

Chapter 22

PARKS AND RECREATION*

* **State Law References:** Municipal authority to establish rules and regulations concerning municipal parks, S.C. Code 1976, § 51-15-20.

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Sec. 22-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Public park means municipally owned or municipally maintained parks, whether located wholly within, wholly without, or partly within and partly without, the corporate limits.
(Code 1989, § 12.101)

Sec. 22-2. Injury to shrubbery, flowers, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to break, pluck, walk, step on or in any way injure or destroy any shrub, flowers or bush, or to dig, uproot, tear up or injure any sod or grass in any public park, or to walk, drive, sit or stand upon any space or area in such public park where a "keep off" sign has been posted.
(Code 1989, § 12.102)

Sec. 22-3. Injury to structures.

It shall be unlawful for any person to write on, carve, cut, deface, injure or break any part of any building, grandstand or other structure, or any chair, seat, etc., in any public park.
(Code 1989, § 12.103)

Sec. 22-4. Leaving trash, etc., in public park.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, leave or permit to be deposited or left in any public park any trash, paper, box, can, bottle, food fragments or other unsightly substance, except in receptacles provided especially for that purpose, or to dump or throw any trash, stones, bottles, food fragments or refuse of any kind in any lake, stream, swimming pools or fountains in any such park.

(Code 1989, § 12.104)

Sec. 22-5. Bills, posters and advertising prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect any bill posters or to post, tack up or otherwise display any bills or advertising signs, or to distribute handbills in any public park.

(Code 1989, § 12.105)

Sec. 22-6. Selling in public parks.

It shall be unlawful for any person, except such as may have a permit or concession from the council, to sell or offer for sale within any public park any cold drinks, fruits, eatables, cigars, tobacco or other merchandise.

(Code 1989, § 12.106)

Sec. 22-7. Intoxicating liquors, disorderly conduct, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry into any public park any intoxicating liquors, to drink the same therein, or to be therein under the influence of intoxicants, or to use any profane, vulgar or indecent language, or to commit any nuisance, or to engage in any unseemly, obnoxious or disorderly conduct, or to engage in any game of chance, or in betting or wagering in any such park.

(Code 1989, § 12.107)

Sec. 22-8. Motor vehicle traffic in parks.

It shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to be driven in any public park at a greater rate of speed than fixed by traffic signs erected therein, nor shall any such vehicle be parked in any of the driveways without being drawn well to the right, so as not to impede, obstruct or interfere with the free passage on such driveway of other vehicles and traffic. At night, both moving and parked motor vehicles shall be provided with adequate lights, front and rear.

(Code 1989, § 12.108)

Sec. 22-9. Circle Park--Approved use.

Circle Park may be used for the following purposes and by the following organizations to wit: Civic, charitable, religious and nonprofit organizations which have their offices and principal place of business in the city and wish to use Circle Park for patriotic celebrations, arts and craft shows, art displays and other community purposes of a noncommercial nature and for such other purposes not enumerated in this section, as may be approved by the city council.

(Code 1989, § 12.109)

Sec. 22-10. Same--Permit required.

A permit shall be obtained from the city administrator at least one week in advance of the requested use of Circle Park.

(Code 1989, § 12.110)

Sec. 22-11. Same--Maintenance by user.

The party or organization obtaining a permit shall be responsible for cleaning the park and leaving it in its existing condition. In the event such party or organization fails to clean the park after its use, or in the event any damage is done to the park and grounds as a result of its use, the user shall be liable to the city for any damages done.

(Code 1989, § 12.111)