

**The City of Worcester – Department of Public Works & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division**  
**Rules and Regulations**

The DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division of the City of Worcester, by virtue of the authority delegated to it under chapter 45 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and every other power thereto enabling, hereby makes and publishes the following rules and regulations which shall not only be limited to the following and DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division reserves the right to make additional changes or expansions without notice at any given time.

Within the limit of lands under the management of the City of Worcester – Department of Public Works & Parks, Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division, it shall be unlawful for any person/organization:

- 1) To destroy, misuse or abuse park property, or to injure or climb trees, lawns, shrubs or plants in any park playground, beach or other areas under the jurisdiction of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 2) To deface, remove or destroy any sign or notice or protective device placed in any park, playground, and or beach.
- 3) To commit any unlawful act of violence or disturbance towards other people or to disturb the animals, birds or fish, etc. or commit any act of nuisance in any park, playground, beach area, recreation area or facility.
- 4) To obstruct, hinder, or impede the movement/work of employees of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division or vehicles of said department.
- 5) To fail to comply in any public park (including boundary road thereof) or other public place (including any parkway) under the control of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division with any reasonable direction given by any police officers or by any DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division employee or contained in any notice posted by the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 6) To throw, deposit or leave any litter or rubbish any park, playground or beach area, except in containers placed for such purpose. Household trash, hazardous waste, debris, or any other material can **not** be thrown / dumped into any park or park container.
- 7) To feed water fowl & animals is prohibited in any park playground or beach.
- 8) To play golf or to practice it with putter or other club or stick of any kind upon or within any public park, playground, or beach except in those areas purposely set aside for this activity or in conjunction with any organized city recreation program.
- 9) To take any animal into any park, playground, or beach in violation of the City of Worcester ordinance.
- 10) To operate a phonogram, bullhorns, radio, loudspeaker, or amplifier, or otherwise create noise at a level that violates the City Noise Ordinance, Part I, Chapter 9, Section 1A, of the Revised Ordinances of 1996 of the City of Worcester. Any phonogram, bullhorns, radio, loudspeaker or amplifier in any of the City of Worcester Public Parks, playgrounds, playing fields, or public property or building shall not be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet or more from said Public Park, playground, playing field, or public property or building and shall require permit/permits from the City of Worcester.
- 11) To sell or offer for sale any goods or ware, to do any advertising of any nature, to make a fire unless approved by the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division. To play a game or chance for money or other item in value or to distribute or advertise tobacco, alcohol, medication, drugs or pornographic material.
- 12) To discharge or have any firearms in any park, playground or beach.
- 13) To discharge or have any fireworks in any park, playground or beach, except with a permit for those areas specifically authorized by the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 14) To commit any trespass in any public park, playground, or beach within the city between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM except with a written permit from the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division. A trespass shall be any unauthorized entry in, upon, or across any property under the jurisdiction of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 15) To drive or propel any motorized vehicle in any park, playground, or beach except on regular roads.
- 16) To drive any Commercial vehicle into any park except on business of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division, or to give driving instruction to any person in an automobile in any park or to learn to drive an automobile in any park, or to drive or propel any automobile, motorcycle, motor bicycle, bicycle, or other motor vehicle (except on regular park roads) or repair cars in any park, or to park any car of any park road except in areas designated for parking or to park any vehicle along any roadway or to park any unauthorized automobile after dark, or to clean/wax any vehicle. Such vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.
- 17) To erect a booth, tent, sleeping bag, inflatable rides, stall, camper, motor home or other structures or to sleep/camp or lodge in any park, playground, or beach unless stakeless and/or without the written permission of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 18) To play any active ball games in any park, playground, or beach except in areas set aside for such games.
- 19) To place any snow or ice removed from private property upon any park property, sidewalk, grass area, roadway, parking areas or any boundary road of a public park or of any parkway under the control of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 20) To drive any vehicle upon any sidewalk of any boundary road or a public park or of any parkway under the control of the DPW & Parks – Park, Recreation & Cemetery Division except in accordance with a written permit from the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 21) **Alcoholic Beverages:** To possess, sell or drink any alcoholic beverages as define in Chapter 138 section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws while on, in, or upon any park, playground, or beach or other areas under the jurisdiction of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division. Except on Worcester Common as approved by the Worcester Parks & Recreation Commission and the with a special liquor permit in addition to the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division permit.
- 22) To use or possess illegal drugs while in or upon any park, playground or beach, or any other areas under the

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jurisdiction of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.

- 23) **Closing hours:** Public reservations shall be closed to the public between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM except as may be authorized in a written permit of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 24) **Waiver Rights:** The DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division reserves the right to waive and/or limit these rules at any time if in the best interest of the City of Worcester.
- 25) To roller-blade, roller skate, skate board, or ride a bike in any designated park area unless specifically identified for this purpose.
- 26) To boat / float on a flotation device, motorized water craft or winter snow/ice vehicles (snowmobiles, etc.) is not allowed on or in any body of water (ice or snow covered) within a public park unless specifically authorized by a written permit issued by the City of Worcester DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division. No boats, flotation devices or motorized water crafts shall be launched within 150' of any public beach.
- 27) To ice skate on any body of water within a public park except those water bodies designated for such use. Those designated for such use are: Elm Park (3 ponds), University Park pond, and Burncoat park (small pond). At all sites the ice must be declared safe by the DPW & Parks- Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 28) No group outing/picnics will be guaranteed in any park, playground or beach under the jurisdiction of the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division unless a written permit from the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division has been obtained.
- 29) The DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division shall first approve any field, facility or structure improvements, desired to be made by any organizations permitted to use a public park.
- 30) In the event of inclement weather conditions on a given date, DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division may rescind a permit and restrict the use of any

field if under their determination such use will have a negative long-term effect on the facility.

- 31) Permit request for fields will only be issued between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday (Non Holidays). There will be no refunds or credits issued for any reason. No information will be given nor permits issued over the telephone. The City of Worcester DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division has a fees/charges policy and Rules and Regulation governing all parks. The DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division reserves the right to deny permits to those individuals and organizations that have in the past shown disregard for these rules and regulations.

**ADDITIONAL POLICIES FOR THE USE OF THE COMMON**

- 32) **Common:** To commit any trespass between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM, except with a written permit from the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division. A trespass shall be any unauthorized entry in, upon, or across the Common during these hours; the Common may be used only as a walk through. No active leisure activities are permitted on the Common, including but not limited to bicycle riding, skateboarding, roller blading, roller skating, Frisbee, unless a written parks permit is obtained through the DPW & Parks – Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Division.
- 33) **AVIATION IN PARKS: PARKS DRONES (UAS) AND OTHER AIRCRAFT: DRONES, OTHER UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES INCLUDING REMOTE CONTROL AIRCRAFT, AND AIRCRAFT IN GENERAL CANNOT BE FLOWN IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER PUBLIC PARKS OR OPEN SPACES; UNLESS UNDER SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF WORCESTER COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND WITH AN ISSUED APPROVED PARKS PERMIT. PLEASE REFER TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

**PENALTIES: ANY PERSON VIOLATING ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES SHALL FOR EACH OFFENSE BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT MORE THAN \$200.00 (GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 45, SECTION 24, AMENDED MAY 20, 1977)**

**THE ABOVE RULES AND REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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