

## Chapter 114

### PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

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#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 55.

Curfew — See Ch. 73.

Animals — See Ch. 58.

Solid waste — See Ch. 132.

#### § 114-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is:

- A. To protect parks and recreational areas owned by the Borough from fire, abuse and desecration.
- B. To provide for the most efficient recreational uses of these areas.
- C. To maintain order therein.
- D. To most efficiently utilize funds and properties of the Borough by avoiding duplication of park, playground, playing field and picnic facilities.
- E. To further the safety, health, comfort, morals and welfare of all persons within the limits of and in proximity to such parks.

#### § 114-2. Applicability.

This chapter shall apply to parks and recreational areas owned by the Borough of Mansfield.

#### § 114-3. Unlawful acts.

It shall be unlawful for any person in a park or recreational area of the Borough to:

- A. Mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, playground equipment, tables, benches, fireplaces or railings.
- B. Dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs or plants or other wood or materials; or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency.

- C. Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except by written permission from the Borough.
- D. Damage, cut, carve, mark, transplant or remove any plant or injure the bark or pick flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
- E. Climb any tree or walk, climb, stand or sit upon monuments, planters, railings or fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purpose.
- F. Attach any rope or cable or other contrivance to any tree, fence, railing, bridge, bench or other structure.
- G. Take into, carry through or put into any park any rubbish, refuse, garbage or other material. Such refuse and rubbish shall be deposited in receptacles so provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- H. Cause or permit to run loose any animal.
- I. Tie or hitch an animal to any tree or plant.
- J. Walk any dog or other domestic animal without a leash, said leash to be no longer than six feet. Further, the owner or person having custody of said domestic animal shall be responsible for removal of any animal solid waste.
- K. Park a vehicle anywhere except on a designated parking area.
- L. Bring into or have in his possession in any park or recreation area:
  - (1) Any pistol or revolver or objects upon which loaded or blank cartridges may be used.
  - (2) Any rifle, shotgun, BB gun, air gun, spring gun, slingshot, bow or other weapon in which the propelling force is gunpowder, a spring, air or arm strength.
  - (3) Any malt or alcoholic beverages.
- M. Have in his possession or set off any fireworks.
- N. Post, paint, affix, distribute, deliver, place, cast or leave about any bill, billboard, placard, ticket, handbill, circular or advertisement.

#### **§ 114-4. Hours of operation.**

Parks and recreational areas of the Borough shall be open for use between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time only; provided, however, that for programs or events sponsored or approved by the Borough Recreation Officer, said hours of operation may be extended during any such program or event and from a period of 30 minutes following the conclusion of such program or event.

**§ 114-5. Use classification.**

- A. Max L. Colegrove Park, Meadow Street, shall be utilized only by persons 50 years of age or older and their guests, and for planning and construction purposes the Borough shall limit facilities to this age group.
- B. South Academy Street Park shall be utilized only by persons less than 14 years of age and by members of their family when accompanied by a person in this designated age group, and for planning and construction purposes the Borough shall limit facilities to this age group.
- C. Heritage Park, West Wellsboro Street, may be utilized by all age groups, and for planning and construction purposes the Borough shall provide facilities which may benefit all age groups.

**§ 114-6. Violations and penalties.**

Any person or persons convicted of violating this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$300 and costs.

