



**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE USE OF CITY OF GREENSBORO
PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS**

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City Charter Section 6.41 authorizes City Council to adopt rules and regulations with respect to the use of City owned and leased parks, playgrounds, and recreation areas as well as to regulate recreational use of City lakes and other City-owned reservoirs or bodies of water. Section 19-1 of the City Code of Ordinances requires the City Manager to establish rules and regulations for the operation of municipal public parks and recreation areas and to file those rules and regulations with the City Clerk.

The following rules and regulations shall regulate the use, occupancy, and the conduct of persons in or upon all parks and recreation areas and facilities within or outside the city limits of Greensboro, North Carolina, which are owned or operated by the City of Greensboro. Parks and facilities include trails, greenways, botanical gardens, cemeteries, recreation centers, and skateparks. Failure to adhere to any rule or regulation may result in expulsion from the facility for the day and/or for an extended period of time. Failure to abide with the rules and regulations may also result in violators being subject to arrest for trespassing. More stringent facility rules and regulations may be established for any park or facility which shall be posted at the park or facility office or at the entrance. These rules may be modified or suspended subject to emergency orders and other governmental orders.

1. Alcoholic Beverages

A. *Prohibitions.*

- i. Possession or consumption of beer, wine, ale, or any alcoholic beverages in any departmental facility is prohibited, except as permitted by City Ordinance Section 19-2.
- ii. A person under the influence of intoxicating beverages may not enter or remain in any departmental facility.

B. *Exemptions.*

- i. Municipal Golf Courses. Upon standards established by the City Manager and subsequent issuance of “on premises” ABC permits, consumption of alcoholic beverages may be allowed only within certain designated enclosed facilities located on any of the municipal golf courses and from containers approved by the City Manager.
- ii. Tennis Facilities and Bryan Park. Where an appropriate ABC license is in place, and with the approval of the facility manager or designated official, the sale and dispensing of beer, wine, and/or ale shall be permitted within staffed tennis complexes at Barber, Hester, J. Spencer Love, and Latham Park, and also in the designated areas of Bryan Park. Beer, wine, and/or ale must be consumed within the designated complex or building.
- iii. Tournaments and other special events. Beer, wine, and/or ale purchased off-site may not be brought on the premises, except for specially sponsored events, tournaments, programs or rentals as approved by the Parks and Recreation Director, facility manager, or designated official.

2. Animals

- A. Animals must remain under the direct supervision and control of its owner at all times pursuant to Guilford County Ordinance 5-9.
- B. Horses, dogs or other animals may not run at large in any park or enter or swim in the lakes or ponds or enter any athletic surfaces or facilities.
- C. Animals are not allowed within 50 feet of the shore at Lake Brandt, Higgins, and Townsend, except in designated hiking areas.

- D. Horses may only be ridden at a special event or facility approved by the facility manager.
- E. *Waste*. Animal owners are required to clean up pet excrement prior to leaving the area.
- F. *Dog Parks*. Dogs are allowed to run off leash only after entering the secured fenced enclosure of a dog park. Only two pets allowed per handler at any given time within the fenced area. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver to enter the fenced dog park area. All dog bites must be reported to facility staff and Animal Control. Specific rules and regulations are posed at each site and must be obeyed by all patrons using the dog park.
- G. *Wild animals*.
 - i. Pursuant to Guilford County Ordinance 13-7, trapping, catching, wounding, killing, injuring, teasing, or cruel treatment of of any bird or animal, or insect, or molesting or robbing of any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land owned by the City and administered by a facility manager or designated official is prohibited.
 - ii. The feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
 - iii. Releasing or placing any animal onto land owned by the City and administered by a facility manager or designated official is prohibited.
 - iv. Hunting is prohibited.
 - v. Animal control practices and devices approved by the facility manager or designated official, and used by contracted professions or facility staff are not governed by this rules.
- H. *Bird Sanctuaries*. Specific rules may apply to protect birds and nesting habitat.
- I. *Exemption*. Nothing in this section shall prohibit or impede the right to be accompanied by a service animal trained to assist a person with his or her specific disability in accordance with NCGS 168-4.2.

3. Bicycles

- A. *Where Allowed*. Bicycles are allowed only on designated paths and trails as noted by signage, and on public roadways and sidewalks.
- B. *Operation*. Cyclists shall yield when entering or crossing trails. Cyclists shall use a bell or call out to alert other trail users while passing. Cyclists shall comply with all North Carolina Bicycle Statutes.
- C. *Safety Equipment*. All cyclists under the age of 16 shall wear helmets on public roads, public paths, and public right-of-ways pursuant to NCGS § 20-171.9. Adults are not required to wear helmets, but all cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets while cycling on departmental properties including greenways.
- D. *Parking*. Parking of bicycles on or along paths, greenways, trails, or sidewalks in a manner to obstruct passage by other users is prohibited.

4. Cemeteries

All departmental properties authorized to be used as City Cemeteries shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department found in Chapter 8 of the Greensboro Municipal Code, and have additional rules and regulations established specifically for the cemetery properties.

5. Commercial Activity

- A. Soliciting, peddling, or selling, or plying the vocation of a solicitor, agent, peddler, or salesman of any description is prohibited.
- B. Selling, hawking, or vending fruits, candies, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream, soft drinks, clothing and apparel, or other items of food or merchandise upon any departmental property is prohibited except those concessions licensed by the City of Greensboro.
- C. Flea markets and rummage sales are prohibited.
- D. *Exemptions.*
 - i. Special Events. Special events approved as permitted, or at a sponsored or co-sponsored event, activity, or operation in a staffed facility from which the department receives an agreed upon rental or percentage, as specified in a signed contract, lease, or agreement by the facility manager, are not subject to this rule.
 - ii. Exhibition Shows. Exhibition shows may be permitted in city facilities with the permission of the Parks and Recreation Director or designated official; provided that, such shows shall have a written contract, lease, or agreement specifying a rental or percentage of sales to be received by the department.

6. Disorderly Conduct

- A. Visitors to our facilities and participants in City programs are expected to act in a courteous manner towards staff, instructors, visitors, and participants while at any facility.
- B. Language or conduct which offends other visitors and participants may result in expulsion from the park or facility.

7. Enforcement and Violations

- A. Any person violating any rule may be prohibited from further use of the park or facility for the day or for such extended period of time as designated by the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or designee.
- B. Any person refusing to leave the park or facility after being notified of a violation may be subject to arrest for trespassing.
- C. Any person violating any rule may also be issued a civil penalty by the park or facility operator or staff.
 - i. The civil penalty for the first violation shall be \$25.00, the civil penalty for the second violation of the same or a different rule shall be \$50.00, the civil penalty for all subsequent violations by the same person within a 12 month period shall be \$100.00.
 - ii. Civil penalties shall be paid to the City within 10 calendar days of issuance, unless appealed, and may be recovered by the City in a civil action in the nature of debt if the person does not pay the penalty after issuance.
 - iii. Penalties may be appealed in writing within 10 calendar days of issuance to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
 - iv. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation may affirm, overrule, or modify the issuance of the civil penalty. The decision of the Director shall be final and not subject to further appeal.
- D. Violations shall not be punishable under N.C.G.S. § 14-4.

8. Fees

- A. *Approval required.* All fees and charges associated with the operation of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department shall be subject to the recommendations and approval of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission.
- B. *Posting.* All fees and charges will be prominently posted at the facility office, entrance, or other place where fees and charges are collected.

9. Fires and Grills

A. *Prohibitions.*

- i. Making or kindling a fire in any park, trail, or greenway, or upon any other departmental facility is prohibited.
- ii. The use of propane grills and other propane cooking devices is strictly prohibited.

B. *Exemptions.*

- i. Charcoal fires are permitted in a stationary charcoal grill as provided at the facility, or in a designated area, as long as the fire is attended by an adult at all times and is completely extinguished prior to leaving the area. The user shall properly dispose of any cooking materials or supplies.
- ii. Licensed and approved caterers or vendors may use propane grills when approved by the facility manager or designated official.

10. Fish and Aquatic Life in Prohibited Areas

- A. Fishing in waters other than areas designed by the facility manager for fishing pursuant to North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Fishing Rules and Regulations is prohibited.
- B. Attempting to or harassing, removing, capturing, or harming by any means, any amphibian, reptile, bird, waterfowl, mammal, or aquatic life from any pond, lake, stream, stream buffer, wetland, or bog on any lands is prohibited.
- C. *Exemption.* Animal control practices and devices approved by the facility manager or designed official, and used by contracted professionals or facility staff are not governed by this rule.

11. Fishing.

A. *Permits.*

- i. Fishing is allowed by permit only.
- ii. Daily and annual fishing permits may be obtained from the facility office.
- iii. Permits are nontransferable.
- iv. Permits are subject to revocation or cancellation if the holder violates any fishing rules and regulations.
- v. Children under the age of 16 years old may fish without a permit provided they are supervised by an adult.

B. *Inspection.* At the request of staff, each person shall submit their catch for inspection.

C. *Lakes Brandt, Higgins, and Townsend.* Fishing at Lakes Brandt, Higgins, and Townsend shall be from boat or pier only. Bank fishing is strictly prohibited. No person shall be allowed to leave their boat on departmental property, except at the marina dock area.

D. *All other facilities.* Fishing at all other facilities shall be from the bank or fishing pier only. Seines, traps, or other special fishing devices are not allowed. Swimming in departmental lakes is strictly prohibited with the exception of departmental events.

- E. *Limits.* Fishing is governed by the State of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Regulations for Inland Fishing and creel limits are set by these rules and regulations. Facilities may enforce more stringent creel limits but the limits must be posted.

12. Games and Sports

A. *Prohibitions.*

- i. Playing of sports such as football, baseball, soccer, or other games in any area or departmental location is prohibited where signs are posted in such area specifically prohibiting such sports and games.
- ii. At no time, under no circumstances, shall games be played in such proximity to playground equipment or park structures as to threaten harm to person playing games, using the facility, or to damage to the facility structures.
- iii. The hitting of golf balls is strictly prohibited in all facilities except at designated driving ranges or golf courses.

- B. *Exemption.* Sports fields may be used if scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department.

13. Gambling

Gambling of any kind is prohibited, except as part of a permitted special event.

14. Geocaching and Virtual Games

- A. *Permit required.* Geocaching is allowed by permit only issued by the facility manager or designated official. The following information is required for geocaching permits:

- i. Your contact information including name, address, phone number, and email address;
- ii. A description of the cache and contents;
- iii. The proposed location of the cache;
- iv. The date the cache will be placed, and when it will be removed.

B. *Other requirements.*

- i. Abandoned or illegal caches will be removed and discarded. Caches must not disturb wild wildlife or vegetation.
- ii. Caches must not be buried, placed in water, placed using nails, screws or fasteners, or create a hazard.
- iii. Metal detectors may not be used to search for a cache.
- iv. Permits will not be granted for areas not accessible to the general public.
- v. Changing the location of an existing cache will require a new permit.
- vi. Permit holders are responsible for any damages caused by a cache.

- C. *Virtual Games.* Virtual games, such as Pokemongo, may be prohibited if such game-playing damages departmental property or interferes with use of the park or facility.

15. Lakes

A. *Hours of Operation.*

- i. Hours of operation for all facilities will vary with the season and the activity permitted.
- ii. The hours shall be posted in a conspicuous place.
- iii. There shall be no activity on the lake except as published. All persons must be off the marina property by the designated closing time.

B. *Authority.*

- i. The Parks and Recreation Department shall have the authority to close any or all lakes or restrict hours of operation for special activities.
- ii. Use of the lakes may be temporarily suspended should the Water Resources Department indicate that water testing and monitoring necessitate temporarily suspending activities.

C. *Lake Brandt.*

- i. Lake Brandt is closed on Tuesdays from March through October and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from November through February.
- ii. No more than 45 boats at one time are allowed on Lake Brandt. Boats are not allowed within 150 feet of the fishing pier.
- iii. Motorboats are not allowed.
- iv. Outboard motors on fishing boats are only allowed on Lake Brandt when the water elevation is 741.00 feet above sea level or higher.
- v. Fishing is not allowed within 100 yards of the water intake for the Lake Brandt Pumping Station. Boats are not allowed within the area except those operated by authorized Parks and Recreation, NC Wildlife Resources Officer, or Public works employees.

D. *Lake Higgins.*

- i. Lake Higgins is closed Mondays from March through October and on Mondays and Tuesdays from November through February.
- ii. No more than 40 boats at one time are allowed on Lake Higgins.
- iii. No boats are allowed within 150 feet of the fishing pier.
- iv. No pleasure motor boating or testing motor boats shall be permitted on Lake Higgins.

E. *Lake Townsend.*

- i. Lake Townsend is closed on Wednesdays from March through October and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from November through February.
- ii. City-owned boats and privately-owned boats shall be permitted on Lake Townsend.
- iii. No more than 65 boats at one time are allowed on Lake Townsend.
- iv. Fishing is prohibited within 100 yards of the water intake for the Townsend low lift pumping station.
- v. No boats will be allowed within the area except when operated by authorized Parks and Recreation, NC Wildlife Resources Officer, or Public Works employee on their assigned duties.
- vi. Outboard motors on fishing boats only will be permitted on Lake Townsend only when the water elevation is 710.00 feet above sea level or higher.
- vii. Pleasure motor boating shall be confined to Lake Townsend.
- viii. Fishing is prohibited within 100 yards of the water intake for the Townsend low lift pumping station.
- ix. No boats will be allowed within the area except when operated by authorized Parks and Recreation, NC Wildlife Resources Officer, or Public Works employee on their assigned duties.
- x. No boat or sailboat is allowed between buoy and pier.

16. Litter and Dumping

- A. All trash, garbage, and plant materials shall be properly disposed of in receptacles or designated areas.
- B. Littering, including depositing, dumping, throwing, casting, laying, or placing any ashes, trash, rubbish, soil or earth, paper, garbage, oil, refuse, debris, plant clippings, limbs, or leaves in or upon any departmental property or in any watercourse, lake, pond, or slough within said departmental lands is prohibited.
- C. The use of confetti is prohibited.
- D. Personal items left overnight shall be considered abandoned and disposed of by park or facility staff.
- E. Park and facility dumpsters may not be the disposal of trash, garbage, or bulk items, which are generated elsewhere.

17. Motorized Vehicles.

A. *Definitions.*

- i. Motorized vehicle – a vehicle which is self-propelled or a vehicle designed to run upon the highways which is pulled by a self-propelled vehicle. This includes mini-bikes, go-carts, mopeds, motorbikes, motor scooters, golf carts, and all terrain vehicles (ATVs) pursuant to NCGS §20-4.01(23).
- ii. Electronic personal assistive mobility device – a device regulated by NCGS §20-4.01(7a). This includes Segways.
- iii. Wheeled method of conveyance – a device with wheels regardless of whether it has a motor. This includes hoverboards.

B. *Where Allowed.*

- i. Electronic personal assistive mobility devices (Segway) are allowed in parks, gardens, paths, sidewalks, and trails. However, the facility manager reserves the authority to regulate the time, place, and manner of use.
- ii. Motorized vehicles are allowed upon the regularly established roadways within the parks and in designated parking areas. Motorized vehicles and hover boards are not allowed on any trails or walking paths.
- iii. Electric-assisted bicycles are only allowed upon regularly established roadways within the parks, greenways, and those sidewalks within parks which are part of a designated greenway.
- iv. All motorized vehicles and electric-assisted bicycles and electric scooters are prohibited on all natural trails and walking paths.
- v. Any wheeled method of conveyance, excluding strollers, are limited to greenways and roadways.

C. *Operation.*

- i. A person may operate a motorized vehicle only during posted operational hours unless authorized by the facility manager or designated official.
- ii. Persons operating a licensed vehicle must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit (and be accompanied by a licensed operator) to operate a vehicle on departmental property.
- iii. Persons operating a motorized vehicle shall comply with all signage and direction of facility manager or park operator regarding time, place, and manner of usage.

- iv. No wheeled method of conveyance, except for strollers, may be used on any sidewalk, unless such sidewalk is designated as a greenway.
- D. *Parking.* Parking of any vehicle in any area other than designated parking areas is prohibited.
- E. *Exemption.* Authorized maintenance vehicles or other City owned and leased vehicles are exempt from this rule.

18. Music

- A. *Prohibitions.*
 - i. Musical devices that produce a sound that carries more than 50 feet or is loud enough to disturb other patrons using the facility are prohibited.
 - ii. Cars may not be used as outdoor stereo systems.
- B. *Exemptions.* Programs or special events approved by the facility manger are not subject to this rule.

19. Operational Hours for Departmental Properties

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Director to approve all standard hours of operation for facilities under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. The hours shall be set and posted in a conspicuous place and in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders with notice.
- C. The facility manager or designee shall have the authority to close any or all departmental facilities or restrict hours of operation for maintenance, repairs, inclement weather and special activities, or to ensure the public's safety.
- D. All individuals and their vehicles must be off facility property by the posted closing time.
- E. Vehicles left in any facility that is secured by locked gates at the posted closing time will remain in the facility until the opening time for the next business day or until the Greensboro Police Department can arrive to let the vehicle out.
- F. Individuals found upon departmental property during the hours the facility is closed will be subject to arrest for trespassing.

20. Photography

- A. *Reservations.*
 - i. Reservations are required for all photography in the parks, for which the photographer is staging individuals or for which the photographer is requesting uninterrupted use of a particular area during a designated time frame.
 - ii. Reservations must be made a minimum of two (2) days in advance of the requested date and during regular office hours of 8 am to 5 pm.
 - iii. Reservations are not considered confirmed until all fees have been paid and a permit has been issued.
 - iv. Photographers are required to complete an Application for Photography permit and must carry the permit during the photo shoot.
 - v. In the event of inclement weather, photoshoots may be rescheduled when notification is provided by the next business day.
 - vi. There are no refunds.
- B. *Other requirements.*

- i. Photographers shall respect all other events that are scheduled in the garden (i.e. weddings, other photo shoots, etc.).
- ii. Photography may take place at any location throughout the gardens, unless otherwise posted.
- iii. Garden furnishing, plantings, artwork, etc. may not be moved.
- iv. All subjects must be fully and appropriately clothed.
- v. Swimsuit photo shoots are not permitted.
- vi. Filming and videos require special permits from the Special Events Manager.

21. Picnic Shelter Use

- A. *Reservations.* Groups of 20 or more are required to pay for use of the shelters in order to reserve the right to use the shelter exclusively for the time period specified on the rental agreement.
- B. Picnic shelters must be left clean and free of excessive debris or patrons will be excluded from renting another shelter for one (1) year.
- C. Facility managers are authorized to cancel the reservation of any group which violates any Park Rules.
- D. Patrons refusing to leave the facility due to rules and regulations violations are subject to arrest for trespassing.

22. Preservation of Departmental Property

- A. *Prohibited acts.*
 - i. Departmental property may not be used in a manner for which it was not intended, and in such a manner that hampers other's enjoyment, or which does not preserve the condition for future generations.
 - ii. No person may remove, destroy, mutilate, or deface any City structure, monument, planter, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, trees, plants, or any other property upon any facility.
 - iii. No person may cut, construct, or otherwise establish a trail of any kind on departmental property without the prior approval of the facility manager.
 - iv. No person shall construct or erect any building or structure, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon, or across such lands, except with special written permission.
 - v. Excavations or the use of metal detectors, electronic detection equipment and ground penetrating devices is prohibited, except that a facility manager or designated official may authorize the use of a metal detector to locate lost personal property.
 - vi. The removal, transplantation, destruction or injury of any plant material on departmental land is prohibited unless approved by the facility manager or designated official.
 - vii. All plant material placed on departmental property must adhere to the Invasive Plant Policy PR-P30 and be approved by the facility manager or designated official. Unauthorized plant material placed on departmental facility may be removed and discarded.
 - viii. Graffiti is prohibited.
- B. *Cost recovery.* Any person violating this rule may be charged with all repair and replacement costs.

23. Remote Control Devices

- A. *Prohibitions.* Remote control devices such as cars, boats, airplanes, or other unmanned aircraft systems (drones) are prohibited from taking off or landing in parks, lakes, or recreational areas.
- B. *Exemptions.*
 - i. If operated in conjunction with a special events or other activity approved by the facility manager, remote control devices are not subject to this rule during the designated event or activity. Any unmanned aircraft system (drone) must be operated in accordance with federal and state laws.
 - ii. Remote control devices operated by City employees or City contractors are not subject to this rule.

24. Rentals.

- A. *Approval required.* Special events, including any running, walking, biking, block party, festival, exhibition, or other event inviting the public to a departmental facility, as well as weddings, filmmaking, and professional photography, require departmental approval, a signed agreement, and may require a fee to be paid.
- B. *Structures and Venues.* Structures include buildings, rooms, gymnasiums, picnic shelters, and any other structure located on departmental property; and any venue such as a garden, sprayground, or section of a facility designed for rental opportunities. Other specific use requirements may apply.
 - i. Private use of these structures and venues must be approved by the facility manager or designated official prior to use.
 - ii. All appropriate agreements and fees must be paid prior to any use.
 - iii. The use of an inflatable may be permitted with the prior approval of the facility manager or designated official and may only be used in accord with the agreed upon conditions.

25. Sex Offenders

- A. No person registered with the State of North Carolina and/or any other state or federal agency as a registered sex offender shall enter into a public park or recreation facility in accordance with City Ordinance Section 18-29.
- B. *Exceptions.*
 - i. Limited privilege to be present at City meetings open to the public.
 - ii. A recreational facility used as a polling place.

26. Skates, Rollerblades, and Skateboards

- A. *Where Allowed.*
 - i. The use of skates, rollerblades, and skateboards is prohibited on departmental roads, walkways, and parking lots except as listed below.
 - ii. Greenways. Rollerblades, skates, and skateboards are allowed on greenways.
 - iii. Roadways. Rollerblades are allowed on roadways in Country Park when the roadways are closed to motor vehicles and during times designated by the facility manager.
 - iv. Skate Parks. Skates, rollerblades, and skateboards are allowed at all designated departmental skate parks pursuant to Greensboro City Ordinance Section 19-3.
- B. *Operation.*

- i. No person shall ride or use a skateboard, inline skates, or freestyle bicycle at any skate park facility or pump track facility owned or operated by the city unless that person is wearing a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads pursuant to Greensboro City Ordinance Section 19-3.
- ii. Violations may be deemed an infraction pursuant to NCGS §14-4 punishable by a fine of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

27. Signage

- A. *Signs.* No signs may be placed on any City property or attached to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, post, or structure within any departmental facility except in designated areas of the park or facility, as authorized by the facility manager or designated official.
- B. *Leaflets and Pamphlets.* Any person distributing leaflets, pamphlets, or other papers may be charged for the cost of cleanup any leaflets, pamphlets, or papers which are not disposed of in proper receptacles.

28. Smoking

- A. Smoking is prohibited within all park buildings, facilities and pools.
- B. "Tobacco Free Zones" have been established in areas of youth activity, including playgrounds and athletic fields and their appurtenant facilities during organized athletic events.
- C. The use of electronic cigarettes, commonly referred to as "vapes," is prohibited in all Tobacco Free Zones and inside all departmental buildings.

29. Staff Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities

- A. *Duties.*
 - i. The Parks and Recreation rules and regulations may be enforced by any and all remedies authorized by applicable law.
 - ii. The facility staff shall be the official custodian and officer in charge of all the facility and all its property.
 - iii. It shall be the duty of the parks and recreation staff to educate visitors about the facility rules and regulations.
 - iv. The facility staff shall provide copies of the rules and regulations upon request.
- B. *Enforcement.*
 - i. It shall be the duty of facility staff and local law enforcement officers to enforce all ordinances, rules, and regulations adopted by the City Council and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
 - ii. Violation by any person of any rules and regulations specified herein may be grounds for denial of the use of the facility by the person committing the violation.
 - iii. The departmental director or designed official may, at his/her discretion, suspend all privileges to use City of Greensboro operated Parks and Recreation facilities for a period of up to one (1) year.
 - iv. Patrons that violate the suspension period will be subject to arrest for trespassing.

30. Watercraft Use

- A. *Where allowed.*

- i. Privately owned boats, canoes, kayaks, and paddleboats are allowed at Lakes Brandt, Higgins, and Townsend.
 - ii. No private watercraft may be stored overnight in the lakes.
 - iii. Private watercraft may be stored overnight on departmental property provided dry dock storage fees are paid and the watercraft is placed in locations designated by lake staff.
- B. *Permits.*
 - i. A permit is required for use of privately owned boats.
 - ii. No permits will be issued within one hour and fifteen minutes prior to closing time.
- C. *Types of watercraft.*
 - i. All privately owned boats shall meet Coast Guard and State regulations and shall be inspected by facility staff prior to use.
 - ii. Inflatable boats or rafts are not allowed, with the exception of inflatable paddle boards on Lake Brandt, Higgins, and Townsend.
- D. *Operating requirements.* All watercraft users must:
 - i. Check in with the marina operator prior to using the lake.
 - ii. Return rental boats and equipment to the point from which they originated.
 - iii. Enter and exit from designated areas of the marina only with the exception of an emergency watercraft.
 - iv. Deposit all trash into the receptacles provided at the marina operations. No trash or refuse may be thrown in the lake or left on the departmental property.
 - v. Use the restrooms provided at the lake's marina.
 - vi. Human excrement may not be discharged into the lake or onto the surrounding property.
 - vii. Be off of the water fifteen (15) minutes prior to the posted closing time.
 - viii. Equip private boats with operating lights in order to be used after dark during late night hours.
 - ix. Wear a personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while on the water.
- E. *Children.*
 - i. Children must be accompanied by an adult or a person 16 years of age or older,
 - ii. Children between the ages of 12 to 15 years old may operate a pedal boat without an adult.
 - iii. Children between the ages of 13 to 15 years old may be allowed to kayak, paddleboat, or operate a sailboat alone provided they are under the direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or approved sailing instructor.
 - iv. Children between the ages of 9 to 12 years old may be allowed to operate a kayak adjacent to a parent, legal guardian, or instructor in another kayak, provided he or she has successfully completed the department's kayak safety clinic.
- F. *Prohibitions.*
 - i. No person shall operate a watercraft in a reckless or negligent manner.
 - ii. Pets are not allowed on department owned watercraft.
- G. *Occupancy limits for department owned watercrafts.*
 All watercraft shall be operated at all times per manufacturer's specifications with respect to safety equipment and occupancy limits.
- H. *Staff authority.*

- i. The use of watercraft at the city lakes, including rowboats, powerboats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, and other personal watercraft, is at the discretion of the Lake Activity Specialist.
 - ii. Staff will not allow unsafe watercraft or watercraft with a great potential for bodily contact with the water to be used.
 - iii. Staff will only allow the types of watercraft which are permitted within the given lake's rules and regulations to be used at the facility.
- I. *Number of watercraft allowed.*
 - i. The number of boats allowed on each lake at any given time are as follows, which includes the docks adjacent to the marinas as well as the banks adjacent to the parking areas at each lake:
 - ii. Paddleboards.
 - a. Paddle boards must launch from either the dock or the bank within the marina operation and the operator must remain on the paddle board until it returns to the marina at which time the operator must get off of the paddle board in such a way as to not come into contact with the water.
 - b. Facility staff reserve the right to suspend paddle boarding should any detrimental effects to water quality be detected.
 - c. In the interest of safety, the use of paddle boards may be limited to certain areas by the Lake Activity Specialist.

31. Weapons, Firearms, and Incendiary Devices

- A. *Archery.* The use or discharge of any weapons, including but not limited to archery equipment, sling shots, or other similar devices within any departmental facility or upon any department property is prohibited pursuant to Greensboro City Ordinance Section 18-22. The Hester Park Archery Range is exempt from this rule to the extent that archers may bring their archery equipment or rent it on site from Parks and Recreation.
- B. *Firearms.* The use or discharge of any firearms, including, but not limited to air rifles, toy pistols, or other toy arms designed to forcibly hurl a projectile or missile within any departmental facility or upon any department property is prohibited pursuant to City Ordinance Section 18-21.
 - i. Concealed handguns are prohibited pursuant to City Ordinance Section 18-24.
 - ii. Deadly weapons are prohibited pursuant to City Ordinance Section 18-25.
- C. *Fireworks.* Fireworks are prohibited except at City of Greensboro approved and permitted events which comply with City of Greensboro Fire Marshal, National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards, and the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.
- D. *Exemptions.*
 - i. Animal control practices and devices approved by the facility manager or designed official and used by contracted professions or facility staff are not governed by this rule.
 - ii. Displays and use of historic or reproduction weapons are allowed subject to approval of the facility manager or designated official and in compliance with the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department Safety Regulations for Historical Reenactments and Programs.