

Chapter 22

**PARKS AND RECREATION\***

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**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Secs. 22-1—22-18. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. PARK REGULATIONS****Sec. 22-19. Definitions.**

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Park* means any property owned by the village which is used for recreational purposes, or public property used by the village for recreational purposes.  
(Code 1988, § 6.101)

**Sec. 22-20. Intent.**

It is the intent of the village to provide parks and well fields for the reasonable and orderly use by the public. To protect the parks and well fields and members of the public that utilize them, it shall be unlawful for any person to perform any act prohibited by this article or to fail to perform any act required by this article.  
(Code 1988, § 6.102)

**Sec. 22-21. Hours.**

(a) The parks and well fields shall be open each day, including Sundays and holidays, from sunrise to sunset only, or as otherwise posted. The parks and well fields shall be closed at all other times. No person shall enter, loiter, idle, wander, stroll, park, play or remain in or upon the parks or well fields when the parks or well fields are closed.

(b) Any person wishing to utilize the parks or well fields at a time at variance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall file an application with and receive the approval of the village council. The granting of such approval shall be at the discretion of the council.  
(Code 1988, § 6.103)

**State law reference**—Trespassing generally, MCL 750.546 et seq.

**Sec. 22-22. Uses and prohibited acts.**

The following acts shall be prohibited within the village park or well field:

- (1) Sponsoring, engaging in, participating in or attending any parade, procession, exercise, event or activity of a nonrecreational nature calculated to attract or which does, in fact, attract more than 20 persons within the parks or well fields, unless sponsored or scheduled by the council or unless prior written approval therefor is received from the council.

- (2) Willfully marking, defacing, disfiguring, injuring, tampering with, breaking, misplacing or removing any buildings, cables, benches, tables, fireplaces, grills, light poles, fountains, trees, playground equipment, public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, flagpoles, stakes, posts, fences or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.
  - (3) Molesting, destroying or killing any tree, plant, birds or wildlife.
  - (4) Climbing into or upon any tree, table or structure in the parks or well fields.
  - (5) Driving, parking, or allowing to be driven or parked any motor vehicles except village-owned vehicles.
  - (6) Carrying or discharging firearms of any description, arrows, fireworks, fire-crackers, rockets or any other types of fireworks, or anything containing a substance of any explosive or inflammatory nature.
  - (7) Doing or performing any unlawful act or making or exciting any disturbance or contention in the park or well field.
  - (8) Camping, whether in a vehicle, trailer or tent, or in other manner, in the park or well field at any time, except with the written approval of the village council.
  - (9) Throwing or casting any stones or other missiles within the park or well field.
  - (10) Depositing any rubbish, garbage or refuse matter or breaking glass or bottles in or upon any part of the park or well field. Any refuse must be deposited in the receptacles provided for that purpose.
  - (11) Possessing, using, consuming or selling alcoholic liquors or controlled substances.
  - (12) Entering or remaining in the park or well field while intoxicated or under the influence of a controlled substance. Any person so found may be ejected.
- (Code 1988, § 6.104)

**Sec. 22-23. Police and park employees.**

No person shall resist any police officer or village employee exercising his duty within the park, fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such police officer or park employee, interfere in any way with or hinder or prevent any such police officer or park employee from discharging his duty, in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody in escaping or in attempting to escape from custody, or rescue or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.

(Code 1988, § 6.105)

**State law reference**—Obstruction of a police or government officer, MCL 750.479.

**Sec. 22-24. Violation as a municipal civil infraction.**

Any person violating this article shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

(Code 1988, § 6.106)