

Chapter 13

PARKS AND RECREATION*

- Art. I. In General, §§ 13-1–13-30**
Art. II. Park Board, §§ 13-31–13-33

*Cross reference—Planning, ch. 14.



ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 13-1. Use of jogging path in Harmon City Park restricted.**

(a) No person shall drive or ride on the walking and jogging track or path located in Harmon City Park on any motor vehicle, moped, bicycle, skateboard, cart, wagon, roller skates, horse, mule, other animal or other wheeled vehicle except a wheeled vehicle that is a health aid, except at a duly authorized driveway or crossing.

(b) When used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the term "health aid" shall mean a wheel chair or similar device that is being used by a person who is unable to traverse the jogging track without the aid of the device and who uses the device on a regular basis to get from one place to another.

(Ord. No. 02-04-87, § 1, 4-27-87)

Sec. 13-2. Fishing tournaments on Big Creek Lake prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful to conduct or participate in a fishing tournament on Big Creek Lake.

(b) When used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the term "tournament" shall be construed to mean and include an event in which the participants seek to catch fish in a contest or competition.

Sec. 13-3. Operation of boats on Big Creek Lake.

(a) *Definition.* Boat shall mean every surface vessel or watercraft regardless of size or means of propulsion.

(b) *Current tag required.* No boat shall be operated or remain in the waters of Big Creek Lake without having a current city boat registration tag properly displayed on such boat and on the boat trailer.

(c) *Application for boat tag.* Application for a city boat registration tag shall be made at city hall or to a city law enforcement officer or other designated place in writing on forms provided therefor. The fee for a city boat registration tag shall be \$20.00 for boats owned by nonresidents of Delta County, Texas, and there shall be no fee for boats owned by residents of Delta County, Texas. The city boat registration tag shall be valid for a period of one year from issuance.

(d) *Penalty.* Whoever operates, or owns and permits the operation of any boat subject to the provisions of this section in violation of any provision or requirement of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.00.

(Ord. No. 10-23-89, § 4, 10-23-89)

Sec. 13-4. No swimming signs at Big Creek Reservoir.

There may be installed at such points on Big Creek Reservoir in the city, as may be directed by the city council, appropriate signs notifying the public that swimming is prohibited

within 100 feet of a boat ramp. Such signs, devices or marks shall bear the words "No Swimming," and set out the ordinance number and amount of fine for violation. Such signs shall be located in such a position and be provided with letters of a size as to be clearly legible from a distance of at least 100 feet from the sign. Whenever any such sign has been erected it shall be unlawful for any person to swim in disobedience thereto.

(Ord. No. 08-08-88, § 1, 8-22-88)

Sec. 13-5. Climbing or molesting trees or shrubs prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to climb or in anywise molest any tree or shrub in the city park.

(Ord. of 9-3-34, § 1)

Sec. 13-6. Parking near ball park.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any automobile, wagon or other vehicle within a distance of 20 feet of any fence around the ball park located in the city park.

(Ord. of 9-3-34, § 2)

Cross reference—Stopping, standing and parking, § 18-60 et seq.

Sec. 13-7. Molesting fences, bleachers, etc., of ball park.

It shall be unlawful for any person to climb on or anywise interfere with or molest the fences, bleachers, roof or any portion of the ball park located in the city park.

(Ord. of 9-3-34, § 3)

Secs. 13-8–13-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. PARK BOARD*

Sec. 13-31. Establishment; composition.

There shall be established a park board to oversee the operation of city parks, ballfields and other types of recreational facilities owned and operated by the city. The original board shall be made up of seven members and shall consist of the superintendent of schools for the Cooper Independent School District or a designated representative of the school district, the mayor or a city councilman for the city, the President of Kids Baseball, the President of Adult Softball, and three interested citizens. Upon resignation or removal of any of the three citizens the remaining board will appoint a new member subject to approval of the city council. A member of the board may be removed by a vote of the city council with or without cause.

(Ord. No. 02-06-86, § I, 6-9-86)

***Cross reference**—Administration, ch. 2.

Sec. 13-32. Election of chairman; establishment of rules and regulations.

(a) The park board will elect a chairman and shall establish rules and regulations for the operation of all the recreational facilities. These rules shall be presented to the city council for approval. Upon approval, these rules shall become city ordinance and shall be enforced as all other city ordinances.

(b) The original park board may at its discretion appoint other members to the board so long as the permanent membership shall be an odd number.

(Ord. No. 02-06-86, § II, 6-9-86)

Sec. 13-33. Penalty for violation of park board rules and regulations.

Violation of the rules and regulations promulgated by the park board shall subject the offender to punishment in accordance with section 1-14.

(Ord. No. 02-06-86, § III, 6-9-86)

