

CHAPTER 13

NATURAL RESOURCES

ARTICLE V. PARKS

Sec. 13-500. MONTPELIER PARKS.

Provisions in this section shall pertain to all Montpelier parks.

(a) Parks Curfew. No person shall be or remain in Montpelier parks between the hours of 9:00 P.M. or dusk of each day, whichever is later, and 6:00 A.M. or dawn of the next succeeding day, whichever is earlier, except during an event organized or sanctioned by the Parks and Trees Department or with the express consent of the Parks Commission or its duly authorized agent.

(b) Firearms Prohibited. Except by permit of the Parks Commission or its duly authorized agent, no person shall carry, discharge or display any firearm, air rifle, gas weapon or bow and arrow.

(c) Destruction and Littering of Property Prohibited. No person shall deface, mutilate, destroy or otherwise harm public property, nor litter, dump or discard trash, rubbish, papers or similar substances.

(d) Disturbing the Peace. No person shall, with intent to cause public inconvenience or annoyance or recklessly creating a risk thereof:

- (1) Engage in fighting or in violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior; or
- (2) Make unreasonable noise; or
- (3) Use abusive or obscene language; or
- (4) Obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(e) Fires. Unless authorized elsewhere in this Article, fires are prohibited in all Montpelier parks.

(f) Picking or Injuring Plants Prohibited. No person shall pick or injure any plant or fungi growing in a park unless authorized by Parks and Trees staff. The picking of fruit is authorized so long as the plant is not injured.

(g) Introduction of Plants. No person shall plant, discard, release, or in any other way introduce plants into Montpelier Parks unless authorized by Parks and Trees staff.

(h) Wildlife. Except by permit of the Parks Commission or its duly authorized agent, no person shall release, remove, antagonize, injure or kill wildlife in Montpelier Parks.

(i) Smoking Prohibited. No person shall hold or possess any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or device containing tobacco or a tobacco product or a tobacco substitute within or upon any park in Montpelier. The terms “tobacco product” and “tobacco substitute” shall have the meaning ascribed to them by general law.

(j) Domestic Animal Regulations.

(1) Except for dogs, domestic animals as defined in Chapter 8, Article II of the Montpelier Code of Ordinances shall not be brought into Montpelier Parks.

(2) Dogs.

i. Owners who bring dogs into Montpelier Parks must comply with the Montpelier Dog Control Ordinance.

ii. Owners who walk dogs off-leash in Hubbard Park must comply with the Hubbard Park Canine Code of Conduct as promulgated by the Parks Commission.

Sec. 13-501. HUBBARD PARK.

(a) Motor Vehicle Regulations.

(1) No vehicle shall be operated at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour within the park.

(2) No person, except Parks and Trees staff or a duly authorized agent on city business, law enforcement and emergency services, shall operate any motor-driven vehicle, except on duly established park roads.

(3) No vehicle shall be parked contrary to provisions of Chapter 10, Article VII: Parking and Parking Meter Zones.

(b) Fires Regulated. No person shall set, light or fuel any open fire except within fireplaces or grills provided by the Board of Park Commissioners without special permission of the Parks Commission and a fire permit.

Sec. 13-501. SUMMER STREET PARK.

(a) Games Prohibited. Summer Street Park is open to park and recreational activity, except (1) hardball, (2) hockey, (3) softball, and (4) any game or activity that physically encroaches on adjoining landowners' property. Team sports by children over the age of ten (10) years are prohibited.

Sec. 13-502. NORTH BRANCH RIVER PARK.

(a) Motor Vehicle Regulations.

- (1) No person, except Parks and Trees staff or a duly authorized agent on city business, law enforcement and emergency services, shall operate a motor vehicle in North Branch River Park.
- (2) No person shall operate a snowmobile except in those areas or on those trails as have been marked by authority of the Parks Commission for such operation.

Sec's. 13-503 to 13-599. Reserved.