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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. PARK CODE
This ordinance shall constitute the Park Code of The City of Seattle and may be cited as such.

Section 2. POLICE POWER
This ordinance is declared to be an exercise of the police power of The City of Seattle, and its provisions shall be liberally construed for the preservation and protection of the natural environment, public peace, health, safety and welfare.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS
Unless clearly inconsistent with the context in which used, the following definitions apply:

a. "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation of The City of Seattle and authorized agents of the Superintendent.

b. "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 of Seattle under the management and control of the Superintendent.

c. "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.

d. "Zoo" means a zoological garden where animals,
reptiles and fowl are kept for purposes of research, recrea-
tion, conservation, education or viewing.

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

f. "Aquarium" means a habitat containing aquatic or
semi-aquatic forms of life for purposes of research, recreation,
conservation or education.

Wherever consistent with the context of this ordinance,
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.

Section 4. RULE-MAKING

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

(a) providing clarification and interpretation of this
code;

(b) regulating the use of parks;

(c) regulating conduct in parks; and

(d) designating restricted places or areas in parks.

Section 5. POSTING SIGNS, POSTERS AND NOTICES

a. 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
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.

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

Section 6. PROTECTION OF PARK PROPERTY

a. It is unlawful for any persons except a duly author-
ized 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 Superin-
tendent, 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 a duly author-
ized 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, statute, 
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.01 and 
12A.02 of the 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 six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 7. **ANIMALS**

a. 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.

b. 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 wild life thereon, its nests, or breeding places.

c. 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.

d. 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 or enter such facilities.

e. 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.

Section 8. WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

a. 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.

b. 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.

Section 9. SOLICITATION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

a. 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.

b. 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.

Section 10. NOISE

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.

Section 11. WATERCRAFT

It is unlawful to have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other water craft 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.

b. Except as authorized by the Superintendent for special events and rescue purposes, motor-powered water craft 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.

Section 12. VEHICLE AND ANIMAL USE
a. 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.

b. Except as authorized by the Superintendent, it is 
unlawful to drive or operate a non-City 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.

c. 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 12 midnight and 6:00 
am. in Volunteer Park or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. 
and 6:00 a.m. in the following parks: Discovery Park, 
Seward Park, Carkeek Park, Lincoln Park, Schmich Park, 
Woodland Park, Golden Gardens Park and Sand Point 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 hereby declared to 
be a nuisance and may be impounded in accordance with the 
provisions of the Traffic Code providing for impoundment 
with or without citation and without prior notice to the 
owner.

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

e. 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:

(1) 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;

(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.

Section 13. CAMPING

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

Section 14. DISPOSING OF ARTICLES

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

Section 15. BUILDING OF 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 11:00
p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 16. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City of Seattle, 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.

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.

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.

Section 17. PENALTIES

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this ordinance, any violation of or failure to comply with any
provision of this ordinance shall constitute a violation
subject to the provisions of Chapters 12A.01 and 12A.02 of
the 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).

Section 18. REPEAL

Ordinance 76027, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE relating to the care, government, control,
supervision and operation of city parks, public
squares, park drives, park ways, boulevards, golf
courses, zoo, play and recreation grounds and
bathing beaches; regulating the use thereof;
defining offenses; providing penalties and repealing
all ordinances in conflict therewith."

and Ordinance 78096, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE relating to public parks as defined in
Section 4 of Ordinance No. 76027 (the Park Code)
and amending said ordinance by adding a new section
(21-1) making it unlawful to loiter, or to park
any motor vehicle or motorcycle therein between
certain hours."

and Ordinance 85252, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE relating to public parks as defined in
Section 4 of Ordinance 76027 (the Park Code) and
amending said Ordinance by adding a new section
(9-1) to prohibit trespass upon any game refuge or
reserve in any public park, or to molest any wild
life thereon."

and Ordinance 94550, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE amending Section 12 of Ordinance 76027
(Park Code) to expressly recognize the Board of
Park Commissioners rule-making authority with
respect to the control and use of park property
and facilities."

and Ordinance 96454, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE relating to and regulating the use and
occupation of, and conduct of persons in and upon,
parks and recreation facilities within the City;
amending Sections 4, 5, 9, 9-1, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16
and 20 of Ordinance 76027 (Park Code) as amended;
and repealing Sections 12, 22 and 23 thereof."

and Ordinance 98778, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE relating to and regulating the use and
occupation of, and conduct of persons in and upon,
(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

parks and recreation facilities within the City; amending Section 8, 9, 14 and 19 of Ordinance 76027 (Park Code) and repealing Sections 21 and 21-1 thereof; 

and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 19. The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be separate and severable and the invalidity of any section, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of its application to any person or circumstance shall not effect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 20. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charters.

Passed by the City Council the 25 day of July, 1977, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage, this 25 day of July, 1977.

[Signature]
President of the City Council.

Approved by me this 29 day of July, 1977.

[Signature]
Mayor.

Filed by me this 29 day of July, 1977.

[Signature]
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk.
Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Supervision of Parks and Recreation Facilities Ordinance, 1992," and shall be known as Ordinance No. 92-01.

Section 2. Findings and Purpose.

This Ordinance is enacted for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and for the purpose of providing for the proper use and enjoyment of all parks and recreation facilities of the City.

Section 3. PROHIBITION OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN PARKS.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in any activity prohibited by this Ordinance.

Section 4. LICENSES AND PERMITS.

No person shall engage in any activity in a park without a license or permit issued by the City.

Section 5. PENALTIES.

Any violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $100.00 nor more than $500.00.

Section 6. Effect.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the City Council.

Section 7. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in effect.

Section 8. Repeal of Prior Ordinance.

All prior ordinances relating to parks and recreation facilities are hereby repealed.

Section 9. Rules and Regulations.

The Superintendent of Parks shall, by rules and regulations, prescribe the method of operation of the parks and facilities, and the manner of their management.

Section 10. Interpretation.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be interpreted in the manner most favorable to the public interest.

Section 11. Enactment.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval by the City Council.

Section 12. References.

This Ordinance shall be referred to as Ordinance No. 92-01.
The City of Seattle—Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on PARKS & PUBLIC GROUNDS

C.B. 98267

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RECOMMEND THAT THE SAME DO PASS AS AMENDED

[Signature]
Chairman

[Signature]
Chairman

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Committee

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Committee
Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF WASHINGTON
KING COUNTY—SS.

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12th day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

Ordinance No. 106613

was published on August 2, 1977

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

August 2, 1977

Notary Public for the State of Washington, residing in Seattle.