

CHAPTER 28

PARKS

ARTICLE I – DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION

**28-1-1**     **DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.**     There is hereby established a department of the municipal government which shall be known as the Department of Parks, Pool and Recreation. It shall embrace the Parks, Pool and Recreation Committee and the employees of the department.

**28-1-2**     **COMMITTEE ON PARKS, POOL AND RECREATION.**     The Parks, Pool and Recreation Committee is hereby established and shall consist of **nine (9) members**. The Committee shall recommend the policies and procedures of the Department to the City Council; shall ascertain the condition and needs of the Department; shall, from time to time, report the same to the Mayor and City Council so that a full understanding thereof may be had, and generally, do all acts necessary to promote the efficiency of the Department.

**28-1-3**     **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE.**     The Parks, Pool and Recreation Committee shall be comprised of **nine (9) residents** of the City who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Initially, **three (3) members** of the Committee shall be appointed for **one (1) year, three (3) members** for **two (2) years** and **three (3) members** for **three (3) years** or until their successors are duly appointed. Thereafter all appointments shall be for **three (3) years**. The appointments shall commence on **May 1** excepting for the **first (1<sup>st</sup>) year** when the appointment shall commence on the date the members are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council and run for the remainder of **one (1), two (2) or three (3) years** respectively.

**28-1-4**     **NO COMPENSATION.**     The members of the Parks, Pool and Recreation Committee shall serve without compensation. They may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties from the General Fund of the City.

**28-1-5**     **ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS.**     The first action of the Committee taken at the organizational meeting shall be the election of a President and a Secretary and such officers that the Committee may deem necessary. All officers shall serve for **one (1) year** or until their successors are duly nominated and

appointed. The Mayor shall appoint a liaison from the City Council to report on the Committee's activities and on the Committee's recommendations which are to be or have been approved by the City Council and report the latter to the Committee.

**28-1-6 EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS.** The Committee may recommend the expenditures of funds, but may not authorize the expenditures of any funds without the authorization of the City Council and approval of the Mayor. The Committee will prepare a proposed budget for the new fiscal year of the City and present same to the City Finance Committee on or before the last day of February of each year.

**28-1-7 PUBLIC PARKS AND PARK SYSTEM DESIGNATED.** The municipal park system owned and maintained by the City is hereby named and designated as follows: The Ratz Memorial Park, upon which the municipal swimming pool and recreation grounds are located, fronting on West Market Street of the City; the City Hall Park, upon which the City Hall Building of the City of Red Bud is located; the Becker Mill Tract now owned by the City fronting on Madison Street, and located East of the Ratz Memorial Park; Lincoln Park fronting on Fourth Street; L.V. Finley Memorial Park bounded on the South by Summit Street and on the West by Locust Street; the Red Bud Sports Complex fronting on Powell Rd.; and all other public parks or public grounds now owned or later acquired by the City of Red Bud, Illinois and operated and maintained for lawful public recreational purposes, pursuant to Rules and Regulations of the Committee with the approval of the City Council and Mayor, all ordinances of the City and laws of the State of Illinois governing the ownership, control, operation and maintenance of such facilities.

**28-1-8 RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The City parks shall be governed by the following rules and regulations:

(A) **Destruction of Park Property.** In the municipal parks, no person except park personnel on official business shall:

- (1) cut, break, injure, destroy, take, or remove any tree, shrub, timber, plant, or natural object;
- (2) kill, cause to be killed, or pursue with intent to kill, any bird, or animal, except in areas, if any, where the City has authorized hunting; and
- (3) willfully mutilate, injure or destroy any building, bridge, table, bench, fireplace, guide post, notice, tablet, fence, monument, or other park property or appurtenances.

(B) **Littering.** No person shall deposit any trash or waste within the municipal parks except in proper receptacles where these are provided for the users of the park. Where receptacles are not provided, all trash shall be carried away from

the parks by the person responsible for its presence, and be properly disposed of elsewhere. No trash or waste shall be brought into the park to be dumped in the park trash containers.

(C) **Water Pollution.** No person shall discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or in any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

(D) **Fires in Parks.** No person shall light or use any unenclosed picnic fire within the municipal parks. Fires may be built only in fireplaces or on grills constructed for that purpose in designated areas. Private barbecue pits are permitted. Every person who has lighted or used any fire in a municipal park shall extinguish such fire before leaving the park.

(E) **Picnics.** No person shall picnic in the municipal parks, except in areas designated for that purpose. Park personnel are hereby authorized to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion or to secure the maximum use, comfort, and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end. Any person may reserve a shelter by applying for a reservation at the City Hall and paying a reservation fee per fee schedule as determined from time to time.

(F) **Erection of Structures.** No person shall build or place any tent, building, booth, stand, or other structure in or upon any municipal park or other recreational facility unless he has obtained a permit to do so from the City.

(G) **Signs.** No person shall place within any municipal park or affix to any object therein any sign or device designed to advertise any business, profession, exhibition, event, or thing unless he has obtained a permit to do so from the City.

(H) **Animals.** No person shall:

- (1) bring any dangerous animal into any municipal park;
- (2) permit any dog or other animal to be in any park unless such dog or other animal is on a leash; or
- (3) ride or lead any horse in any municipal park or recreational area except upon paths or other ways expressly provided and posted for that purpose or upon permission granted by the City Council.

(I) **Motor Vehicles.** No person, other than municipal personnel on official business, shall drive or park any motor vehicle, including snowmobiles, in any municipal park except on a roadway or parking lot. It shall also be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle within or upon any such park or public ground at a speed exceeding the posted speeds or park the same so as to interfere with the use of any driveway parking facilities therein, or to blow horns, exhaust or other loud unusual noises, therein.

(J) **Sales: Amusements for Gain.** Within the parks of this Municipality, no person shall, without first having obtained a permit from the City:

- (1) sell or offer for sale any goods or services; or
- (2) conduct any amusement for gain or for which a charge is made.

(K) **Group Activities.** Whenever any organization, either civic or religious, desires to use municipal park facilities for a particular purpose such as picnics, parties, exhibitions, or performances, a representative of the organization shall first obtain permission from the City Council and may request the reservation fee be waived.

(L) **Closing Time.**

- (1) The Red Bud Sports Complex and adjacent areas shall be closed to the public after **twelve o'clock (12:00) Midnight**. An exception shall be made when a regularly scheduled ballgame extends beyond Midnight; then closing time shall be extended to such time that the park lights are extinguished;
- (2) All other park facilities shall close at **eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M.** unless otherwise posted;
- (3) All park facilities shall open at **six o'clock (6:00) A.M.** unless otherwise posted;
- (4) No person may remain or enter any park or park facilities when closed; and
- (5) No motor vehicle shall remain in any park while it is closed.

(M) **Firearms, Bows and Arrows Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a City Police Officer, to carry, fire or use any firearms, including shotguns, rifles, revolvers, air guns or bows and arrows or to discharge the same upon or within any public park or public grounds of and within the City unless the City Council has granted permission for use of same.

(N) **Motorized Vehicles Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for anyone to travel upon the bike path extending from the North County Country Club to the Red Bud Sports Complex with any type of motorized vehicle or motorized cycle other than a golf cart.

**28-1-9 ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The City of Red Bud Police are hereby authorized and directed to enforce all rules and regulations governing the use and operation of public parks and public grounds of the City, including the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter and all other ordinances of the City of Red Bud or laws of the State of Illinois, affecting the use of municipal parks and public grounds of the City.

**28-1-10**    **RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Committee for Parks, Pool and Recreation shall, from time to time, recommend rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the City Parks and public recreational facilities for the City, such recommendations to be made to the City Council for the Council's final adoption with the approval of the Mayor.

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