

**CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Summary of Laws, Rules, and Regulations Frequently Enforced in Parks, Open Spaces, Trails, and Facilities Located Therein, Either Within or Outside City Limits**

**Alcoholic Beverages:** Carrying or drinking liquor or fermented malt beverages (open container law) is prohibited (Code #17-1411); selling, offering, or possession for sale without a license to do so is illegal (Code #3-71).

**Animals/Birds:** Owner is responsible for removal of animal waste (Code #4-71); all animals shall be kept under restraint (leash law) and animals at large are prohibited (Code #4-93); disturbance of peace and quiet prohibited (Code #4-94); Public nuisance prohibited (code #4-95); no inhumane animal traps allowed, and trapping needs permission of the Humane Society (Code #4-120); Fort Collins is a wild bird sanctuary/refuge and all wild birds are protected (Code #4-156); the killing or capturing of wild birds is unlawful (Code #4-157).

**Camping:** It is unlawful to camp unless a permit is obtained (Code #23-212).

**Curfew:** A curfew prohibiting the use of specific parks during the hours of 11:00 pm to 5:00 am is effective upon conspicuous posting (Code #23-201, Ord. #62, 1988 #1 Admin. Order No. 1).

**Disturbing the Peace:** Disturbing the peace (Code #17-121), disorderly conduct (Code #17-124), and unreasonable noise (Code #20-22) are all prohibited.

**Fires:** Bonfires and outdoor rubbish fires other than for cooking purposes are restricted by permit of the Poudre Fire Authority, and all fires are only to be in authorized locations (Code #9-2[6]); burning of refuse or rubbish is prohibited (Code #12-20).

**Glass Bottles/Containers:** Glass beverage bottles or containers are prohibited except where authorized (Code #23-210, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #8).

**Golf Balls:** The driving, hitting, or throwing of golf balls is prohibited (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #5).

**Hours of Usage:** The hours regulating the use of various park facilities such as ballfields, tennis courts, etc. will be effective upon conspicuous posting (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #1, Admin Order No. 1).

**Ice:** Walking, skating, or otherwise entering the ice on any waters where signs are posted is prohibited (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #3).

**Littering:** Littering is prohibited (Code #17-41).

**Loitering:** Loitering is prohibited (Code #17-122)

**Pollution of Waters:** Washing dishes or vehicles, or emptying of waste materials in any manner that pollutes the waters is prohibited (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #10).

**Posting Notices:** Fastening or showing cards, poster, or other advertising devices without permission is illegal (Code #17-42).

**Rules of Usage:** No person shall enter or remain in any parkland, open space, or trail area or facility located therein, or conduct himself in the same in violation of any order, rule or regulation limiting or prohibiting the use, activities or conduct on such property issued by the Director of Cultural, Library, and Recreational Services after having been notified of the same by a sign posted at the main entrance to the area or other conspicuous location or personal notification by a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department or a police officer (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #1); the rules regulating the use of various park facilities such as ballfields, tennis courts, etc. will be effective upon conspicuous posting (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #1 Admin Order #1).

**Smoking:** Smoking or carrying of lighted smoking instruments in indoor public places is prohibited, except in permitted smoking areas (Code #12-58).

**Solicitation/Vendors:** Selling or offering to sell any item for commercial gain without a permit or grant of concession right is illegal (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #6); solicitation by vendors in public buildings and offices without invitation is prohibited (Code #15-106); utilization of areas to conduct a service for commercial gain without a permit is illegal (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #7).

**Special Events:** Permits are required for parades, athletic events, and other special events in the city (and a promoter may charge admission) (Code #23.5-1, and legal opinion).

**Swimming:** Swimming, boating, or wading in the waters where signs are posted is prohibited (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #4).

**Trash Receptacles:** Dumping of home or business-generated trash in public trash receptacles is prohibited (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #9).

**Trees and Shrubs:** It is unlawful to plant, prune, remove, destroy, or injure any tree, shrubs, or hedge without a permit (Code #27-31).

**Trespass:** Trespassing is illegal when requested to leave (Code #17-40).

**Vandalism/Tampering:** No person shall knowingly injure, damage, or destroy real or personal property (Code #17-39); nor injure, deface, destroy, or remove signs, notices, or markers, etc. (Code #17-43).

**Vehicles:** Abandoned vehicles are prohibited (Code #28-17); it is illegal to operate or park a motor vehicle other than on established roadways or in designated parking areas (Code #23-201, Ord. No. 62, 1988 #2).

**Weapons:** Discharging weapons except where specifically authorized is prohibited (Code #17-101).

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