

1. Editor's Note: The Traffic Code is codified in Title 11 of this Code.

18.12.230 Testing vehicles prohibited.

It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle for the purpose of testing it along or upon any park drive, parkway or park boulevard.

(Ord. 108379 § 1(part), 1979; Ord. 106615 § 12(d), 1977.)

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18.12.240 Competitions—Authorization required.

It is unlawful in any park to engage in, conduct or hold any trials or competitions for speed, endurance, hill climbing or similar competition involving any vehicle, boat, aircraft or animal whether or not such vehicle, boat or aircraft is designed for carrying human beings and whether or not such animal carries or tows a human being, except at specified places and times designated for such activities by the Superintendent and upon his determination that:

A. Adequate provision has been made to ensure that the health and safety of participants in, and spectators of, any such activity will not be unduly endangered;

B. Such activities will be conducted in such a manner as to minimize potential damage to public or private property;

C. Such activities will not constitute a public nuisance; and

D. Such activities will not unduly interfere with the use of park facilities by the general public.

(Ord. 108379 § 1(part), 1979; Ord. 106615 § 12(e), 1977.)

Subchapter VII Use Regulations

18.12.250 Camping.

It is unlawful to camp in any park except at places set aside and posted for such purposes by the Superintendent.

(Ord. 106615 § 13, 1977.)

18.12.260 Littering.

It is unlawful to throw or deposit any refuse or other material in any park, except in designated receptacles.

(Ord. 106615 § 14, 1977.)

18.12.270 Fires.

It is unlawful to ignite or maintain any fire or to participate in igniting, maintaining or using any fire within any park except fires built in designated fire pits. All fires are prohibited each day between the hours of eleven p.m. and six a.m.

(Ord. 106615 § 15, 1977.)

18.12.280 Discrimination prohibited.

A. It is the policy of the city, in the exercise of its police powers for the protection of the public health, safety and general welfare,

and for the maintenance of peace and good government, to assure equal use of park facilities to all persons, free from restrictions because of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap.

B. It is unlawful for any person or organization occupying or using any park and recreation facilities pursuant to a permit for the conduct or sponsoring of an event, race or show open to the public with or without an admission or entrance fee, to deny to any other person or organization the full use and enjoyment of such park and recreation facilities because of race, creed, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, political ideology, age, religion, ancestry, national origin or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. Any person or organization who is convicted of a violation of this section shall have any such permit for access or use cancelled and shall thereafter be denied issuance of any similar permit for access to or use of park and recreation facilities.

C. Where applicable, the terms "person," "deny" and "full use and enjoyment" shall have the meaning as in RCW 9.91.010, as now or hereafter amended.

(Ord. 106615 § 16, 1977.)

Subchapter VIII Violation—Penalty

18.12.290 Designated.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, any violation of or failure to comply with any provision of this chapter shall constitute a violation subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.02 and 12A.04 of this Code (Seattle Criminal Code) and any person convicted thereof may be punished by a civil fine or forfeiture in any sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(Ord. 106615 § 17, 1977.)

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC PARK AND RECREATION AREAS

CHAPTER 18.16

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC PARK AND RECREATION AREAS

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Subchapter I Washington Park

18.16.010 Purpose of subchapter.
 This subchapter is based in the principle that public parks are a public trust, to be maintained for present and future generations. It is the specific purpose of this subchapter to hold and preserve Washington Park and the Arboretum therein as open space park lands, freely accessible to all the citizens of Seattle. (Ord. 103667 § 1, 1974.)

18.16.020 No restriction of access.
 Public access to and across park lands (Washington Park) owned by the city in the east halves of sections 21 and 28, township 25, range 4, E.W.M. shall not be restricted or impaired. No gate, fence, or barrier to pedestrian or vehicle access not in existence in said park on June 1, 1973, shall be permitted to stand. Every such gate, fence, and barrier shall forthwith be removed from the property by the Park Department of the city. (Ord. 103667 § 2, 1974.)

18.16.030 No admission charge or entrance fee.
 Said park lands shall be freely accessible to the public. The city shall not levy or allow to be levied any admission charge or entrance fee to said park lands or any part thereof. (Ord. 103667 §3, 1974.)

18.16.040 No leasing or non-park uses.
 The city shall not lease park lands (Washington Park) owned by the city in the east halves of sections 21 and 28, township 25, range 4, E.W.M., or any portion thereof. The city shall not enter into any use agreement for said park lands which in any way allows for non-park uses of any portion thereof. Non-park uses shall include, but not be limited to, the construction or use of buildings for university classrooms, offices, laboratories, or administration buildings. (Ord. 103667 § 4, 1974.)

Subchapter II Volunteer Park

18.16.100 Conservatory donation box.
 The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation is authorized to place a "Conservatory Donation" box near the entrance of the Volunteer Park Conservatory for accepting cash donations for the Conservatory from the public. (Ord. 106963 § 1, 1977.)

CHAPTER 18.20

TENNIS COURTS

Sections:

- 18.20.010 Permit for professional instruction.
- 18.20.010 Permit for professional instruction.

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, 1971.)

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CHAPTER 18.24

PARKING LOTS

Sections:

**18.24.010 Operation by Superintendent of
Parks and Recreation.**

Statutory Reference: For statutory provisions authorizing first-class cities to provide off-street parking facilities, see RCW Ch. 35.86.

**18.24.010 Operation by Superintendent of
Parks and Recreation.**

The Superintendent of Parks and Recreation is authorized for and on behalf of the city to operate for fee parking without recourse to commercial or private operators such parking lots under the Department's jurisdiction as are deemed desirable with the concurrence of the City Council by resolution as to location and fee schedule in accordance with provisions of RCW 35.86.010 and 35.86.040 which so permit such owner operation.

(Ord. 105187 § 1, 1975.)

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