

CHAPTER 8

VILLAGE PARKS AND PUBLIC LANDS

I. VILLAGE PARKS (03/2002)

- A. Applicability: This ordinance shall apply to all Village Parks in the Village of Rockland.
- B. Park Hours: No person shall be in the Village Hall Park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., without the written permission of either the Village President of the Village of Rockland or the Village Clerk. No person shall be in the Gaylord Memorial Park one half hour after sunset without the written permission of either the Village President of the Village Clerk. The written permission shall be in the possession of the person, or in the possession of the person in charge of the activity that is going on. Members of an activity will be given a reasonable length of time to vacate the parks after the activity is over.
 1. Activity shall mean any form of recreation that the park was designated for and that is sanctioned by the Village.
- C. Firearms: No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any missile from any firearm, slingshot, bow and arrow, or other weapon in any Village Park, except in properly designated areas.
- D. Vandalism: No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth; carve on any rocks, signs, walls, or structures; drive nails in trees; or destroy, damage or deface any park building, sign, fence, table, fireplace, or other Village property.
- E. Littering: No person shall dispose of any garbage, bottles, tin cans, paper or other waste material in any manner except by placing the same in receptacles provided for such purpose. Nor shall any person dump any such refuse on Village Park lands or in any body of water within a Village Park.
- F. Dogs: No person having charge or control of any dog or cat shall allow such animal to run at large within the Village Park but shall keep such animal on a leash at all times.
- G. Fires: No person shall build any campfire or burn any rubbish on Village Park lands except in designated fireplaces; nor shall any person throw away any cigarettes, cigars, or pipe ashes without first extinguishing them.
- H. Vehicles: No person shall drive any automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other vehicle in a reckless manner or at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour on any Village Park road. Motor vehicles shall be parked only in designated areas.
- I. Stereo Equip/Loud Noise: No person shall operate any stereo, sound track, amplified loud speaker, or other mechanical device including musical instruments, that produce undue or unnecessary noise, in any Village Park, without the written permission of either the Village President or the Village Clerk. Whether noise is too loud or not shall be up to the discretion of the La Crosse County Sheriff or his designee.

- J. Advertising and Sales: No person shall distribute any handbill or other advertising matter in any Village Park without written permission of the Village President or the Police Chief.
 - 1. No person shall peddle or solicit business or operate concessions or stands in any Village Park without written permission of the Village Board.
- K. Sales of Intoxicating Beverages: No person shall sell or offer for sale any intoxicating liquors or fermented malt beverage in any Village Park except on written permission of the Village Board.
- L. Camping: No person shall be allowed to camp or otherwise spend the night in any Village Park, except with the written permission of the Village President or La Crosse County Sheriff.
- M. Motorized Vehicles: Except for authorized maintenance vehicle, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicle of any nature may be used on the seeded areas. No person shall operate any off-the-road vehicle, motorcycle, trail bike, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile, truck, or other motorized vehicle in any park, playground, or other public ground where pathways or trails have been developed and/or developed for walking, hiking, jogging, running, bicycling, cross-country skiing, sledding, or other pedestrian use. All motorized vehicles are limited to use of roadways specifically for their use and according to other restrictions of village ordinances. There is no overnight parking allowed in any parking lot at a Village Park.
- N. Permits for Exclusive Use of Park Areas: Permits for exclusive use of any picnic, picnic equipment, or play area for any specific date or time may be granted at the discretion of the Village Board. Although small groups obeying the laws are permitted to congregate in the Village Parks without a reservation, reserved park space has legal priority over any other casual gatherings. Permits are not required for reserved use of any park when such use is sponsored by the Village of Rockland, Bangor Rec Department, or Bangor School District.
- O. Penalty: Any person having been convicted of a violation of Ordinance (I), Chapter 8 shall pay a forfeiture not less than \$25.00 plus costs, nor more than \$75.00 plus costs and in default of payment, shall be sentenced to a jail term in the county jail of not less than three days nor more than ten days.

II. PUBLIC LANDS (04/1997)

- A. Unauthorized Motor Vehicle Prohibited: It shall be unlawful to operate or park any unauthorized motorized vehicle in or upon any portion of public land including, but not limited to, park, median strips, parkways, open space easements, unless designated as a park drive, roadway, parking area or temporary parking area within such public land. Every temporary parking area shall be designated by signs and the extent of its limits shall be clearly marked. All motorized vehicles are limited to use of roadways specifically for their use and according to other restrictions of this ordinance.

"Motorized vehicle" means any self-propelled device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn.

- B. Recreation Standards: The Village of Rockland shall require that land be dedicated for parks and playgrounds, recreational areas, or open space locations where such would be appropriate. The amount of land to be provided shall be at least one acre of land for every 25 proposed residential dwelling units within the proposed plat. However, the total amount of land dedicated for park purposes need not exceed 1/3 of the total area of the plat.

- C. Condition of Land to be Dedicated: Land for recreation or open space purposes shall be of a character and location suitable for use as a playground, playfield, or for other active or passive recreation purposes. The land shall be level and dry. An active recreation site shall be accessible from at least one street. Land to be dedicated shall be adequately drained. The Village may reject the land offered if it is determined to be unsuitable for recreational development. In this case, the developer must offer another parcel or a cash payment in lieu of dedication. All land to be reserved for dedication to the Village for park purposes shall have prior approval of the Village and shall be shown marked on the approved subdivision plan as lands "to be dedicated for park, recreation, or open space purposes."

- D. Payment in Lieu of Land: At the discretion of the Village Board, the board may require that the developer contribute a cash payment in lieu of land. If payment in lieu of land is made, the developer will pay \$50 per dwelling unit at the time the building permit is issued. This is in addition to the regular building permit fees that apply. The park dedication fees shall be placed into a nonlapsing fund to be used for the purchase, development, improvement and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, open spaces, and other recreational sites and facilities.