

**CHAPTER XII. PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Article 1. City Parks

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- 12-101. CITY LAWS EXTENDED TO PARK. The laws of the city shall extend to and cover all city parks. (Code 2013)
- 12-102. INJURING PARK AND LAKE PROPERTY. The destruction or injury to any sign, guideposts or property of any kind is unlawful. This includes the peeling of bark, carving, and chopping of trees, cutting branches, driving nails, digging ground from roots and the removal of trees, shrubs, plants and other injuries. (Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)
- 12-103. DANGEROUS WEAPONS NOT ALLOWED. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), it shall be unlawful for any person to carry or have in his or her possession any firearm or dangerous weapon or to shoot or discharge the same within the limits of any city parks.  
(b) The provisions of subsection (a) above shall not apply to duly authorized law enforcement officers in the performance of official duty or concealed carry permittees.  
(Code 2013)
- 12-104. VEHICLE REGULATIONS. (a) Motor vehicles, including any vehicle licensed to operate on public streets, roads and highways and motorbikes, go-carts, snowmobiles and other motorized off-the-road vehicles shall be operated in a safe and prudent manner at all times in park areas.  
(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), it shall be unlawful for any person to park any motor vehicle in any area not designated for such purpose.  
(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within any city park except upon roads, drives and parking areas established by the city.  
(d) Subsections (b) and (c) above shall not apply to authorized city employees while engaged in the maintenance and care of the park.  
(e) It shall be unlawful to operate any such vehicle in any park area at a speed in excess of 15 m.p.h.  
(Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)
- 12-105. HUNTING. Hunting, shooting, trapping, injuring, pursuing or molesting in any way any bird or animal on or within any city park is prohibited.  
(Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-106. FIRES. Building or starting fires in the open or in any place, except where the proper provisions have been made, or to leave fires burning is prohibited. (Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-107. CAMPING IN CITY PARKS. (a) Definition. For the purpose of this Section, the term "camping unit" shall mean one camping vehicle, tent, device or other structure in which one or more persons sleep and which is occupied by a person or group of people who live together in the same residence and have the same residential address. If such group of people is what is commonly known as a family (a group of people headed by an adult, parent, or legal guardian, and he or she actually present at the campsite, together with minor, dependent children), then multiple camping units shall be permitted for a single camping unit fee so long as such group of camping units does not occupy more than one campsite place.

(b) The following fees shall be paid for each camping unit, as hereinafter defined above: Overnight Camping (per unit/per night):

(1) Residents living within the city limits of Richmond, Kansas: \$3.00

(2) Nonresidents of Richmond, Kansas: \$8.00

Payment of the above fees shall be made to the City Clerk (or any other individual authorized to issue such permits).

(c) All persons camping shall observe the following rules:

(1) No camping unit shall stay at one campsite for more than seven consecutive days, and upon completion of any camping period in excess of five days, the camping unit shall not be readmitted to that park until five additional days shall have elapsed following its departure.

(2) No trailer or other camping convenience or any camping equipment shall be left unattended for a period exceeding 24 hours.

(3) All park rules and regulations shall be observed and the failure to observe the same may form the basis for revoking the camping permit issued under this Section.

(4) No camping permit shall be issued to any person under 18 years of age, nor shall any camping unit be permitted to remain at a campsite unless some person 18 years of age or older is available and responsible for it.

(Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-108. 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. (Code 2013)

12-109. PROHIBITION AGAINST ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES. 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. (Code 2013)

12-110. PRESERVATION OF NATURAL STATE. It shall be unlawful for any person, except duly authorized city employees, to take, injure, or disturb any live or dead

tree, plant, shrub, or flower, or otherwise interfere with the natural state of city parks. (Code 2013)

12-111. SWIMMING PROHIBITED. No person shall bathe, swim, wade or otherwise go into the waters of any lake, stream, creek, river, or reservoir, including but not limited to, any basin, outfall area, sluice, or other integral part thereof, within any city park. (Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-112. BOATING. (a) Boating and canoeing shall be permitted at any time on any City lake. No motorized boat shall be permitted on any lake; provided, however, electrically powered motors may be mounted upon a boat and used on any lake, provided such electrical power source is not generated on board by an internal combustion engine and provided further that such boat shall be restricted at all times to trolling speed. Rowboats and canoes without motors shall be permitted at any time on any lake.

(b) All boats, canoes or other vessels used upon the waters of any lake within any City park shall be required to obtain a boating permit from the City Clerk (or any other individual authorized to issue such permits). Such permits shall be issued upon a calendar year basis and where fees apply, no proration of fees shall be allowed for registration less than for the full 12 month period. The following fees shall apply to the class of licensee:

Annual Permit Fees:

(1) Residents living within the city limits of Richmond, Kansas: \$3.00

(2) Nonresidents of Richmond, Kansas: \$8.00

(c) Boating Regulations.

(1) All regulations adopted by the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission and all laws of Kansas governing boat operations shall at all times be adhered to on City lakes and the violation thereof shall constitute a violation of this subsection the same as if each regulation was set out word for word and the prosecution for such violation may be brought in the Municipal Court of the City.

(1) On all boats and vessels manually propelled and all canoes and kayaks regardless of length there must be one Coast Guard approved I, II, III (wearable lifesaving device) or IX (throwable) device carried for each person on board and being towed. Manually propelled vessels shall also carry, ready at hand, a lantern or flashlight showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to avert collision.

(d) Operating boat at operator's risk. Anyone operating a boat on any city lake shall do so at their own risk and shall comply with all the rules for safety in the operation of said boat.

(Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-113. DUCK BLINDS. It shall be unlawful to build, erect, set-up, emplace, or otherwise establish, permanently or temporarily, any type of structure or facility commonly called a "duck blind" within any city park. (Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-114. GOING UPON ICE ON THE SURFACE OF LAKES PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to go upon the ice on the surface of any lake within any city park for any purpose, including, but not limited to, ice skating or ice fishing. (Ord. 92-250; Code 2013)

12-115. GENERAL REGULATIONS. The city may post such rules and regulations, as are 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 constitute a violation of this code. (Code 2013)