CITY OF HOOD RIVER PARK RULES

The City of Hood River works hard to offer a comfortable, safe and enjoyable experience for all who use facilities. The City operates its parks under the supervision of the City Manager. In order to do so, the City has adopted the following rules to insure the compatible and safe use of city parks by all park visitors.

These Rules apply in all city parks, are adopted by resolution pursuant to the authority in Hood River Municipal Code §13.44, and may be amended from time to time. The City Manager and the City Police have the authority to enforce these rules. Use of the city parks is a privilege that may be revoked at any time when a person violates any of these Rules. The City specifically reserves the right to expel any person from any city park for violation of these or any other applicable Rule. Anyone violating any applicable Rule may also be subject to civil or criminal prosecution and any penalties related thereto. The City Manager may promulgate and enforce additional temporary park rules when circumstances warrant and, in the City Manager's opinion, additional or different rules are necessary to protect the health and safety of park users. In addition to these rules, all other city ordinances also apply to use of the city parks.

For purposes of these rules, "city park" means and includes all city-owned parks, reservations, playgrounds, beaches, recreation centers and any part thereof and any other area used or devoted to active or passive recreation.

1. **Commercial Activities Require a Permit.** No person shall sell or offer for sale, any merchandise, article, or thing in or upon a city park or at any City-sponsored special event without having first obtained a permit from the City for a specific area or the special event. A person may not practice, carry on, conduct or solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession, without first obtaining written permission from the City.

2. **Damage to Plants or Property Prohibited.** No person shall damage, cut, carve upon, transplant or remove any tree or plant, or injure the bark or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant in any city parking. No person shall attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant; nor climb any tree; walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railings, fences in any city park. No person shall dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any city park.

3. **Fires Restricted. Open flames and Fireworks are prohibited.** No person shall build or attempt to build any fire within any city park, except in a grill or fireplace provided therefore. Portable grills are allowed in city parks; however, once ignited, grills shall not to be left unattended at any time. Portable gas grills are preferred. If charcoal is used,

the owner of the grill is responsible to insure that the coals are properly and completely extinguished, the coals placed in a fireproof container, and removed from the park. At no time shall extinguished coals be placed in city-owned trash receptacles.

4. **Dog Control.** No person shall permit any dog to run at large within any city park, and all dogs within a city park shall be kept and controlled on leash at all times, except as described below. Dogs are allowed on the city beach and swim area during certain times of the year. These times are clearly posted at the beach locations, but unless otherwise posted will be from September 15th to May 15th. During these posted times, dogs shall be under the immediate control and command of the owner. Dog owners are responsible to immediately clean up and dispose of dog waste in the receptacles provided.

5. **Vehicle Restrictions.** No motor vehicle or motor bike shall be operated, stopped, parked or left standing in any city park except on roads and parking areas provided therefore, except authorized City and emergency vehicles.

6. **Speed Limits.** No person shall operate a motor vehicle faster than five (5) miles per hour in any city park except where official posted signs allow a faster speed.

7. **Equestrian Restrictions.** No person shall ride or lead a horse or pack animal into a city park except upon the roads provided for ingress and egress. No person shall tie a horse or pack animal to any tree or plant in a city park. All horses and pack animals shall be controlled at all times so as to not endanger the public.

8. **Closing Time – Loitering, Camping and Parking Prohibited.** Unless posted otherwise, all city parks without lighting are closed between ***dusk*** and ***dawn***. City parks with lighting are closed when the lighting is off. No person shall enter or remain in any city park when it is closed without permission from the City. Parking, camping or loitering in city parks while they are closed is prohibited. Overnight camping is prohibited in all city parks.

9. **Defacing or Damaging Property Prohibited.** No person shall mutilate, mark, deface, injure, damage or molest any building, installation, personal property or pieces of equipment in any city park.

10. **Kiting.** Kite boarding and windsurfing are not permitted at city parks or beaches except in areas specifically designated for those purposes. Use of training kites is prohibited. This restriction does not apply to toy or paper kites.

11. **Alcoholic Beverage Sales Prohibited.** No person shall sell any alcoholic beverages in any city park without first obtaining a permit from the City of Hood River and a license or other permit from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

12. **Dumping Garbage Prohibited.** Only trash or garbage that is generated in the park will be allowed to be disposed of in the park receptacles. No person shall dump or dispose of any trash or garbage in any city park except in the receptacles provided therefore. Household and Commercial garbage dumping is prohibited in all city parks.

13. **Disorderly Conduct Prohibited.** No person shall engage in any disorderly, riotous, boisterous, threatening, harassing or indecent conduct in any city park, or use any abusive, threatening, or obscene language.

14. **Handbills and Advertising** Prohibited. No person shall distribute any handbills or circulars, or post, place or erect any bills, notices, paper, or advertising device or matter of any kind in any city park.

15. **Bicycles and Skating.** Bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates are allowed in city parks on hard surface pathways, but in all cases, people on bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. No person shall operate a bicycle, skateboard or in-line skate on any city park walls or furniture, or in an unsafe manner.

16. **Picnic Shelters.** The following rules apply to picnic shelters:
    a. Shelter may be reserved for Public Events.
    b. Unless reserved, picnic shelters are used on a "first come, first served" basis.
    c. "Drop in" groups must vacate the shelter if the shelter has been officially reserved.
    d. Reservations are made at City Hall with the City Recorder.
    e. Fires are allowed only in grills. Grills shall not be left unattended at any time. Coals shall be placed in a fireproof container, and removed from the park. At no time shall extinguished coals be placed in city-owned trash receptacles.

17. **Beach and swim area.** The following rules apply to swimming beaches:
    a. No lifeguard is on duty. Swim at your own risk.
    b. No dogs allowed on the beach or in the public swim area, except as described above.
    c. No kayaks, kite boards, sail boards or windsurfers are allowed in swim areas.
    d. No radio controlled boats in the swim areas.
    e. No rigging of sail boards, stand up paddling, or kayak on the beach or in swim areas.
    f. No motor powered craft or electric trolling motors are allowing in swim areas.
    g. No glass containers are allowed on beaches or in swim areas.
    h. No grills allowed on beaches.

18. **Playgrounds.** The following rules apply to all playgrounds in City Parks:

a. Play safely and respect other users
b. Adult supervision is required for children under the age of 12.
c. Use play equipment for its intended use.
d. The following are prohibited in playgrounds:
    1) Athletic cleats or spikes of any kind
    2) High heeled shoes
    3) Wooden or metal bats
    4) Hard balls such as baseballs, golf balls, etc
    5) In-line skates, roller skates, or skate boards, except on hard surfaces.