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(1976 South Carolina Code, Title 51, Chapter 15, Sections 20 and 30)

12.101. PUBLIC PARK DEFINED.

"Public park" shall be construed to refer to municipally owned or municipally maintained parks, whether located wholly within, wholly without, or partly within and partly without, the corporate limits.

12.102. INJURY TO SHRUBBERY, FLOWERS, ETC.

It shall be unlawful for any person to break, pluck, walk, step on or in any way injure or destroy any shrub, flowers or bush, or to dig, uproot, tear up or injure any sod or grass in any public park, or to walk, drive, sit or stand upon any space or area in such public park where a "keep off" sign has been posted.

12.103. INJURY TO STRUCTURES OR PERSONALTY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to write on, carve, cut, deface, injure or break any part of any building, grandstand or other structure, or any chair, seats, etc., in any public park.

12.104. LEAVING TRASH, ETC., IN PUBLIC PARK.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, leave or permit to be deposited or left in any public park any trash, paper, box, can, bottle, food fragments or other unsightly substance, except in receptacles provided especially for that purpose, or to dump or throw any trash, stones, bottles, food fragments or refuse of any kind in any lake, stream, swimming pools or fountains in any such park.

12.105. BILLS, POSTERS AND ADVERTISING PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect any bill posters or to post, tack up or otherwise display any bills or advertising signs, or to distribute handbills in any public park. (See Section 16.102, this Code, for cross-reference.)

12.106. SELLING IN PUBLIC PARKS.

It shall be unlawful for any person, except such as may have a permit or concession from the Town Council, to sell or offer for sale within any public park any cold drinks, fruits, eatables, cigars, tobacco or other merchandise.

12.107. INTOXICATING LIQUORS, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ETC.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry into any public park any intoxicating liquors, to drink the same therein, or to be therein under the influence of intoxicants, or to use any profane, vulgar or indecent language, or to commit any nuisance, or to engage in any unseemly, obnoxious or disorderly conduct, or to engage in any game of chance, or in betting or wagering in any such public park.

12.108. MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN PARKS.

It shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to be driven in any public parks at a greater rate of speed than fixed by traffic signs erected therein, nor shall any such vehicle be parked in any of the driveways without being drawn well to the right, so as not to impede, obstruct or interfere with the free passage on such driveway of other vehicles and traffic. At night, both moving and parked motor vehicles shall be provided with adequate lights, front and rear.

12.109. PARK HOURS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter onto the grounds of Craig Park between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless the Town has approved the use of the park or the Community Hut for an event that may exceed the hours of operation as stated in this section of the Code.

ARTICLE II. RECREATION COMMISSION

12.201. COMMISSION CREATED AND ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby created and established a Recreation Commission for The Town of Chesterfield, hereinafter called Commission.

12.202. MEMBERSHIP. NOT LIMITED. TERMS. COMPENSATION. VACANCIES.

a. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council and shall be selected to represent a cross-section of the community, with no set terms, and shall not be limited to residents of the town; provided, however, at least one member shall be appointed from and represent each of the town's six Council districts.

b. Terms shall be as determined by the Mayor and Council and recorded in the minutes thereof.

c. Members shall serve without compensation.

d. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

12.203. REMOVAL.

Members may be removed for cause, by a majority vote of the Mayor and Council.

12.204. OFFICERS.

The Commission shall elect from its membership a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary; provided, however, the latter may be a person other than a member of the Commission.

12.205. MEETINGS. QUORUM.

The Commission shall meet quarterly, unless public notice is posted on the bulletin board at Town Hall giving reasons therefor. A quorum shall constitute a majority of members present and voting.

12.206. MINUTES.

Minutes shall be recorded of all official action, maintained in a book for future reference and a copy of the minutes, upon approval thereof, forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

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12.207. REPORTS.

The Commission shall submit periodic reports, but not less than quarterly, to the Mayor and Council as to its activities, programs and needs of the Commission and shall make such other reports as may be requested by the Council.

12.208. AUTHORITY. RESPONSIBILITY. DUTIES. DIRECTOR.

a. The Commission shall have the authority to promote recreation of all kinds, subject to the town's financial resources and such public facilities to which the town may have access, whether by title, lease or otherwise.

b. The Commission shall develop and implement throughout the town a comprehensive program, subject to the above, to provide for the development, maintenance, use and enjoyment of recreation facilities and worthwhile recreational programs for all citizens of The Town of Chesterfield.

c. The Commission shall maintain an inventory of all equipment, to keep that inventory current and to maintain responsibility for the proper maintenance and safety of those items of inventory.

d. The Commission shall assume the use and control of all town parks and recreation area, with the responsibility of operating and maintaining the same and any equipment located therein.

e. The Commission may appoint a Director of Recreation who shall be responsible for implementing all programs and functions of the Commission as set forth herein. He shall submit to the Commission such programs as required by the Commission so as to involve all citizens of the town and shall assume such other duties as may be prescribed by the Commission.

12.209. BUDGET AND FINANCES.

a. The Commission shall be responsible for studying and compiling its financial needs which shall be submitted to the Mayor and Council prior to April 1 of each year, to be included in the town's annual budget. Upon approval by the Mayor and Council, the Commission shall initiate adequate safeguards to secure the integrity of public funds.

b. Upon approval by the Mayor and Council, the Commission may designate revenues and expenditures to be used for designated purposes. The Council shall approve all funds and payments for goods or services encumbered by the Commission.

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c. The Commission shall not enter into any contracts involving financial liability or incur any indebtedness, without written approval of the Mayor and Council; provided, however, that the Commission may enter into agreements for the purpose of effecting its objectives, when no liability of the town is involved.

12.210. COUNCIL REVIEW.

The Mayor and Council shall have the right to review the conduct, acts, proposals, recommendations, programs and decisions of the Commission, when circumstances warrant, at the discretion of the Mayor and Council.

12.111. RULES OF PROCEDURE.

During its deliberations, the Commission shall follow the rules of procedure as contained in "Robert's Rules of Order" which shall be followed as a guide for all meetings.

12.112. COMMITTEES.

The Committee may appoint as many committees the Commission deems necessary, within or without the Commission, to effect the functions of the Commission.

12.113. INTERFERENCE WITH THE COMMISSION UNLAWFUL.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with the activities of the Commission or its agents, while engaged in the performance of its duties.

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