



City of Auburn Hills Park Ordinances

Chapter 50 - PARKS AND RECREATION

Sec. 50-1. - 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:

Dusk means the darker stage of sunset.

(Ord. No. 353, § 1, 4-1-85)

Sec. 50-2. - Penalty for violation.

Any person violating any of the provisions of section 50-3 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and costs of prosecution, by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and costs and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

(Ord. No. 353, § 4, 4-1-85)

Sec. 50-3. - Regulations governing city parks and city recreational grounds.

- (a) All city parks and the recreational grounds of the city civic center shall be open daily year round to the public from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever is later. It shall be unlawful for any person, other than city employees on authorized city business, to be present in a city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center at any time other than that set forth in this subsection, unless the person is participating in part of and/or viewing a city-sponsored activity and/or function or the person and/or organization that the person is a member of has been granted permission by the city manager and/or his designee to be present in a city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center at a specific time other than that set forth in this subsection.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, it shall be unlawful for any person at any time to possess, consume, sell, distribute or transport any alcoholic beverages of any kind in or upon the city parks, city facilities or the recreational grounds of the city civic center. The consumption and/or sale of alcoholic beverages in city parks, city facilities and/or the recreational grounds of the city civic center may be permitted by the Auburn Hills City Council subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) The Auburn Hills City Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages during approved events sanctioned by the city and/or its authorized

instrumentalities. If the Auburn Hills City Council issues such a permit, individuals of legal drinking age may bring beer and/or wine to approved city and/or its authorized instrumentalities' sanctioned events in city parks, city facilities and/or the recreational grounds of the city civic center and only personal/individual sized coolers are allowed and no glass containers shall be permitted.

- (2) The Auburn Hills City Council may, in its sole discretion, issue a permit to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages during approved city and/ or its authorized instrumentalities' sanctioned events in city parks, city facilities and/or the recreational grounds of the civic center, by a City approved, licensed, bonded and insured third party vendor or concessionaire.
 - (3) The consumption of alcoholic beverages as permitted in this subsection shall only be allowed in designated areas approved by the Auburn Hills City Council.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person to vandalize, burn, deface, or destroy in any fashion any city property located in any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center, including, but not limited to, property such as picnic tables, barbecues, fencing and gates, signs, grass, trees and shrubs.
 - (d) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or bring onto any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center, except on designated roads and parking areas, any motorized vehicles, including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, mopeds, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles of any type.
 - (e) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any type of hunting or trapping on any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center.
 - (f) Except as authorized by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess any weapon in any city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center, including, but not limited to, weapons such as firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, slingshots and bows and arrows.
 - (g) It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any roadway, lane or sidewalk in any city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center.
 - (h) It shall be unlawful for any persons to congregate in any of the parking areas in any city park or the recreational grounds of the city civic center.
 - (i) It shall be unlawful for any person to bring onto any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center any animals other than dogs on a leash.
 - (j) It shall be unlawful for any person to use and/or smoke a cigarette, e-cigarette, cigar, hookah, pipe, or other device that contains tobacco or any other similar combustible product where signs are posted prohibiting smoke and/or smoking, as determined by the City Manager, within the following City of Auburn Hills public parks: Civic Center Park (not including the Community Center and the portion of the Civic Center Campus North of the Community Center), Riverside Park, River Woods Park, Manitoba Park, E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center, Auburn Hills Skate Park, Dennis Dearing Jr. Memorial Park, and the Clinton River Trail. A violation of this subsection shall be a civil infraction punishable by a civil fine not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and costs of prosecution.

(Ord. No. 353, § 2, 4-1-85; Ord. No. 533, § 2, 1-25-93; Ord. No. [17-888](#), 2-27-17)

Sec. 50-4. - Use of city parks and city recreational grounds conditioned upon compliance with rules and regulations.

The use by any person of any city park and the recreational grounds of the city civic center, and the facilities located thereon, including, but not limited to, baseball diamonds, shuffleboard courts, tennis courts, hiking and physical fitness trails and wildlife observation decks, is conditioned upon compliance with the regulations set forth in section 50-3, and upon any regulations or requirements established by the department of public works for the city. In addition to any penalties that may be provided for by this chapter, or any other ordinance or law, any person not in compliance with any such regulation or requirement, upon being so advised by any police officer of

the city, or any duly authorized representative of the department of public works or the recreation department of the city, shall promptly depart from the city park or recreational grounds of the city civic center.

(Ord. No. 353, § 3, 4-1-85)

Sec. 50-5. - Regulations governing cabin rental and camping at E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center.

- (a) *Applicability.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter to the contrary, the provisions of this section shall specifically govern and be applicable to cabin rental and camping at the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center located at 3799 Bald Mountain Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan; however, those city park rules and regulations, as set forth in this chapter, which are not in conflict with anything contained herein, shall also apply to and be enforced by the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center.
- (b) *Location of campground.* Camping shall only be permitted in the established campground as designated on the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center map and only after the required fee has been paid by those persons proposing to camp. Camping shall be prohibited in any other area of the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center.
- (c) *Purpose of campground and cabins.* The campground and cabins at the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center have been established for the pleasure and experience of recreational camping. The campground and cabins shall not be a place for permanent or semi-permanent residence or the location for the operation of business. The E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center is a place of environmental awareness, and parties utilizing the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center shall not remove anything from the grounds, and shall leave the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center in the same condition as when they arrived.
- (d) *Adoption of rules and regulations.* The city council shall, by resolution, establish and promulgate specific rules and regulations governing and controlling the use of cabin rental and camping at the E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center, including the lodge. The city council may, from time to time and as needed, amend the rules and regulations by resolution.

(Ord. No. 583, § 1, 11-14-95)

Sec. 46-84. – Littering

It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly dump, deposit, place, throw or leave; cause to permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving; or cause to permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing or leaving of litter on any public or private property or waters other than property designated and set aside for such purpose.

(Ord. No. 207, § 34, 11-11-74)



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS GENERAL PARK RULES

- Parks are open from 7 am – Dusk.
- No hunting or trapping is allowed. Fishing is allowed with proper license.
- No feeding of waterfowl or other wildlife.
- No smoking is allowed. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, hookahs, pipes, vaping, or other device that contains tobacco or any other similar combustible product. It is against Michigan State Law to smoke marijuana on public property.
- Alcoholic beverage consumption and sales are prohibited except during city-sponsored and approved events.
- Dogs are allowed on leash only. You must clean up after your pet. Doggie bags are provided.
- Vehicles must remain in parking lots and not obstructing the roadway. All items must be carried by hand or wheeled using a cart. This includes catering trucks, gas or charcoal grills, and any other picnic supplies.
- Observe all City Ordinances set forth by the City of Auburn Hills.
- For Emergencies call 9-1-1.
- For facility and/or maintenance issues Monday – Saturday call the Community Center at 248-370-9353. For Sundays/ Holidays and after hours please call the police cadet line at 248-364-6787.
- Reservation changes must be done in-person and in advance of the reserved date.
- All decorations must be removed after the events is finished. Remove tape, staples, pins and/or other adhesive etc. from shelter and tables.
- Confetti, glitter, rice, water balloons, and other pieces of small litter are not allowed.
- 6 – 8 tables are located in the pavilion (except River Woods that has permanently mounted tables). These tables may be moved around for the event, but at the end of the event tables must be put back the way they were found.
- Tables underneath shelter must be wiped clean. Make sure fire is out before you leave the picnic shelter if it has a fireplace or if you are using a grill. Ash buckets are provided for the grill.
- All garbage should be picked up and placed in the garbage cans. Groups need to supply their own trash bags for overflow of trash.
- Please leave the facility in the same or better condition as you found it.
- The person signing the rental agreement will be considered the responsible party in case of damage, theft, or disturbances during the rental period.
- During your visit, you agree to keep the noise to a minimum, especially at night if camping at Hawk Woods.
- It is unlawful for any person to vandalize, burn, deface, or destroy in any fashion any city property including picnic tables, barbecues, fencing and gates, signs, grass, trees, and shrubs.
- It is unlawful for any person to knowingly dump, deposit, place, throw or leave litter on any public or private property or waters.
- Ground stakes of any kind are not permitted on public property.
- Large tents or structures are not permitted. A 10x10 pop-up tent may be put up as long as it is not staked into the ground. Sandbags or weights may be used to hold the tent in place.
- Use of moonwalks, bouncers, dunk tanks, petting farms, carnival games, portable toilets, climbing towers and extreme sports equipment are not allowed.
- Use of rental facilities shall not be for commercial, profit-making, or fundraising events. No admission or fees shall be charged for a rental event.
- Pavilion Renters have first priority to pavilions for the entire day. If there is a rental reservation (posted on the kiosk), pavilions are not available for use by the public. If there is no rental, use of the pavilion is first come first served.
- Any “event” requires approval through the City of Auburn Hills. This includes any public or private activity with amplified music, stage lights, any public promotion, a group/non-profit/corporate event, entertainment, or other activity deemed an “event” by the City of Auburn Hills. Please call 248-370-9353 to book your event.

Any party who fails to follow these rules will be asked to leave the park. Failure to do so will result in trespassing.

MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT (EXCERPT)
Initiated Law 1 of 2018

333.27954 Scope of act; unauthorized activities with marihuana and marihuana accessories; limitations; application of privileges, rights, immunities, and defenses under other marihuana laws; employer rights; property owner rights.

Sec. 4.

1. This act does not authorize:

- (a) operating, navigating, or being in physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, snowmobile, off-road recreational vehicle, or motorboat while under the influence of marihuana;
- (b) transfer of marihuana or marihuana accessories to a person under the age of 21;
- (c) any person under the age of 21 to possess, consume, purchase or otherwise obtain, cultivate, process, transport, or sell marihuana;
- (d) separation of plant resin by butane extraction or another method that utilizes a substance with a flashpoint below 100 degrees Fahrenheit in any public place, motor vehicle, or within the curtilage of any residential structure;
- (e) consuming marihuana in a public place or smoking marihuana where prohibited by the person who owns, occupies, or manages the property, except for purposes of this subdivision a public place does not include an area designated for consumption within a municipality that has authorized consumption in designated areas that are not accessible to persons under 21 years of age;
- (f) cultivating marihuana plants if the plants are visible from a public place without the use of binoculars, aircraft, or other optical aids or outside of an enclosed area equipped with locks or other functioning security devices that restrict access to the area;
- (g) consuming marihuana while operating, navigating, or being in physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, snowmobile, off-road recreational vehicle, or motorboat, or smoking marihuana within the passenger area of a vehicle upon a public way;
- (h) possessing marihuana accessories or possessing or consuming marihuana on the grounds of a public or private school where children attend classes in preschool programs, kindergarten programs, or grades 1 through 12, in a school bus, or on the grounds of any correctional facility; or
- (i) Possessing more than 2.5 ounces of marihuana within a person's place of residence unless the excess marihuana is stored in a container or area equipped with locks or other functioning security devices that restrict access to the contents of the container or area.

2. This act does not limit any privileges, rights, immunities, or defenses of a person as provided in the Michigan medical marihuana act, 2008 IL 1, MCL 333.26421 to 333.26430, the medical marihuana facilities licensing act, 2016 PA 281, MCL 333.27101 to 333.27801, or any other law of this state allowing for or regulating marihuana for medical use.

3. This act does not require an employer to permit or accommodate conduct otherwise allowed by this act in any workplace or on the employer's property. This act does not prohibit an employer from disciplining an employee for violation of a workplace drug policy or for working while under the influence of marihuana. This act does not prevent an employer from refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against a person with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of that person's violation of a workplace drug policy or because that person was working while under the influence of marihuana.

4. This act allows a person to prohibit or otherwise regulate the consumption, cultivation, distribution, processing, sale, or display of marihuana and marihuana accessories on property the person owns, occupies, or manages, except that a lease agreement may not prohibit a tenant from lawfully possessing and consuming marihuana by means other than smoking.

5. All other laws inconsistent with this act do not apply to conduct that is permitted by this act.

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