

# City Parks - Rules and Regulations

Under §94.01 of the Gothenburg Municipal Code, “The City Council shall have the authority to adopt rules and regulations for the efficient management of the city parks and other recreational areas of the city”.

Therefore, the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted by the City Council.

City Parks refer to:

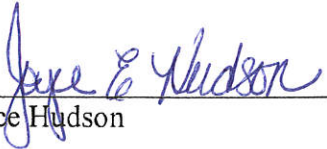
Lake Helen Recreation Area  
Lafayette Park and Campground  
Ehmen Park  
E.G. West Park  
4-Plex Softball Fields  
Area around Swimming Pool

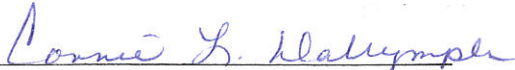
## CITY PARK'S REGULATIONS

1. Lake Helen shall be closed to vehicular traffic daily at sunset and remain closed until sunrise.  
Lake Helen shall be open to vehicular traffic daily at sunrise and remain open until sunset.
2. All other City Parks shall be closed for any use at midnight and re-open at 6:00 AM.
3. No alcoholic beverages shall be possessed or consumed in the City Parks.
4. No fireworks of any type shall be possessed or discharged in the City Parks.
5. No motor vehicles shall be driven or parked in any area of the City Parks except on established roads, parking lots, or off-street parking areas.
6. No fires shall be permitted in the City Parks except in a grill or container specifically designed for said purpose.
7. No camping is allowed except for registered campers in the Lafayette Park Campground.
8. It shall be unlawful for the owner, or anyone having custody, control, or supervision of any dog, cat, or other animal, to allow the animal to defecate in or on any park owned by the city, except in designated areas. MC§90.043 Any person violating this section shall be fined in an amount as prescribed in MC§ 90.999, and shall be responsible for the cost of clean-up.
9. No items or objects shall be sold, distributed, exhibited, or displayed in the City Parks unless authorized by action of the City Council.
10. The parks may not be reserved for any event except those events that have applied for and received City Council approval. The City Administrator shall have the authority to approve or deny any other activities within the park. Any approval or denial is subject to City Council review and subsequent action. Approval by the City Administrator shall not mean reserved space to the detriment of others using the park.
11. Lake Helen:
  - a. There shall be no swimming allowed, except under the following conditions:

- i. Scuba diving is allowed with written permission by the City Administrator. Anyone making a request and not receiving permission may appeal the decision by the Administrator to the City Council.
- ii. Entry in the water is allowed for the unloading and loading of a boat.
- b. All users shall comply with Municipal Code §94.05 in regard to baitfish.
- c. All users shall comply with Ordinance 848 which prohibits the abandonment and feeding of ducks or geese.

These rules are hereby adopted by the City Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
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Mayor Joyce Hudson

  
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Attest: Connie Dalrymple, City Clerk