CHAPTER XII. PUBLIC PROPERTY

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12-201. PARK HOURS.
(a) All Leawood parks with the exception of the trail shall be closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the period of the first Sunday in April to the fourth Sunday in October during which central daylight savings time shall be in force in the City; and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. during the balance of the year.
(b) All trails within all city parks shall be closed one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during the calendar year.
(c) Any or all parks may be closed temporarily, or opening hours extended temporarily, in case of emergency, adverse weather, or unusual circumstances, as determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his or her designee.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to be in any city park during the hours in which it is closed.

(Ord. 1542C; 11-06-95)

12-202. PROHIBITION OF USE BY OTHERS. The Director of Parks and Recreation is empowered to allow reservation of park facilities. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to occupy, use or attempt to control the occupation or use of any park facilities or portion thereof after being notified that a written reservation for exclusive use of the same has been issued by the Director of Parks and Recreation’s designee during the period of time set forth in said reservation, and no person or persons shall continue to use or attempt to use any such park facility after said written reservation has been issued for said purpose and time. Any person failing to vacate such park facility promptly after being informed of such reservation shall be subject to arrest for violation of this ordinance. The foregoing is not intended to prohibit the free and unrestricted use of the park facilities by persons without written reservation as long as no such reservation has been issued by the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-203. PROHIBITED VEHICLES.

(a) Go-carts, racing-type motorbikes or motorcycles and other similar vehicles not licensed for public roadway driving shall be prohibited within the city parks. Non-motorized bicycles shall be permitted upon the roads in the city parks, providing that the bicycles are operated only in those areas designated for motor vehicle traffic except when being walked to or from an authorized bicycle parking area or upon a designated bike trail.

(b) Trucks over 1 ½ tons are hereby prohibited, except for maintenance and delivery vehicles, unless permission therefor has been granted in writing by the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee.

(c) Driving of any motorized or non-motorized vehicles off any hard surface improved roadway is prohibited except in the case of authorized maintenance and emergency vehicles.

(d) Driving a motorized vehicle on jogging and bicycle trails is prohibited except for maintenance and emergency vehicles.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-204. CAMPING PROHIBITED. Overnight camping is hereby prohibited in city parks, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

(Code 2000)
12-205. **BRIDLE PATH.** It shall be unlawful for any owner of any horse to allow his or her animal to be outside the confines of the designated bridle path of any Leawood city park.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-206. **HUNTING AND FISHING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION FOR FISHING IN PUBLIC WATERS.** No person shall pursue, catch, trap, maim, kill, shoot or take any wildlife, either bird or animal, except at the specific authorization of the Governing Body, in any manner at any time except that fishing is permitted in public waters within public parks in the City of Leawood during the hours that said parks are open to the public. Fishermen shall use fishing rods and/or reels only, shall possess a valid Kansas State fishing license and a City of Leawood fishing permit. The cost for a Leawood resident permit is $3.00 and for a non-resident permit is $20.00. Fishermen shall obey all Kansas State fishing regulations and all of the following City restrictions relating to length and creel limits:

1. Catfish must be no less than 14" in length and a maximum of four may be taken per day;
2. Bass must be no less than 15" in length and a maximum of one may be taken per week;
3. Bluegill must be no less than 7" in length and a maximum of six may be taken per day.

The revenue generated by the City fishing permits will be used solely for the preservation and maintenance of Leawood public waters.

(Ord. No. 1316C; 10-05-92)

12-207. **CARRYING OF WEAPONS PROHIBITED.** –REPEALED

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)
(Ord. 2472C; 11-15-10)
(Ord. 2713C; 01-20-15)

12-208. **FIRES.** Fires may be built only in the ovens, stoves, or grills provided for that purpose by the city, and must be extinguished by the person, persons or parties starting such fires, immediately after use thereof.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-209. **SANITATION.** All waste material, paper, trash, rubbish, tin cans, bottles, containers, garbage and refuse of any kind whatsoever shall be deposited in disposal containers provided for such purposes. No such waste or contaminating material shall be discarded otherwise. No sticks, stones, trash or other objects shall be thrown or discarded in or on any park lands, fountains, pools, drinking fountains, sanitary facilities, or other improvements.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)
12-210. **PROHIBITION AGAINST ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND BEER.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use, consume or have on the premises of any park or other city property within the city, any alcoholic liquor, or cereal malt beverage, except as specifically allowed by ordinance.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)  
(Code 2000)

12-210A. **COMMERCIAL USE OF PARKS.** No individual, group or organization may use any portion of any Leawood park or recreation facility, including but not limited to tennis courts, shelters, swimming pools, community center facilities, drives, driveways, access roads, parking lots, trails and green areas, for any commercial venture, including the sale of services, wares, goods, merchandise, food, drink or other items without the express permission of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Such permission shall only be granted if:

(1) the service provider has a valid written agreement with the City to provide such services, or

(2) the service provider has applied for and received approval of a special event use permit with the parks and recreation department.

(Ord. 2389C; 04-20-09)  
(Ord. 2109C; 06-06-05)

12-211. **PARKING.**

(a) Parking is permitted in designated, marked parking areas only unless specifically directed by a law enforcement officer.

(b) Parking is prohibited on or along roadways unless specifically directed by a law enforcement officer.

(c) The Chief of Police is authorized by the Governing Body to post "No Parking" signs within the City parks.

(d) Parking in other than designated areas shall be deemed to be a violation of this article.

(e) Overnight parking is prohibited except for vehicles which are disabled.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-212. **PRESERVATION OF NATURAL STATE.** No person shall take, injure, or disturb any live or dead tree, plant, shrub, or flower, or otherwise interfere with the natural state of city parks.

(Ord. 1213C; 4-1-91)

12-213. **SWIMMING.** Swimming is prohibited in city parks except in pools constructed for that purpose.

(Ord. 1213C; 4-1-91)
12-213A. **BOATING PROHIBITED.** Boating is prohibited in City parks or greenways except as approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation in paddleboats, canoes or other City approved watercraft provided by the City or as otherwise required for maintenance by the City, provided, however, that this section shall not prohibit the use or small toy boats, whether or not they are motorized.

(Ord. 2061C; 05-17-04)

12-214. **PLAYING FIELDS.** The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall have the authority to close any playing field for maintenance or for damage prevention. Closed fields shall be conspicuously posted, and any use of a closed field is prohibited.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-215. **CONFINING DOGS ON THE LEAWOOD TOMAHAWK GREENWAY AND IN ALL CITY PARKS.** It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of any dog to allow his or her dog to run at large on the Tomahawk Greenway or within the boundaries of all City parks. All dogs must be on a leash no longer than eight feet, leash to be in hand of owner or keeper, and must be in control of the owner or keeper. If a dog is found running at large, the animal may be impounded in accordance with Section 2-203 of the Code of the City of Leawood. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting dogs from being on the Greenway or in City parks when within the confines of vehicles.

(Ord. No. 1328C; 12-21-92)

12-216. **GENERAL REGULATIONS.** The Governing Body may authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to post such rules and regulations approved by the Governing Body pertaining to the use of the City parks in a conspicuous place in each City park. Violations of these posted rules shall also constitute a violation under the penalty provisions of this article.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)

12-217. **PENALTY.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Code and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500 for each such offense. Each and every day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 1213C; 04-01-91)