

City of Spokane
RIVERFRONT PARK
PERMITS, RULES & REGULATIONS

In an effort to aid all the park users regarding information and provide additional notice as to the guidelines that govern park usage, the following summarizes the applicable laws, which may be read in their entirety at <http://www.spokanecity.org/services/documents/smc> or at the City Clerk's office located in City Hall.

REFERENCES AND AUTHORITY:

SMC SECTION 10.39

SPECIAL EVENTS, PARADES, DEMONSTRATIONS

SMC SECTION 10.10.040

PUBLIC PARK

SMC SECTION 48

PARK BOARD POWERS

SMC 12.06

REMOVAL FROM CITY PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES

DEFINITIONS:

- “*Noncommercial Special Event*” means any special event organized and conducted by a group that qualifies as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization or a special event whose principal purpose is expressive activity and not fundraising.
- “*Assembly*” is a public gathering or group of people organized for the purpose of advocating causes, public celebration, expressing ideas or conveying a message to the public or public display.
- “*Demonstration*” is a public gathering for the purpose of a public display or the redress of grievances.
- “*Expressive Activity*” includes conduct, the sole or principal object of which is the expression, dissemination, or communication by verbal, visual, literary or auditory means of opinions, views or ideas and for which no fee or donation is charged or required as a condition of participation in or attendance as such activity. For purposes of this chapter, expressive activity does not include sports events, fundraising events, or events the principal purpose of which is entertainment.
- “*Parade*” is any organized group marching or in procession, whether on foot, animal or vehicle.

SPECIAL EVENTS, PARADES, DEMONSTRATION: In order to accommodate necessary traffic patterns, additional safety or security needs, previously scheduled uses, and have an organized contact person with whom to work, Spokane has adopted a permitting process for these types of activities irrespective of content.

- No person may sponsor, promote or conduct a special event within the City without a permit under this chapter and, in case the special event is on park property, without a permit under chapter SMC 12.06.
- The permit under this chapter is in the nature of Class III licenses as provided in chapter SMC 4.04 issued by the chief of police and/or fire chief.

PUBLIC PARK:

- No person may violate such rules and regulations as may from time to time be promulgated by the park board or the director of parks and recreation pursuant to and in supplementation of the city charter and this code.

- Except when done in places designated and in the manner prescribed by rule, regulation or special permission of the park board or department, no person may:
 - Solicit donations or collections, such as for entertainment by strolling musicians or other performers, or peddle or hawk any goods or services.
 - Operate any public address or loudspeaker system, or operate any radio or other electronic audio device in such a manner that the device makes extreme noise which offends the common sensibilities and senses of others.
 - Ride, drive, or park any vehicle or animal except along designated drives, ways, boulevards, or paths; or move at a speed in excess of fifteen mile per hour unless otherwise posted; or otherwise operate or drive any vehicle or mobile device, including bicycles, skateboards and roller skates, in a manner which is likely to endanger persons and/or property; or ride or drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of which is likely to endanger persons and/or property; or ride or drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of five miles per hour in Riverfront Park; or
 - Ride or drive any motorized vehicle on the grass, or park outside designated parking areas;
 - Play or practice any game or activity, such as golf, hacky-sack, or baseball, involving running or the throwing or hitting of a ball or other missiles when and where such activity is or is likely to be dangerous to others or upon drives, ways, boulevards, or paths.
 - No person may allow any animal to run at large in any park or enter any pond, pool, fountain, or stream thereof.
 - No person may possess or consume in any park any liquor, except as specifically authorized by law.
 - No person may in any park [use] any dangerous weapon as defined in Chapter 9.41 RCW, unless authorized by park department rule, regulation, or special permission of the park board, park department, or police department; or shoot, fire, or explode any firearm, fireworks, explosive, bow and arrow, slingshot, or other weapon, toy or real, which discharges a pellet or other object with harmful force.
 - No person may camp in any park except at places set aside for such purposes by the park board and designated by signs, or by special permission of the department.
 - Where the park board has provided for the collection of fees, rents, or charges for the use of park facilities, including municipal golf course, no person may enter or use such park facilities without paying such required fees, rents, or charges.
 - Riverfront Park shall close from midnight to 4:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time, or 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Pacific Standard Time throughout the year. No person may be in a city park during the hours of closure without the express permission of the park department.
 - No person may build a fire except in designated fireplaces and park-supplied barbecue pits.
 - No person may disturb or attack any wildlife in any park.
 - No person may dig holes in any park or cut or trim park trees or landscaping.

PARK BOARD POWER:

- To make rules and regulations for the use of parks and provide for the enforcement of such rules and regulations.
 - Any person engaging in prohibited conduct under the provisions SMC 10.010.040 and SMC 12.06, rules for use and admittance to park facilities, statutes and ordinances, may be ordered to leave City property by a commissioned law enforcement official, City personnel as authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation, or authorized personnel of a contracted service provider in accordance with the terms of the applicable service contract.

- Failure to immediately comply with such a removal order may be grounds for prosecution for criminal trespass.
 - A warning notice may be served on the person. A removal order can be verbal. A person who has been ordered to leave cannot enter the facility until the removal time has expired and must agree to abide by all rules for use of the facility.
 - When removing a minor from parks and recreation areas or programs, the parents or guardians must be notified.
- Removal of persons from parks and recreation areas:
 - Any person engaging in prohibited conduct may be ordered to leave parks and recreation areas by Spokane Police Officers, or other personnel, or contracted personnel.
 - Failure to immediately comply with such a removal order shall be grounds for prosecution for criminal trespass.
 - Any person who has been ordered to leave cannot enter the facility until the removal time has expired and must agree to abide by all rules for use of the parks and recreation areas.
- Exclusion of persons from parks and recreation areas:
 - Any person engaging in prohibited conduct or refusing to comply with a removal order shall be cause for excluding a person from the privilege of entering and using all or any part of a park, park facility, and property or participating in park programs for a period of time not to exceed one year.
 - The exclusion shall commence on the date of the receipt of notice.