

Chapter 143

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Alcoholic Beverages -- See Ch. 58.
Amusements and amusement devices -- See Ch. 62.
Solid Waste -- See Ch. 173.
Fees -- See Ch. A220.

§ 143-1. Power to designate public parks.

The power to designate an area as a village park shall be vested in the Village Board.

§ 143-2. Fireman's Memorial Park.

The "Fireman's Memorial Park" shall be defined as that area bounded by the east curbline of Church Street, the northerly curbline of Broadway and the southerly curbline of West Main Street.

§ 143-3. Use of parks.

The village parks are to be used by Alden residents and their guests only.

§ 143-4. Rules and regulations.

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the acts hereinafter specified.

- A. Hours. For any reason to enter a park prior to 6:00 a.m. or to remain within the park after sundown.
- (1) Special extension. If an organization or resident wishes to have the hours extended, this may be done upon request of the organization or resident to the Village Board, the Mayor or a duly appointed representative at least five (5) days prior to the reservation date. Approval of this request may be granted by the Village Board, the Mayor or a duly appointed representative.
 - (2) Hours of operation of recreation. The Village of Alden Board of Trustees shall have the authority to extend the hours of access to the confines of the park when, in the judgement of the Board, public interest demands it.
 - (3) In case of an emergency when, in the judgement of the Village Board, the Mayor, or a duly appointed village representative, the public interest demands it, any portion of a park may be closed to the public or to designated persons until permission is given to reopen.
- B. Firearms. For any person to take or otherwise transport any firearms, air guns, knives, swords, slingshots or bows and arrows or other weapons in a park. Responsibly supervised events may allowed with written permission of the Village Board.
- C. Preservation of property. For any reason to injure, deface, disturb or befoul any part of a park or any of the buildings, signs, equipment or other property found therein or to remove, injure or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, rock or other organic or inorganic matter. The peeling of bark or the cutting or injuring of trees is prohibited.
- D. Fires. For any person to light any fire for any purpose in the park except in a grill, stove, or oven provided for that purpose. Lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars or burning tobacco must not be deposited or left where they may cause fires.
- E. Garbage and refuse. Grounds must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Littering of any kind is strictly prohibited. Garbage and refuse must be deposited in the receptacles provided.
- F. Dogs and other animals. For any person to bring dogs or other animals into a park unless the same are on a leash and kept on a leash while in the park.
- G. Hunting, fishing and trapping. For any person to hunt or trap game within park boundaries or for any person to fish within park boundaries where posted.

- H. Bathing, wading and swimming. For any person to bathe, wade or swim in any of the streams, pools or lakes in the park, except where and as prescribed by special rules governing the same.
- I. Horses and riders. Horses and their riders are prohibited from using park areas, except over bridle paths or other paths established for said purposes. No rider shall travel at a gait in excess of a trot while in the park to preserve the safety of the public and avoid endangering children at play.
- J. Speed limit. No person shall drive or cause to be driven along or over any road within the park any vehicle at a speed or in a manner which endangers the life or limb of any person, and in no event shall the speed of any vehicle exceed ten (10) miles per hour, nor shall any person park, stand or stop or cause to be parked, standing or stopped any vehicle at any point where a sign prohibiting same has been erected pursuant to a direction of a village employee or by the Village Board. Motorcycles, motor bicycles and motor scooters are to be parked at the parking lots and not driven off the paved highways.
- K. Skateboards and rollerblades. No person shall utilize skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates and non-motorized scooters in the park except upon paved highways within the park. No person shall ~~use~~ utilize skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates and non-motorized scooters in a manner which causes defacement or damage to the park.
- L. Playground equipment. No person shall use the playground equipment for purposes other than intended for said equipment. Only those persons for which the equipment is designed shall use the equipment.
- M. Glass containers. For any person, firm or corporation to possess any glass beverage container within the park.
- N. Loud noise. No person, organization, corporation, group or other entity shall ~~to~~ cause or permit to continue any noise which may be determined by a reasonable person to be excessive, disturbing and/or annoying if heard by such other individual or entity at a distance of more than fifty (50) feet from the noise source. At no time shall bullhorns, radios, boom boxes, CD players, or other electronic or mechanical devices be used in any Village park without the prior written permission of the Board of Trustees or their designee. Such sound generation devices shall not include cellular telephones, walkie talkies, or similar communication devices which do not otherwise amplify sound. In no event shall any electronic and/or mechanical device be used to generate audible noise after 11:00 p.m. nor before 7:00 a.m. in any Village park.

- O. Alcoholic beverages. For any person, firm, organization, entity or corporation to possess any alcoholic beverage within the park unless permitted to do so by permit issued by the Village of Alden.
- P. Commercial enterprises. For any person, firm or corporation to sell or offer for sale within the park any property or privilege whatsoever, unless authorized by the Village Board.
- Q. Park reservations. Village residents and organizations may reserve available shelters at any park.
 - (1) The Village Clerk shall have the authority to grant permission to individuals who are residents to use the shelters. Reservation will not be accepted before April 1 of the year of use.
 - (2) At the discretion of the Village Clerk, organizations, through their representatives, may be granted use of the shelters after January 1 of the year of use. An exception to this rule would be organizations or individuals selling tickets for an event or products at the event. In such cases, permission is to be granted by the Village Board at a regular meeting or a special meeting of such Board.

§ 143-5. Penalties for offenses.

- A. Violation of any of the foregoing rules and regulations set forth in this chapter shall constitute an offense, and a person guilty of such offense shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- B. Each instance of an offense under this chapter shall constitute, for each offense, a separate and distinct violation hereunder.