

*City Park*

CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA  
ORDINANCE NO. 145

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING  
CITY PARKS.

THE CITY OF PALMER, ALASKA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance shall be to protect the City of Palmer parks and parkways and appurtenants thereto from fire, abuse and desecration; to provide for the recreational use of these areas; to control and regulate traffic and maintain general order therein; and to further the safety, health, comfort, morals and welfare of all persons while within the limits of the parks and parkways.

Section 2. Definition.

(a) Park; Parkway: The terms "park" and "parkway" wherever used unless otherwise stated shall include the grounds, buildings thereon, waters therein, and any other property which is now or may hereafter be under the control of jurisdiction of the City Manager and designated for public park uses by the City Council.

(b) Person: The term "person" as used in this ordinance shall include any individual, firm, partnership, corporation and association of persons, and the singular number shall include the plural.

(c) Manager: The term "Manager" wherever used herein shall mean the City Manager of the City of Palmer.

Section 3. General Provisions.

(a) Hours when Parks are Open: Except for vehicular traffic moving through streets or roadways, and except when the Manager publishes general permission to all or certain parks or parkways during the summer tourist season, the parks and parkways shall be closed at 11:00 p.m. each night until 6:00 a.m. the following morning, and no person shall remain therein during said hours, provided that, the Manager may from time to time, in all or any of the parks or parkways, publish or post closing hours different from the above, or discontinue closing hours, as in the exercise of the judgment of the Manager may appear reasonable and necessary.

(b) Closing Park and Parkway Facilities to the Public: In the case of an emergency, or when in the judgment of the Manager the public interest demands it, any portion of the parks or parkways or buildings therein may be closed to the public, or to designated persons until permission is given to return.

(c) Interference with City Employees: No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee of the City of Palmer, nor any employee of a contractor while engaged in constructing, repairing or caring for any portion of the parks or parkways, or while in the discharge of the duties conferred upon such employee.

(d) Use of Liquor in Parks: No person shall bring into or drink any spiritous, vinous, malt or mixed liquors in any park or parkway, except in such areas as may be designated by the Manager, and except for consumption within the privacy of trailer and camper unit facilities in areas designated for such use by the Manager.

(e) Violation of Regulations: In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, no person violating any of the prohibitions of this ordinance, or any rules or regulations adopted by the Manager hereunder, shall be allowed to remain in any park or parkway.

(f) Smoking -- When Prohibited:

(1) No person shall be permitted to smoke, or to hold a lighted cigarette stub or empty a lighted pipe in any park or parkway.

(g) Care of Waste:

(1) No person shall scatter, drop or leave any piece of paper, rag, tin can, bottle, glass, peanut shells, melon rinds, banana peels, or other garbage, dead flowers or rubbish in any portion of the parks or parkways, except

in the receptacles provided for that purpose. Any person who breaks a bottle or other glassware in any park or parkway shall immediately pick up the broken pieces and remove the same to a park waste container. No person shall deposit, dump, throw or place any earth, rubbish, dust, manure, paper, garbage, or other refuse matter or any substance in any park or parkway except in the receptacles provided for that purpose.

(h) Radios, Television - Loudness Prohibited:

Auto radios, portable radios and television sets must be turned low at all times so as not to be heard from a distance beyond twenty feet from the instrument.

Section 4. Public Meetings and Speeches, Demonstrations, Sales, Solicitations, Advertisements, Games and Amusements.

(a) Permit required for Public Meetings: All public meetings, assemblies, entertainments, tournaments, or public discussion on any subject, religious, social, political or otherwise, are prohibited within the limits of any park or parkway except when a written permit of the Manager has first been granted, and then only in areas designated as assembly areas by the Manager. No person shall make any oration, or harangue, or public speech, or use any loudspeaker or other amplifying device; no person shall publicly play any music on any musical instrument in any park or parkway without the written permit of the Manager. No service, or demonstration, by any organization, sect or group, shall be allowed within the limits of any park or parkway except in those areas designated by the Manager as assembly areas, and then only with the written permission of the Manager. No person shall sell, keep or offer for sale, any tangible or intangible article, merchandise or thing, nor solicit for any trade, occupation, business or profession within any park or parkway without written permission of the Manager. No person shall distribute, post, affix or display any card, handbill, sign, placard, target, banner, or advertisement of any kind within any park or parkway without the written permit of the Manager.

Section 5. Use of Firearms, Fireworks, Missiles, Making of Fires.

(a) Use of Firearms and Fireworks: No person shall carry, fire or discharge any gun, pistol or firearm, nor any rocket, torpedo or any fireworks of any description, nor any bow and arrow, within any park or parkway. The word "gun" shall include BB guns, air rifles, BB pistols and similar devices.

(b) Throwing of Stones or Missiles: No person shall throw stones or missiles in or into any park or parkway.

(c) Making of Fires:

(1) No person shall make or kindle a fire for any purpose except in places provided therefor, and then subject to such regulations as may be prescribed. The use of charcoal burners in designated picnic areas shall be permitted provided lawns and other vegetation are not damaged and provided further that all unburned coals or ash are disposed of in such manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property.

Section 6. Animals in Parks and Parkways.

(a) Animals Not Allowed; Exception: No animal except those placed in the park or parkways by the authority of the Manager, and excepting horses when saddled or harnessed and in use for riding or pleasure, driving only on roadways or paths duly designated, and except dogs on leash and under control in the manner provided by the ordinances of this city shall be allowed, conducted into, or driven within the parks or parkways or be allowed to remain therein.

Section 7. Protection of Park Property. No person shall climb any tree, or pluck any flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove, or in any manner injure or deface, write upon, defile, or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, fountain, ornament, statue, building,

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fence, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign, bridge, structure, or other property within any park or parkway, nor cause nor allow any animal under such person's care or custody to damage any such property. No person shall lie down upon any bench or table in any park or parkway, nor shall hang, occupy or use any hammock, excepting those used for placing infants therein. No person shall sleep, or camp, or lodge in any park or parkway except in such places as designated for such purposes, as overnight or tourist, or trailer camps, or campsites, and then only subject to the rules and regulations of the Manager governing the use of such areas. No person shall operate a motor vehicle or a motorcycle on any park lawn or other park property except that which has been established as a roadway or parking area.

Section 8. Administration.

(a) Permits: All permits shall be issued by the City Manager in writing and subject to park rules and regulations. The persons to whom such permits have been granted shall be bound by said rules and regulations and the provisions of this ordinance, as fully as though the same were inserted in said permits, and any person or persons to whom such permits have been granted shall be liable for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the park or parkways.

(b) Supplementary Rules and Regulations: The City Manager may adopt additional or revised rules and regulations for the proper conduct and administration of the parks and parkways not inconsistent with this ordinance and may perform such other acts with reference to the management of the said parks and parkways as are lawful and as he may deem expedient to promote the beauty and usefulness of said parks and parkways and to increase the comfort, safety, convenience and public welfare.


Section 9. Enforcement and Penalties.

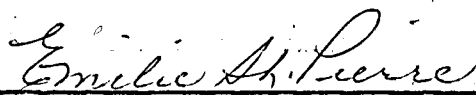
(a) Police Powers: Any peace officer or City of Palmer policeman or any City of Palmer employee may enforce the provisions of this ordinance and violations of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not more than \$300.00 or by imprisonment for not to exceed thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment, for not to exceed thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment, for each offense.

Section 10. Publication. Publication of this Ordinance shall be by posting a copy thereof on the City Hall bulletin board for a period of ten days following its passage and approval.

First Reading: July 25, 1970  
Second Reading: August 11, 1970

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Palmer, Alaska, this 25th day of August, 1970.

  
Theodore O. Schmidtke, Mayor

  
Emilie St. Pierre, City Clerk