

**Title 12**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**Chapters:**

**12.04 Park Department**

**12.08 Park Rules**



**Chapter 12.04****PARK DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>**

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- 12.04.010 Created.
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- 12.04.040 *Repealed.*

**12.04.010 Created.**

For the purpose of providing for the proper maintenance and operation of public parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities belonging to the city, there is created and established a department of the city to be known as “the municipal park department.” (Ord. 393 § 1, 1966).

**12.04.020 Powers and duties.**

The park department shall have all powers to perform all the duties provided by the laws of the state relating to park and recreational departments in cities of the third class. The park department, under the direction of the city council, shall have the management of the park and playground system of the city and the administration of the rules and regulations provided by the board for the management of municipal parks and recreation areas within the city limits. (Ord. 968 § 6, 1985; Ord. 393 § 2, 1966).

**12.04.030 Appointment and duties of superintendent and other employees.**

The mayor, with the consent of the city council, shall appoint a superintendent of parks who is the best trained and qualified person available therefor, and he shall be the head of the park department. The superintendent shall have charge of the management of the

park and playground system of the city and of the appointment and supervision of qualified employees thereof for the effective operation of the public park and recreation system of the city. The superintendent shall have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be imposed and conferred upon him by law or ordinance. (Ord. 393 § 3, 1966).

**12.04.040 Prohibition of dumping at city park.**

*Repealed by Ord. 1477.* (Ord. 915 § 1, 1983).

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1. For statutory provisions regarding the authority of third-class cities to establish a board of park commissioners, its powers and duties, see RCW 35.24.150 and 35.23.170; for additional provisions regarding the powers of the park commission, see RCW 35.21.190.

**Chapter 12.08**

**PARK RULES**

Sections:

- 12.08.010 Parks defined.
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**12.08.010 Parks defined.**

As used in this chapter, a “park” means an area of land, with or without water, developed and used for public recreational purposes, including landscaped tracts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, athletic fields, recreation centers, camps, foot, bicycle and bridle paths, motor vehicle drives, wildlife sanctuaries, museums, zoological and botanical gardens, facilities for bathing, boating, hunting and fishing, as well as other recreational facilities owned by the city of Pacific and utilized for the benefit of the public. (Ord. 1477 § 4, 2000).

**12.08.020 Park rules.**

The following regulations apply to any park within the city of Pacific:

- A. There shall be no loitering in or about the vicinity of any park.
- B. No motor-powered vehicle shall be allowed in other than designated parking areas except vehicles duly authorized by the city.
- C. No fires shall be allowed in other than designated areas.
- D. No person shall tease, annoy, disturb, molest, catch, injure or kill, or throw any stone or missile of any kind at, or strike with any stick or weapon, any animal, fish or fowl.
- E. No pets shall be allowed that are not leashed, caged or otherwise securely restrained from running free.
- F. No person shall cut, remove or otherwise destroy any tree, flower or shrub, nor allow their pets or livestock to cause such damage, except with written permission from the maintenance superintendent.
- G. No livestock shall be permitted to enter or remain within any city park or around any recreational facility except that horses may be

permitted in those areas specially designed for horses.

H. No person shall mutilate, deface, injure, damage or molest, nor shall any person throw litter about any building installation, personal property or equipment.

I. No overnight camping unless authorized by the board.

J. No person shall dump any substance at a city park whatsoever without having first obtained the written permission of the city’s utility superintendent or park superintendent. The written permission shall be limited specifically to the type of material that may be dumped and be valid for no more than a one-month period of time. (Ord. 1477 § 4, 2000).

**12.08.030 Hours of operation.**

All city parks shall be open between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for the period running from May 15th through September 15th, and shall be open between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. the rest of the year. (Ord. 1477 § 4, 2000).

**12.08.040 Penalty for violation.**

Any person or persons convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and/or the specified amount to repair any and all damages caused by the violation. (Ord. 1477 § 4, 2000).