

# Saint Paul Parks and Recreation RULES AND REGULATIONS



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#### CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### CH. 1 / Section 1: Purpose

The City of Saint Paul deems it necessary to have Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant to Section 170.06 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, to allow all persons participating in park activities a safe and enjoyable environment. These rules are also intended to provide for the ongoing enjoyment and protection of the City's natural resources. Exceptions to these rules may be approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee.

In conjunction with these Rules and Regulations, all persons must also follow existing City ordinances and state and federal laws. Visit [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov) for further information on the Saint Paul Legislative Code and Ordinances.

##### CH. 1 / Section 2: Authority

A law enforcement officer, Park Security Officer or park employee has authority to ask any person involved in conduct disruptive, damaging or unsafe to stop the behavior or action. If they refuse to comply with the request, the officer or park employee may then order them to leave the park for the remainder of that calendar day. Serious or repeat violations may result in a longer period of expulsion from the park, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code §170.10e.

The Director may remove any obstructing article found on park property at the expense of the owner, and if not claimed within 60 days, may sell or destroy such items.

##### CH. 1 / Section 3: Definitions

"DIRECTOR" means the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or designee.

"PARKS" means any park, parkway, zoological or horticultural garden, recreation open space, lake or other waters, golf course, swimming pool, athletic field, trails and pathways, or any other area owned, improved, maintained, operated or otherwise controlled by the City of Saint Paul for recreation and natural resource preservation purposes.

"FACILITIES" means any structures including, but not limited to recreation centers; maintenance buildings, garages or sheds; pools; playground equipment or recreation equipment; bridges; shelters; fences; and any other items that are built, installed or established on park property to serve a particular park or recreation purpose.

"PERSON" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or group.

"ALCOHOL" means any intoxicating or non-intoxicating malt liquor and includes 3.2 beer, wine, wine coolers or any other malt liquor beverage.

"WEAPON" means any device which, when used in an aggressive manner may cause or has caused harm to another person in a park.

"WATER CRAFT" means any device used for navigation on water.

"MISSISSIPPI RIVER" means that part of the Mississippi River within the City of Saint Paul or abutting land owned by the City of Saint Paul.

"LAKES" means any body of water, including but not limited to lakes, ponds, storm water holding areas, streams, rivers, or marsh areas located on park property.

## **CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)**

### **CH. 1 / Section 3: Definitions (continued)**

"POOL" means any swimming pool, wading pool, decorative pool, fountain or any artificial water holding device located on park property

"COMO CAMPUS" means the park property and all buildings of the Como Zoo, Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, Japanese Garden, Como Town Amusement Area, Lancer Catering, Cafesjian's Carousel, Frog Pond and Excedra, and bounded by Midway Parkway, Hamline Avenue, Como 18-hole golf course and Lexington Avenue to Estabrook.

"DESIGNATED AREAS" means any area on park property or in park facilities and buildings which provide direction and instruction to the public and ensures that a safe environment is provided.

"NATURAL RESOURCE" refers to any plant or plant product, geologic formation, body of water, or animal found in parks and open space maintained and managed by the City of Saint Paul.

## **CHAPTER 2 PUBLIC USE**

### **CH. 2 / Section 1: Hours and Access**

- a. Saint Paul Parks and Recreation facilities are open to everyone regardless of race, gender, age, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities and/or limitations.
- b. Parks are open daylight to 11 P.M., unless otherwise posted, and shall be considered closed after 11 P.M. even if the park does not have gates or barriers which prevent access to the park. Some park facilities may only be open during times posted at the facility. No person should be in any park between the hours of 11 P.M. and daylight unless they're driving through the park on a parkway, hold a permit issued for an after hours rental at a facility, or have written permission from the Director.
- c. Any park or section of park may be closed by the Director at any time. A notice will be posted in any area which is closed.

### **CH. 2 / Section 2: Permits and Rentals**

- a. A permit is required if any person wants the exclusive use of a specific area, building, or other park facility or for special events of a cultural, educational, political, religious, or recreational nature. Any person with a permit must follow the RULES AND REGULATIONS listed in this document in addition to any special conditions listed on the permit. To obtain a park permit or rent a park facility, contact the Park Permit Office at 651-632-5111.
- b. **Permits are required for all caches placed in City of Saint Paul parks related to a geocaching program.**
- c. For recreation center rentals, contact the specific recreation center directly. Rental permits for the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory are available at 651-487-8250.
- d. Any person with a permit is liable for any loss, damage or injuries to the park or to any person associated with the permit holder. Some permits may require additional insurance coverage with the City of Saint Paul listed as an additional insured.

- e. The person granted a permit cannot give that permit to another person without the prior written permission of the Director.

### **CH. 2 / Section 2: Permits and Rentals (continued)**

- f. Any permit may be revoked for violation of these RULES AND REGULATIONS
- g. Disturbing, harassing, or interfering with any person in possession of a valid permit is prohibited.

### **CH. 2 / Section 3: Commercial Use**

- a. Selling merchandise of any type on park property is not allowed. Exceptions are made for those concessionaires authorized by the Director.
- b. Commercial filming/photography of any kind is not allowed on park property without the proper permit and/or written permission from the Director.
- c. Advertising and distributing fliers, leaflets or pamphlets to park visitors or placing them on vehicles parked within any park is not allowed.
- d. Permits for commercial use are available by calling the Parks Permit Office at 651-632-5111. Permits for commercial or professional photography/filming at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory are available by contacting 651-487-8250.

### **CH. 2 / Section 4: Operation of Motor Vehicles**

- a. The operation of any motor vehicle within a park is only allowed in designated areas.
- b. Motor vehicle parking is only allowed in designated lots or parking areas. General bus parking is not allowed in park lots.
- c. The practice of using a person or persons to stand in a parking space in order to reserve it for a vehicle that is not yet present is not allowed.
- d. Motor vehicle parking is not allowed in any grass area and in any area designated "no parking" either by painted curb, signage or both.
- e. Motor vehicles parked illegally on park property may be tagged and/or towed at owner's expense.
- f. Children and/or pets should not be left unattended in vehicles. Violations will be reported to the proper authorities.
- g. Motorized vehicles are not allowed on City lakes during winter months.

## **CHAPTER 3 CONDUCT**

### **CH. 3 / Section 1: Conduct**

Saint Paul Legislative Code §170.10(e) states that a person may be expelled from a park for a period of 24 hours or longer if there is reasonable cause to believe that person violated the following rules of general conduct by intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of a park, program or event. A person may also be expelled for an extended period (in no case longer than 6 months) and be reinstated when there is evidence that the person's presence will no longer threaten the orderly operation of the park.

## **CHAPTER 3 CONDUCT (continued)**

### **CH. 3 / Section 1: Conduct (continued)**

- a. The following conduct is not allowed on park property: fighting, offensive, abusive or obscene language, gestures or behavior; disturbing, harassing, or interfering with any park employee, another visitor, or their property; causing damage or harm to any park property or wildlife, blatant violation of posted park signage, intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of the park; and/or disregarding the rights or safety of others.
- b. No person shall interfere with the orderly conduct of games or other recreational activity in a park or park facility.
- c. The high volume use of loudspeakers, car stereos, boom boxes, compact disc players or other loud or amplified sound systems is not allowed in and around parks, buildings or ball fields without appropriate permit or written permission from the Director.

### **CH. 3 / Section 2: Conduct in Park Facilities**

The following rules pertain to conduct of all groups and/or individuals while in City of Saint Paul park facilities - see definition under CHAPTER 1, Section 3:

- a. The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, bicycles or any other type of propelled vehicle or equipment is not allowed in park facilities unless authorized by the Director.
- b. Persons shall enter park facilities only at designated public entrances, and no person shall enter park facilities where a "No Admittance" or "Employees Only" sign is posted.

### **CH. 3 / Section 3: Conduct on Park Property**

The following rules pertain to conduct of all groups and/or individuals while on City of Saint Paul park property - see definition under CHAPTER 1, Section 3:

- a. The use of roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, bicycles or any other type of propelled vehicle or equipment is allowed on paved trails and in designated skate board parks. The appropriate use of motorized handicapped chairs and scooters is permitted under federal ADA requirements.
- b. Entering into any pond, fountain, cave, designated natural area, native plant area or restored natural area is not allowed.
- c. Placing any foreign object, solid or liquid into the water of any lake, pond, pool or fountain is not allowed – see CHAPTER 4, section 13.
- d. Tossing coins into, and removing coins from fountains, lakes or ponds on any park property is not allowed.
- e. Digging holes, cutting trees or plants, attaching signs to trees or damaging any park property is not allowed.
- f. Harassing or otherwise disturbing wildlife in any manner is not allowed - see CHAPTER 4, section 13.

## **CHAPTER 3 CONDUCT** (continued)

### **CH. 3 / Section 3: Conduct on Park Property** (continued)

- g. Fishing is allowed in designated areas - see CHAPTER 4, section 10.
- h. Garbage, bottles, cans, paper, and other refuse shall be placed in designated trash receptacles.
- i. Glass containers are not allowed in any park, except where designated, or where the use is specifically permitted by the Director.
- j. The use of metal detectors is permitted on parks property as a recreational activity. However, digging or causing damage to parks property while retrieving items located with a detector is not allowed - see CHAPTER 4, Section 13.

### **CH. 3 / Section 4: Use of Alcohol and Tobacco**

The possession and consumption of alcohol and the use of tobacco products is prohibited in City parks, except as follows:

- a. The possession and consumption of non-intoxicating malt liquor (containing not more than 3.2% alcohol by weight) is allowed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and only within the designated areas of Cherokee Park, Como Park, Harriet Island Park, Raspberry Island, Upper Landing Park, City House, Highland Park, Phalen Park, and at Rice and Arlington, McMurray and Dunning ball fields. No glass beverage containers are allowed.
- b. City of Saint Paul ordinance prohibits the possession or consumption of alcohol in all other City parks.
- c. Temporary liquor licenses to sell and/or serve beer, wine or alcohol at park facilities are available at the City License Inspector's Office with permission of the Director. No such license is available for Hidden Falls/Crosby Farm Park. Recreation Centers are allowed only eight such temporary licenses per year.
- d. Alcohol is allowed at Midway Stadium for tailgating purposes during scheduled City events and/or during games played by the St. Paul Saints professional minor league baseball club. This activity is governed by Midway Stadium parking lot rules.
- e. Alcohol may be served at Como Campus, **Harriet Island** and other large events and festivals in conjunction with special permits authorized by the Director - see "Permits" in CHAPTER 2, Section 2.

To protect the health and welfare of children, Saint Paul Parks and Recreation prohibits the **use of all tobacco products** in youth activity areas and as listed below:

- f. Areas prohibited from tobacco use include: all playing areas, spectator viewing areas, and parent/supervisor resting areas.
- g. Tobacco use is also prohibited from public areas of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

### **CH. 3 / Section 5: Use of Fireworks and Weapons**

- a. Fireworks, model rockets or any other device with an explosive charge are not allowed without written permission from the Director.
- b. Weapons are not allowed on any park property or in any park facility. Exceptions may be made by the Director - see CHAPTER 1, Section 3.

## **CHAPTER 4 RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

### **CH. 4 / Section 1: Picnicking**

- a. Picnicking is allowed in designated areas.
- b. Assuming control of a reservation picnic site or even a portion of a reservation picnic area without a permit is not allowed.
- c. A permit and approval from Parks' staff is required for the use of tents, canopies, inflatables, large games and rides, dunk tanks, animal rides and volleyball nets, etc. in picnic areas.

### **CH. 4 / Section 2: Grilling and Outdoor Cooking**

- a. Grilling and outdoor cooking is allowed in areas designated and equipped for that purpose. Grilling is not allowed on beach areas.
- b. Outdoor grilling is not allowed in the following downtown parks: Landmark Plaza, Rice Park, Kellogg Mall Park, Irvine Park, **Mears Park** and Wacouta Commons without written permission from the director.
- c. McMurray, Rice and Arlington and Dunning ball fields allow grilling and outdoor cooking in designated areas.
- d. Outdoor grilling is allowed at Midway Stadium for tailgating purposes during scheduled City events and/or during games played by the St. Paul Saints professional minor league baseball club. Coals should not be placed in dumpsters or trash barrels. Designated receptacles for coals are provided at Midway Stadium. This activity is governed by Midway Stadium parking lot rules.
- e. Individuals are allowed to bring their own grill for outdoor cooking but must extinguish all charcoal before disposal, and charcoal ash must be disposed of in designated receptacles. **Charcoal grilling at recreation centers is not allowed without prior approval from the facility manager.**

### **CH. 4 / Section 3: Recreational Fires**

- a. Any recreational fire outside the designated area(s) requires a permit and/or written permission from the Director – this includes portable fire pits:
  - All recreational bonfires shall be in designated fire rings **only**.
  - Fuel area can be no larger than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high.
  - Only cut fire wood is permitted. **All** other materials are prohibited.
  - The harvesting of live or dead wood from any park area is not allowed.
  - Any condition which could cause a fire to spread to within 25' of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
  - A means shall be provided to extinguish the fire. This can include buckets, shovels, garden hoses (if a water source is available), or a minimum 4-A fire extinguisher.
  - Fires shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use

of the fire extinguishing equipment provided.

- Fires shall not be ignited if the wind speed is 10 mph or more.
- Fires shall not be left unattended and must be extinguished no later than 11:00 PM.

### **CH. 4 / Section 3: Recreational Fires** (continued)

- b. The Saint Paul Fire Department, Police Department and/or the Department of Parks and Recreation may order the fire to be discontinued if, in their opinion, the fire constitutes a hazardous condition or produces obnoxious smoke or odors that may cause a public nuisance.
- c. Fire dancing, twirling or throwing is not allowed.
- d. Exceptions to bonfires other than in a designated fire ring and/or size of fuel area require the following:
  - Requests must be submitted in writing through the Park Permit Office to the Director of Parks and Recreation for his review and approval at least two weeks prior to the event date.
  - After approval by the Director, any permits required by the Fire Department must be obtained and a copy submitted to the Park Permit Office prior to the event date.
  - Bonfires must be completely extinguished and the site cleaned and returned to pre-existing conditions.

### **CH. 4 / Section 4: Swimming**

- a. Bathing, wading, or swimming is only allowed in areas that are specifically designated for those activities. **And only at posted times**
- b. Appropriate bathing attire is required at all times. **Questionable attire shall be determined by the facility manager.**
- c. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- d. Animals accompanied by people are not allowed to come closer than 100 yards of any swimming beach, and are not allowed to enter the water closer than 100 yards from a designated swimming area.
- e. Launching, docking, or operating any water craft within 150 yards of a designated swimming area is not allowed.
- f. The rules, directions and instructions of the lifeguards "on-duty" shall be followed at all times.
- g. An admission fee is required before entering the Como Park, Highland Park and Great River Water Park aquatic facilities.
- h. Bicycles, mopeds and alternative vehicles are not allowed on a beach or within a pool facility except at designated bicycle racks.
- i. Fishing is not allowed from the Lake Phalen swimming beach.

### **CH. 4 / Section 5: Floatation Devices**

- a. Inner tubes, life rafts, or other inflatable or buoyant objects which provide floatation support are not allowed at any pool or body of water within the park system.
- b. U.S. Coastguard approved Personal Floatation Devices are allowed in shallow water areas. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

- c. Persons with disabilities that wish to enter deep water with the aid of a PFD must inform the facility manager on-site before entering the deep water area, and must be accompanied by a companion.

#### **CHAPTER 4 RECREATION ACTIVITIES (continued)**

##### **CH. 4 / Section 6: Boating**

- a. Minnesota licensed boats and life rafts approved by the U.S. Coast Guard are allowed on any lake or pond. One personal floatation device per occupant is required.
- b. Gasoline powered motors may be on a boat but cannot be used on City lakes.
- c. Electric trolling motors can be used on City lakes.
- d. Boats may only be launched at an authorized boat launch site.
- e. Boating is not allowed before daylight or after 11:00 P.M.
- f. Boat rental on City lakes can only be conducted by concessionaires authorized by the Director.
- g. Each water craft kept on park waters must be equipped as required by law, and is subject to inspection; any water craft which does not meet the requirements will not be allowed on a lake.
- h. It is illegal to operate any water craft in violation of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 361. All water craft operators shall remove Eurasian Milfoil and/or other nuisance materials from their water craft in accordance with Minnesota law.
- i. Only car top-carried boats are allowed on Como Lake, and the parking of boat trailers is not allowed in any Como Park parking lots.

##### **CH. 4 / Section 6A: Boating on the Mississippi River**

- a. **No person shall land any water craft on park land or launch any water craft therefrom or dock, moor or anchor any water craft in the water of the Mississippi River for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours except at locations designated by the Director.**
- b. **No person shall in any manner secure any water craft to any tree, shrub, post or other object in or on park or parkway.**
- c. **No person shall dock or anchor a boat in places other than designated for that purpose for a period in excess of seventy-two (72) hours.**

##### **CH. 4 / Section 7: Public Docks**

- a. The public dock at Harriet Island Park and all other public docks are available for public use from daylight to 11:00 PM.
- b. Boaters may tie-up to the Public Dock at Harriet Island only during public hours. Overnight docking is not allowed.
- c. Boaters are not allowed to dock at the Great Stairs on Harriet Island or at Raspberry Island and Upper Landing parks.

- d. Fishing is allowed from all public docks **except** the dock at Phalen Lakeside Pavilion. Fishing from the Public Dock at Harriet Island is allowed, but should be kept at least 20 feet from moored vessels.

##### **CH. 4 / Section 8: Paths and Trails**

- a. Pedestrians shall have the right-of-way at all times. Motorized vehicles shall have the right-of-way where a bicycle path intersects. Bicycle riders shall observe and obey all traffic laws, traffic signals and directional signs.
- b. The speed limit on Saint Paul pathways is 10 MPH. Bicycle riders shall operate in a safe and controlled manner and in accordance with pathway speed limit.
- c. Designated pathways, trails and surfaces normally provided for vehicular traffic may be used by bicyclists, pedestrians and other users.
- d. Designated bicycle racks are provided for bike parking. Bikes should not be left out where they may endanger other park patrons.
- e. In-line skates, roller skates, roller skis and self propelled scooters are allowed on paved pathways under the same stipulations as bicycles.
- f. Permanent and/or temporary pathway or trail markings shall not be placed on any City pathway or trail without written permission from the Director.

##### **CH. 4 / Section 9: Golfing**

- a. Golf play is only allowed on City courses during times when the course is open for business.
- b. A valid greens fee receipt is required before entering the area of play, and that receipt must be carried by the player or group at all times during play.
- c. Parents must accompany children between the ages of 7 - 11. Children under the age of 7 are not allowed on the course at any time.
- d. Only persons 16 years of age and older, with a valid driver's license may operate a motorized golf cart.
- e. Practice play, including driving and putting, is only allowed in designated areas at courses. It is not allowed in general park areas.
- f. Tampering with any irrigation system, tee marker, greens flag, or maintenance equipment is not allowed.
- g. Entrance to or exit from any golf course is allowed only through designated access points.

##### **CH. 4 / Section 10: Fishing and Ice Fishing**

- a. Fishing is allowed on City lakes and ponds in designated areas and only in accordance with current Minnesota State fishing regulations.
- b. Ice fishing houses or similar structures cannot be placed on any City lake before sunrise and must be removed no later than 11 P.M.
- c. An ice fishing hole on City lakes cannot be larger than 10 inches in diameter.

- d. Ice fishing is not allowed in areas designated for ice skating.

##### **CH. 4 / Section 11: Skiing, Snowboarding and Skijoring**

Downhill skiing and snowboarding are only allowed at the Como Park Ski Center during designated hours of operation.

- a. Groomed Cross Country ski trails are provided at Como golf course, Phalen golf course, Highland 9-hole golf course.
- b. Cross country skiing is not allowed on the grounds of Como Campus.
- c. Skijoring is allowed in designated area(s) at Highland 9 -hole golf course. Call 651-266-6400 for information.
- d. **Skijoring dogs are not allowed on any other trails.**
  - e. Skijoring dogs must be leashed at all times and are subject to the same control and clean-up rules and fines listed in CHAPTER 6, Section 2.

##### **CH. 4 / Section 12: Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles**

All terrain vehicles (ATVs) are not allowed in City parks. Snowmobiling is allowed on Lake Phalen and on the lagoon and north of Lakeside Activity Center as a route into the Ramsey County park area under the rules listed below. Any exception to these rules shall require written permission from the Director:

- a. Snowmobilers are to park their vehicles in the Lakeside Activity Center parking lot and drive their snowmobiles directly onto the lake.
- b. Snowmobiles shall be operated in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- c. Snowmobiling is not allowed before daylight or after park hours.
- d. No more than two adults, or one adult and two minor children can ride on the snowmobile at the same time. Must be driven in a reasonable manner so as to not endanger the safety of others, and must stay at least 50 yards of any other park users and from any areas which endanger other park users.
- e. **Snowmobiles shall not be left on the lake ice or left unattended.**

##### **CH. 4 / Section 13: Wildlife and Environmental Protection**

- a. Attempts to kill, injure, harass, remove or unnecessarily disturb fish, water fowl, birds, deer or any wildlife creatures within park property is not allowed.
- b. The feeding of any wildlife creatures within park property is not allowed without prior written permission from the Director
- c. The abuse of any natural resource within the park system is not allowed, nor is the intentional digging of holes, excavating or otherwise initiating destruction or damage to any natural resource.
- d. The intentional removal of any natural resource from within the park system without prior written permission from the Director is not allowed. This includes but is not limited to: trees, plants, shrubs, flowers, water, soil, wildlife, stones and turf.

- e. The introduction of any plant or animal species or agent which could pose a threat to the existing park environment is not allowed.
- f. The planting or cultivation of any natural resource is not allowed without prior written permission from the Director.

#### **CHAPTER 5 COMO PARK ZOO AND CONSERVATORY**

##### **Section 1: Conduct for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory**

- a. Posted signs and instructions are to be followed at all times. Inappropriate, disruptive, or unsafe behaviors may result in individuals and/or groups being asked to leave.
- b. Feeding, teasing, disturbing, harassing, or throwing objects at zoo animals and crossing barriers or entering secured areas to gain access to animal displays is not allowed.
- c. The removal or disturbance of any type of plants, equipment, sculpture, benches, rocks, etc is not allowed.
- d. Walking, standing, or posing in planted beds, areas behind plants, on decorative walls, rocks, benches and pools is not allowed.
- e. Fenced areas are not available for picnicking, and food and beverages - except for water, are not permitted within the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory.
- f. The tossing of coins or any other foreign object into Seal Island or any other area which holds water or provides a habitat for Zoo animals or plants is not allowed.
- g. Balloons, and the use of music instruments or other devices which are audible to the general public are not allowed.
- h. Bicycles, skis, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters or any other type of self propelled or motorized vehicle or equipment are NOT allowed in the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory area. Motorized wheelchairs are allowed under ADA requirements.
- i. Tripods, easels, lawn chairs and other artistic or photographic paraphernalia besides sketch books and handheld cameras are not allowed.
- j. **The Marjorie McNeely Conservatory has a photo Policy for all photographers.** Commercial and Professional photography is strictly regulated. Professional photographers must have a permit and abide by the Conservatory's Policy for Formal Posed Photography. Contact 651-487-8250 for additional information. Additional fees will apply and a permit may be revoked for violations of established policy.
- k. Weddings and other ceremonies including processions are not allowed at the campus during public hours. Contact 651-487-8250 for information about after-hours rentals when such activities may be accommodated.
- l. Pets are not allowed. Service animals are allowed, but may cause undue stress on Zoo animals. In this case, the owner may be requested to remove their service animal from Zoo grounds.

#### **CHAPTER 6 PETS IN PARKS**

##### **CH. 6 / Section 1: Service Animals**

- a. Service animals which are trained and certified to assist persons with disabilities are allowed in all park areas and facilities.
- b. Dogs and other domestic animals are not allowed in park buildings without written permission from the Director.

##### **CH. 6 / Section 2: Dogs**

- a. Dogs must be effectively restrained on a leash no longer than six feet.
- b. Dogs may only be "off-leash" in a designated City of Saint Paul Off-Leash Dog Area. An "Off-Leash Dog Area" is provided at Arlington/Arkwright Park or the Lowertown off-leash area located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway.
- c. Dogs are not allowed on City golf courses, swimming areas or Como Park Zoo and Conservatory unless authorized by the Director.
- d. Owners and/or handlers of dogs must prevent their animals from the pursuit or harassment of wildlife or wildlife nests, burrows or habitat in any park property.
- e. An owner or person handling a dog is responsible for feces clean-up, and must carry a device for such clean-up. Failure to comply with the established leash ordinance including clean-up may result in a citation.

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