

# Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## Summary

This condensed listing is taken from the official "Rules & Regulations" which are enforced for the conservation of the parks and the safety of park visitors. A complete list can be obtained at the HPD office, or downloaded at HancockParks.com.

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## IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

### 1. Park Hours

- Remain within the confines of the Park between dusk (½ hour after sunset) and dawn (½ hour before sunrise) except in an emergency, designated sportsmen's access sites when fishing or launching watercraft for licensed sportsmen's activities, camping, or with prior HPD permission.

### 2. Household Pets

- Bring into playgrounds, restrooms or picnic areas any cat, dog, or other household pet.
- Bring pets into any area unless controlled on a leash not more than 6' in length.

### 3. Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Misuse of Chemicals

- Bring illegal substances.
- Be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or substances that have been used in any way other than the intent of the manufacturer.
- Consume or have alcohol in any area other than the one designated by HPD.

### 4. Disorderly Conduct

- Engage in any form of noisy, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace and good order.
- Interfere or refuse to comply with any order given by an HPD employee or law enforcement officer.
- Fail or refuse to comply with any of the Rules & Regulations governing the Parks.
- Beg, peddle, or solicit.
- Engage in games of chance.
- Loiter in or near any buildings or vehicles.
- Assault or intentionally injure any person.
- Enter toilet facilities intended for the opposite sex.
- Conduct, sponsor, or promote any public activity without written permission from the Director.

### 5. Preservation of Property and Natural Features

- Injure, deface, destroy or remove any part of the Park or its' buildings, signs, equipment or other property.
- Remove, collect, injure or destroy any part of a tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation, wildlife or natural resources.

### 6. Hunting, Fishing, and Molesting Wildlife

- Disturb or molest any animal, its' nest or habitat.
- Hunt or pursue any animal unless authorized.
- Fish without an Ohio fishing license in any waters.

### 7. Littering, Refuse Disposal, Pollution

- Deposit any material in any place other than receptacles provided for such purpose.
- Bring and deposit any private refuse.
- Discharge or throw any substance into air, lands or streams which may result in pollution.

### 8. Nature Trails

- Leave the official trail while visiting natural areas.

### 9. Fires

- Start fires in non-designated sites within HPD park locations.
- Discard any burning object or material.

### 10. Release of Plants and Animals

- Release or deposit any animal or plant, alive or dead.

### 11. Firearms, Weapons, Explosives, Harmful Devices

- Carry or possess a concealed deadly weapon in the park or on a trail that is not allowable per state law.

### 12. Games, Model Devices

- Play games requiring equipment (e.g. horseshoes, golf, baseball) outside of designated areas or without due regard for other Park visitors or property.
- Operate engine-powered or self-propelled devices (e.g. model vehicles, boats, airplanes, rockets) without written permission.

### 13. Signs and Advertising

- Post or circulate any printed text, materials, or banners without written permission.

### 14. Camping

- Establish any lodging or sleeping place without written permission.

### 15. Reserved Shelters/Areas

- Occupy or use any shelter or area that has been officially posted as "Reserved".
- Fail to vacate an area or facility upon notification of a previously made reservation.

### 16. Traffic, Parking, Recreational Vehicles

- Drive any vehicle in a reckless manner, or without due regard to persons and public or private property.
- Fail to obey signs or other traffic control devices.
- Drive or park any vehicle in an area other than one so designated.
- Operate any recreational vehicle (pedal or motorized bicycle, snowmobile, or all terrain vehicles) in an area other than one so designated.

### 17. Horseback Riding

- Ride horses in the Parks except on designated trails.

All State Laws Apply  
Ohio Revised Code sections, including motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, watercraft, wildlife and environmental protection all apply to Park properties and may be enforced by any Ohio law enforcement officer.

Fines for Violations  
Park District Rules & Regulations are state laws according to O.R.C. 1545.09 as adopted April 25, 2006, by the Board of Park Commissioners Resolution 2006-6. Fines and damages payable and/or imprisonment are determined by Findlay and Hancock County Courts.



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## **Hancock Park District Rules & Regulations**

These Rules and Regulations for the use of the Hancock Park District were adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hancock Park District Resolution Number 2006-6. Said Rules and Regulations were adopted and implemented in accordance with authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code. The use of the parks and all other lands and areas owned or controlled pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code or otherwise by the Hancock Park District shall be subject to these Rules and Regulations as same are herein written or as may be amended. Any person violating any of these Rules and Regulations is subject to being charged pursuant to the Rules and Regulations or the Ohio Revised Code, as the case may be, and shall be subject to the penalties provided by law at the time of any violation. (O.R.C. § 1545.99).

The designation of a section of the Ohio Revised Code within these Rules and Regulations is to the section which is effective at the date of the adoption of these Rules and Regulations. Should the Ohio Revised Code be amended, these Rules and Regulations shall automatically be amended to conform to the Ohio Revised Code as may be necessary for the enforcement of these Rules and Regulations. Ohio Revised Code sections (O.R.C.) may be designated herein for reference or citation purposes. Same may be set forth in parenthesis at the conclusion of a section of these Rules and Regulations for the convenience of the rangers.

The following terms as used in the rules and regulation herein shall mean:

“Park” or “Parks” or “Parklands” or “Preserves” means any and all land owned or controlled by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hancock Park District.

“Board” means the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hancock Park District, or its designated representative.

“Director” means the Director of the Hancock Park District or his designated representative.

“Person” includes any person, persons, members of partnerships and/or members or officers of corporations and/or their employees.

“Ranger” means an employee of the Park Board who: 1.) Has been designated by the Board to act as a Ranger, 2.) Received a training course certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, 3.) Taken an oath and, 4.) Given bond to the State of Ohio for proper performance of the Ranger’s duties. Ohio Revised Code provides a Ranger may exercise all the powers of a police officer within and adjacent to lands under the jurisdiction and control of the Park Board. (O.R.C. §1545.13)

“Vehicle” means any device in, upon or by which any person or property may be transported drawn upon a path, roadway, or highway.

“Motor Vehicle” or “Motorized Bicycle” means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

Said rules and regulation are as follows:

## **1.0 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL or DISTURBANCE of PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, and NATURAL FEATURES**

### **1.1 Defacement, Destruction, Removal**

No person shall injure, deface, destroy or remove any part of the Park or building, sign, equipment, or other property found therein, nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, or other vegetation, or fruit or seed thereof, rock or stone rip-rap, or mineral be removed, injured, destroyed, or disturbed. (O.R.C. §2909.05)

### **1.2 Aerosol Paint Cans**

No person in a Park except Park District employees or its agents shall carry on or about his or her person a container capable of propelling paint by means of a gaseous charge.

### **1.3 Use of Nature Trails**

No person shall leave the official or improved trails while visiting natural areas of the Park unless involved in a Park District program requiring off-trail activity. Activities not in keeping with the intended use of the nature trails are prohibited except by special permit from the Director.

### **1.4 Criminal Damaging or Endangering**

No person shall cause, or create a substantial risk of physical harm to any property owned by the Hancock Park District, or within the jurisdiction of the Park District:

- (1) Knowingly, by any means;
  - (2) Recklessly, by means of fire, explosion, flood, poison gas, poison, radioactive material, caustic or corrosive material, or other inherently dangerous agency or substance.
- (O.R.C. §2909.06)

### **1.5 Criminal Mischief**

No person shall:

- (1) Without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy, or otherwise improperly tamper with any property owned by the Hancock Park District or within the jurisdiction of the Park District;
- (2) With purpose to interfere with the use or enjoyment of the Park, employ a tear gas device, stink bomb, smoke generator, or other device releasing a substance which is harmful or offensive to persons exposed, or which tends to cause public alarm;
- (3) Knowingly move, deface, destroy, damage, or otherwise improperly tamper with a bench mark, triangulation station, boundary marker, or other survey station, monument or marker;
- (4) Knowingly move deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with any safety device, when required or placed for the safety of others, so as to destroy or diminish its effectiveness or availability for its intended purpose.

- (5) With purpose to interfere with the use or enjoyment of the property of another, set a fire on the land of another or place personal property that has been set on fire on the land of another, which fire or personal property is outside and apart from any building, other structure, or personal property that is on that land. (O.R.C. §2909.07)

## **2.0 LITTERING, DUMPING GARBAGE, SEWAGE, and NOXIOUS MATERIAL, RELEASE of PLANTS and ANIMALS**

### **2.1 Littering, Dumping, Rubbish, and Garbage**

No person, without the specific written consent of the Director, shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind in the Park except the refuse, ashes, garbage, and other material arising from the normal use and enjoyment of a picnic, camp, or other permitted activity and such materials shall be deposited in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes. Nor shall the same be left or deposited outside or near the Parks so as to pollute the waters or air coursing through or over the Parks or otherwise to interfere with proper use and enjoyment of all the Parks. No bottles, cans, refuse or foreign material of any description shall be deposited or thrown in any of the streams, waterways, ponds, or lakes located in any Park.

(O.R.C. §1531.29, §3767.32 (B, E))

### **2.2 Sewage and Noxious Material**

No persons shall, either within or outside the Park, place or permit to be placed in any river, brook, stream, ditch, or drain that flows into or through Park lands, any noxious or deleterious material which may render Park waters harmful or injurious to the public health, or to animal, vegetation, or aquatic life, or which may prevent, limit, or interfere with the use of such waters for domestic, industrial or agricultural purposes, or which may lessen to an unreasonable degree the use and enjoyment of such waters for Parklands for recreational or other Park uses. No person shall, either within or outside of the Park discharge into any pipe, drain, sewer, ditch or natural tributary water course that flows into, through, or onto Park lands, any liquid or aqueous waste which shall fail to comply with the following minimum requirements:

- A. Where provision is made for the treatment of industrial waste, no sanitary sewage shall empty into the industrial waste.
- B. Temperatures of effluent as it leaves the treatment plant shall not exceed 90° Fahrenheit.
- C. Turbidity, not over 50 j.c.u.
- D. Color, not over 50 p.p.m.
- E. Dissolved oxygen, not less than 6.0 p.p.m.
- F. Biochemical oxygen demand (5 day at 20°Centigrade) not over 10 p.p.m.
- G. Coli form bacteria, not over 1000 per 100 ml.
- H. Suspended organic solids, not over 15 p.p.m.
- I. Free acid, none.
- J. Ph, not less than 6.5 or over 10
- K. Visible oil, none.
- L. Ether soluble matter, not over 15 p.p.m.
- M. No inflammables.
- N. No bulk solids produced in solid or semi-solid form.
- O. No sludges or trash of any kind.

- P. Upper limits of metals as follows:
  - Iron as Fe.....5 p.p.m.
  - Chromium as Cr (hexavalent).....3 p.p.m.
  - Zinc as Zn ..... 4 p.p.m.
  - Copper as Cu.....1 ½ p.p.m.
- Q. Cyanides, not over 0.15 p.p.m.
- R. Phenols, not over 50 p.p.m.
- S. Chlorides as Cl., not over 250 p.p.m.
- T. Sulphates as (SO<sub>4</sub>), not over 300 p.p.m. (O.R.C. §1531.29)

2.3 Air Pollution and/or Damage

No person, occupant, owner or person in charge, by himself, his agent, or employee, shall cause, suffer or allow burning of garbage, waste material, trash, refuse, vehicle or any part thereof or other combustibles within or adjacent to the Park so as to cause smoke, odor, sparks, dust, dirt, etc. to come upon, pass through or over the Park, which would cause air pollution nuisance or damage.

2.4 Releasing of Plants and Animals Prohibited

No person shall release any wild or domestic animal or plant, or culture or seed, or vegetation of any type, in any Park without the written permission of the Director

2.5 Deposit of Dead Animals upon Land or Water

No person shall put the carcass of a dead animal or the offal from a slaughterhouse, butcher's establishment, packing house, or fish house, or spoiled meat, spoiled fish, or other putrid substance or the contents of a privy vault, upon or into a lake, river bay, creek, pond, canal, road, street, alley, lot, field, meadow, or public ground owned by the Hancock Park District, or within the jurisdiction of the Park District. (O.R.C. §3667.16)

2.6 Stream Littering

No person shall place, dispose of garbage, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, parts of automobile, furniture, glass, and oil, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature, into or upon the bank of any river, stream, pond, or lake, owned by the Hancock Park District or within the jurisdiction of the Park District, where the same is liable to be washed into the water by ordinary flow or floods. (O.R.C. §1539.29)

**3.0 FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, MISSILES, Etc.**

3.1 Carrying Concealed Weapons

The carrying or possession of a concealed deadly weapon while in the park or on a trail is governed by state law (O.R.C. §2923.11 through 2923.1213)

### 3.2 Individuals Licensed to Carry a Concealed Handgun

A person with a permit to carry a concealed handgun is not permitted by law to carry a concealed handgun in any Hancock Park District building that is not used primarily as a shelter or restroom. (O.R.C. §2923.126)

### 3.3 Using Weapons while Intoxicated

No person, while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance in the park or on a trail. (O.R.C. §2923.15)

### 3.4 Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle

No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle, unless the person may lawfully possess the firearm, the firearm is unloaded, and the firearm is carried in one of the following ways:

- A. In a closed package, box or case
- B. In a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle
- C. In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for that purpose
- D. In plain sight with the action open or the weapon stripped if the firearm is at least twenty-four inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock furthest from the muzzle and if the barrel is at least eighteen inches in length, or, in plain sight if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped. (O.R.C. §2923.16)

### 3.5 Discharging of Firearms

No person shall discharge a firearm in the park or on a trail, or upon or over a public road or highway. (O.R.C. §2923.162)

### 3.6 Discharge of Firearm over Highway Prohibited

No person shall discharge a firearm upon or over a public road or highway, within or adjacent to the Park. (O.R.C. §3773.211)

### 3.7 Using Weapons while Intoxicated

No person, while under the influence of alcohol or drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance, within or adjacent to the Park. (O.R.C. §2923.15)

### 3.8 Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle

No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle, within or adjacent to the Park, unless it is unloaded, and is carried in one of the following ways;

- (1) In a closed package, box or case;
- (2) In a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle;
- (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for that purpose;

- (4) In plain sight with the action open or the weapon stripped, or if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.

NOTE: Muzzle loading firearms are considered unloaded when the cap is removed from the nipple or powder is removed from the pan. (O.R.C. §2923.16)

3.9 Concealed Carry Permit Holders – Duties and Responsibilities while on or in Park Lands and/or facilities under Park District jurisdiction or management.

- (A) Permit Holders stopped by a Park Ranger or other Law Enforcement Officer for any law enforcement purpose must immediately advise of and provide, upon the request of a Park Ranger or other Law Enforcement Officer, a valid concealed carry permit. (O.R.C. §2923.126[A])
- (B) Permit Holders may not bring or carry a concealed handgun into any building, office space or shelter owned, leased or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Park District. (O.R.C. §2923.126[B])
- (C) If a Permit Holder is the driver of, or a passenger in any vehicle, traveling or parking in, upon or through any roadway, path or parking area, under the jurisdiction of the Park District, may only transport a concealed and loaded handgun if such person has a valid concealed carry permit in their possession; and (O.R.C. §2923.16[E])
- a. The person is wearing the holstered handgun in plain sight, meaning the view of the holster is clear and unobstructed; and
  - b. The person must not touch or attempt to touch the handgun unless specifically told to do so by a Park Ranger or other Law Enforcement Officer; or
  - c. The handgun is in a closed, locked glove compartment; or
  - d. The handgun is in a case that is in plain sight and locked.

#### **4.0 REQUIRED GAME SAFETY**

##### **4.1 Horseshoes and Play Equipment**

Playing of horseshoes, golf, disc golf, yard darts or other games with play equipment shall, for the safety and welfare of all other persons using the Parks, be confined to the areas set aside and designated for such purposes and with due regard for the safety of others.

#### **5.0 INDECENT CONDUCT, EXPOSURE, and SOLICITATION**

##### **5.1 Indecent Conduct and Exposure**

No person shall appear in the Park in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her persons. (O.R.C. §2907.09)

##### **5.2 Solicitation**

No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit another to engage in an act of sexual perversion or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior. (O.R.C. §2907.07)

## **6.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

### **6.1 Disorderly Conduct**

- (A) No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another, by doing any of the following:
  - (1) Engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior;
  - (2) Making unreasonable noise or an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person;
  - (3) Insulting, taunting, or challenging another, under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response;
  - (4) Hindering or preventing the movement of persons on a public street, road, highway, or right-of-way, or to, from, within, or upon public or private property, so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.
- (B) No person while voluntarily intoxicated shall do either of the following:
  - (1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if he were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have such effect on others;
  - (2) Engage in conduct or create a condition that presents a risk of physical harm to himself or another, or to the property of another.
- (C) Violation of any statute or ordinance of which an element is operating a motor vehicle, locomotive, watercraft, aircraft, or other vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, is not a violation of division (B) of this section.
- (D) When, to an ordinary observer, a person appears to be intoxicated, it is probable cause to believe that the person is voluntarily intoxicated for purposes of division (B) of this section.
- (E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disorderly conduct; except as otherwise provided in this division, disorderly conduct is a minor misdemeanor. If the offender persists in disorderly conduct after reasonable warning or request to desist or if the offense is committed in the vicinity of a school, disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. (O.R.C. §2903.13, §2917.11)

### **6.2 Loud Sound Amplification Systems Prohibited**

- (A) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle.
- (B) “SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM” means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loudspeaker, or other electronic device used for the amplification of musical instruments, sound effects of the human voice.
- (C) “PLAINLY AUDIBLE” means that any sound is clearly audible by the human ear so as to enable the hearer to know that the sound is being produced, including bass reverberations. Words or phrases need not to be so distinct or clear that they can be understood, only audible.

- (D) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:
- (1) The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;
  - (2) The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;
  - (3) The vehicle was owned and operated by a political subdivision or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;
  - (4) The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures, or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons in compliance with Park District Regulations;
  - (5) The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions and other activities which have the approval of the Park District Director, or person authorized to give such approval.

### 6.3 Failure to Disperse

Where five or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct in violation of section 2917.11 and 2917.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, and there are other persons in the vicinity whose presence creates the likelihood of physical harm to persons or property or of serious public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, a Ranger or law enforcement officer or other public official may order the participants and other such persons to disperse. No person shall knowingly fail to obey such order.

### 6.4 Soliciting – Unlawful Sales

No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, or solicit within the Park without prior written approval of the Director.

### 6.5 Use of Intoxicants

- (A) Prohibition against consumption in a motor vehicle.

No person shall consume any beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle while within or adjacent to the Park. (O.R.C. §4301.64)

- (B) Prohibitions; minors under age 21 years.

No person under the age of twenty-one years shall consume or possess any beer or intoxicating liquor within or adjacent to the Park. (O.R.C. §4301.632)

- (C) Open Container Law

No person shall have in his possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while:

- (1) On Park District property (except inside The Lodge at Riverbend with permit) or,
- (2) Operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle which is in an area open to the public for the purpose of vehicular travel or parking or,

- (3) Being in or on a stationary motor vehicle which is in an area open to the public for the purpose of vehicular travel or parking. (O.R.C. §4301.62 {B} {3, 4, 5})
- (D) No person shall sell or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage with the Park. No person shall have in his possession or consume (drink) any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the Park except in designated areas with possession of a valid alcohol permit signed by the Director for the appropriate month, day and year.

#### 6.6 Drug Paraphernalia

No person shall knowingly use, or possess with purpose to use, drug paraphernalia as defined under Section 2925.14(A) of the Revised Code. In determining if an object is drug paraphernalia a court or law enforcement officer shall consider, in addition to other relevant factors, those listed in Section 2925.14(B) of the Revised Code.

#### 6.7 Abusing Harmful Intoxicants

Except for lawful research, clinical, medical, dental or veterinary purposes, no person, with purpose to induce intoxication or similar physiological effects, shall obtain, possess, or use a harmful intoxicant within or adjacent to the Park. (O.R.C. §2925.31, §2151.87 tobacco under 18 yrs. of age)

#### 6.8 Use of Toluol and Ethers (Glue)

No person shall use, consume, possess, sniff, breathe, or otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any type of glue, hair spray, spray paint, or any other commercial material or product which contains Toluol or ethers, or be found under the influence of such chemicals or products within and adjacent to Park areas.

#### 6.9 Drug Abuse

No person shall ingest in any manner or otherwise use or possess any type of narcotic drug, opiate, or hallucinogen within or adjacent to the Park, or be found therein under the influence of such narcotics, opiates or hallucinogens. (O.R.C. §2925.11)

#### 6.10 Loitering, Vagrancy

No person or groups of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, or structures, or loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles, on or about a motorcycle or cycles, or on or about bicycles within the Park.

#### 6.11 Entering Toilet Facilities

No person, except Park maintenance employees on duty or Rangers, shall enter a toilet room set aside for the opposite sex. (O.R.C. §2907.08)

## 6.12 Public Gaming

- (A) No person shall establish, promote, or operate or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates any scheme or game of chance conducted for profit.
- (B) Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of chance, except a charitable bingo game, as a substantial source of income or livelihood.

## **7.0 ADVERTISING and SIGNS**

### 7.1 Posting, Displaying Signs

No person shall distribute, or place any sign, advertisement circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design within the Park without specific permission from the Director.

## **8.0 COMPLIANCE with ORDERS of PARK DISTRICT RANGERS**

### 8.1 Failure to Obey

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any order relating to the regulation, direction, or control of traffic, or to any other order lawfully given by any Ranger or law enforcement officer, or restrict, obstruct or abuse any other official in the execution of his office (O.R.C. §2917.13, §2921.33)

### 8.2 Interference or Abuse of a Park Ranger or Others

No person shall resist, obstruct, abuse or address in a profane or obscene manner any Park Ranger, law enforcement officer, employee or agent of the Board. (O.R.C. §2921.33, §2917.11, §2921.31)

### 8.3 Falsification

No person shall knowingly make a false statement or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made to a Park Ranger, law enforcement officer, employee or agent of the Board, when the statement is made in any official proceeding, the statement is made in any official proceeding, the statement is made with purpose to incriminate another, the statement is made with purpose to mislead a public official in performing his official function, or the statement is in writing on or in connection with a report or return which is required or authorized by law. When contradictory statements relating to the same fact are made by the offender within the period of the statute of limitation for falsification, it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove which statement was false, but only that one of the other was false.  
(O.R.C. §2921.13 A1, 2, 3)

## **9.0 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES**

## 9.1 Concessioning Without Permits

No person shall sell, or offer for sale, any article, thing, privilege, or service within the Park without a permit from the Board.

## **10.0 FIRES**

### 10.1 Rules for Using Fires

No person shall start a fire in the Park without a special permit except a small charcoal or gas fire for culinary purposes in Park grills, or privately owned grills. The Director may, at his discretion, prohibit fires for any purpose when necessary for the protection of Park property. All fires will be in designed areas indicated on a fire permit (see section 1.5 (5)).

All fires shall be put out by the person starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

No person shall violate Hancock Park District Board Resolution 2006-3 adopted February 14, 2006 prohibiting fires and transporting firewood in the parks.

### 10.2 Portable Stoves or Grills

No portable stoves or grills shall be permitted in shelters, on picnic tables or on any combustible materials.

### 10.3 Lighted Matches, Cigars, etc.

No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigar, or cigarette or deposit burning material or hot ashes on grass or plants, or in refuse receptacles within or adjacent to any Park.

## **11.0 FEES/PERMITS**

### 11.1 Camping, Lodging or Sleeping Without Permission

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the Park without a specific written permit from the Director or other official of the Park District designated by the Director.

### 11.2 Reservation of Shelters – Special Facilities

Picnic shelters are open on a first come, first served basis unless reserved. No person shall use shelters posted as “reserved”, reservable portions of picnic areas, certain designated parking areas, camping areas, horse trails, and/or reserved field areas without a permit. A permit may be issued to persons upon their application, approval by the Director, and payment of a fee, if any, as required by the Board.

### 11.3 Preservation of Good Order in the Parks

No individual or organization shall conduct, sponsor, or promote any public meeting, concert, theatre, athletic event, or other public activity in the Parks of the Park District without prior written authorization of the Director.

No event of activity sponsored or promoted by any individual or organization shall be permitted if, in the opinion of the Director, it constitutes hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other Park visitors, endangers peace and good order in the Park, interferes with the regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by Park visitors, or which is inconsistent with the use of the Park lands for Park purposes.

## **12.0 PARK HOURS**

### 12.1 Parks Shall Be Open for Public Use and Enjoyment as Designated and Posted

No person shall be permitted, except in designated areas, to remain, stop, or park within the confines of the Park land between the time ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise except in an emergency, or in designated sportsmen's access areas when fishing or launching watercraft for the purpose of engaging in licensed sportsmen's activities along the Blanchard River, or with special permission from the Director.

### 12.2 Special Curfew During Open Hours

No person shall be permitted to remain, stop, or park within the confines of the Park and which has been closed by the Director, a Park Ranger, or other official of the Park during time of special curfew (e.g. hunting, flooding, nesting seasons).

## **13.0 HUNTING, FISHING and MOLESTING WILDLIFE**

### 13.1 Hunting, Trapping, or Molesting Wildlife

No person within the confines of the Park land and shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of this Park, or rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird, except in areas designated by the Board, with special permit. (O.R.C. §1533)

### 13.2 Sportsman's License Required

Hunting, trapping, and fishing license is required where such activity is permitted by the Board. (O.R.C. §1533)

### 13.3 Fishing Hours and Prohibited Fishing Equipment

The Board may cause such Park waters as it deems advisable closed to fishing, and shall so post them. In all other park waters, fishing shall be permitted subject to the statues of the State of Ohio, except that the use of hooks left unattended, traps, spears or gigs, or bows and arrows for fishing are prohibited. Fishing shall not be permitted during the hours the Park is closed except in designated sportsmen's access sites. (O.R.C. §1533.32)

### 13.4 Prohibited Fishing

No person shall fish in Park waters in violation of any sign or signs prohibiting fishing. Fishing is permitted in designated areas where posted and/or with special permit.

### 13.5 Ice Fishing

Ice fishing permitted as regulated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at designated areas and times only. Any person on the ice must be 18 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. All structures must be removed at completion of a fishing day.

### 13.6 Migratory Game Birds

No person shall take migratory game birds, including mourning dove, with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

### 13.7 Tree Stands for Hunting Wild Animals

It is unlawful to construct, place or use a permanent-type tree stand, or to place spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on any Park property.

### 13.8 Prohibited Hunting Devices

No person shall use the following devices for pursuing game on Park District property:

- (A) Handguns of any caliber, this includes deer hunting,
- (B) Rifles of any caliber, this includes .22 caliber for squirrel, raccoon or woodchuck. This section does not include primitive black powder weapons.

### 13.9 Hunter Orange

No person shall during any season; hunt any species without visibly wearing a vest or jacket that is colored hunter orange.

## **14.0 DOG, CATS, and OTHER ANIMALS**

### **14.1 Prohibited Household Pets**

No person shall bring, permit, have or keep in the Park any dog, cat, household pet, or other animal destructive to birds and other wildlife, except that dogs or cats are permitted if they are controlled at all times on a leash not more than six feet long. Dogs are permitted off leash in Dog Park by special permit. No pets or other animals shall be allowed to become obnoxious or disturbing to the other users of Park facilities. The owner of such a pet or animal shall be responsible at all times for the observance of this regulation whether or not the pet or animal is under the care of control of the owner or another. (O.R.C. §955.01, §955.10, §955.11, §955.21, §955.22)

### **14.2 Areas Pets Not Permitted**

Household pets are not permitted in playgrounds, restrooms and picnic areas, or other areas so designated.

## **15.0 HORSEBACK RIDING**

### **15.1 Hours Horses Area Permitted to be Ridden**

Horseback riders, with special written permission from the Director, are permitted to ride in designated areas during Park hours.

### **15.2 Horseback Riding Safety and Right-of-Way**

No person shall ride a horse along any bridle trail without due respect for other rides, vehicles, or pedestrians, or so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person while in lawful use of the Park. At points where bridle trails cross roads, drives, or parkways, horse riders shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles or pedestrians.

### **15.3 Leaving Horse Unattended**

No person shall leave a horse unattended within the Park other than for the purpose of stabling at a designated stable.

### **15.4 Mistreatment of Horses**

No rider shall mistreat, over-ride, cruelly beat, mutilate, or torture any horse within the Park.

## **16.0 BOATING**

### **16.1 Motor Boats Prohibited**

No boats driven or propelled by motors shall be operated upon any lakes, rivers, ponds, or other bodies of water owned by or under the control of the Board.

## 16.2 Boating Safety Regulations

No boats shall be operated upon any lake, rivers, ponds, or other bodies of water owned by, or under the control of, the Board that do not meet the safety standards, or carry safety equipment as described in the provisions of Sections 1547.01 to 1547.99 of the Revised Code of Ohio relating to watercraft and regulations of Division of Watercraft of the State of Ohio, or shall be operated ½ hour after sunset without lighting as described by the aforesaid Ohio Revised Code. Boat trailers must be parked in designated areas and exit as indicated. (O.R.C. §1547)

## 17.0 **SWIMMING, SWIMMING AREAS**

### 17.1 Swimming and Wading Prohibited at Inadequate or Unguarded Areas

Swimming or recreational wading in or adjacent to the Park is prohibited except at adequately life guarded areas designed for that purpose by the Board.

### 17.2 Unsafe Floatation Objects

The use of life rafts, inner tubes, and like objects not approved by the United States Coast Guard or United States Red Cross Water Safety Council are prohibited on any lakes, rivers, ponds, or other bodies of water owned by, or under the control of, the Board.

## 18.0 **MINIATURE MODELS and TOYS**

### 18.1 Model Toys Prohibited

Engine-powered or self-propelled model and toy airplanes, rockets, boats, cars, sirens, or other noisemaking devices are not permitted to be operated within the confines of the Park, except at designated areas and upon approval of the Director.

## 19.0 **AVIATION**

### 19.1 Aircraft, Balloon, Parachute, etc.

No person shall without permission of the Director voluntarily bring, land, or cause to descend or alight upon or adjacent to the Park and/or waters owned, controlled or used in the District by the Board, any airplane, balloon, parachute or other apparatus for aviation.

## 20.0 **GO-KARTS, SWAMP BUGGIES, and NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES**

### 20.1 Operation of Non-registered Vehicles

No person shall operate within the park a go-kart, swamp buggy, mini-bike, or motor vehicle normally considered a race car, or any other type of motor vehicle which is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Ohio.

## 20.2 Sledding, Skiing, and Skating Restricted Areas

No person shall sled ride, ski, or ice skate within the Park in areas designated by the Director as unsafe or other than in areas so designated for such purpose.

## 21.0 **TRAFFIC**

### 21.1(A) Driving Without a License

No person shall operate any motor vehicle upon any Parklands or adjacent to lands or facilities under jurisdiction of the Hancock Park District used for vehicular travel or parking unless the person has a valid driver's license issued under chapter 4507 or 4506 of the Ohio Revised Code. (O.R.C. §4510.12)

#### 21.1(A)(1) Driving Without a License

No person shall permit the operation of any motor vehicle upon any Parklands or adjacent to lands or facilities under jurisdiction of the Hancock Park District used for vehicular travel or parking knowing the operator does not have a valid driver's license issued under chapter 4506 of the Ohio Revised Code. (O.R.C. §4507.02)

#### 21.1(A)(2) Motorcycle License (Endorsement) Required

No person shall operate any motorcycle within the parks or upon any roadway or parking area, which is in, on or adjacent to lands or facilities under jurisdiction of the Park District unless the person has a valid motorcycle driver's license issued under Chapter 4507 of the Revised Code. (O.R.C. §4510.12)

### 21.1(B) Prohibition Against Permitting Minor to Operate Vehicle

No person shall cause or knowingly permit any minor under eighteen to drive a motor vehicle upon a highway as an operator, unless such minor has first obtained a license or permit to drive a motor vehicle under Sections 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive, of the Revised Code. (O.R.C. §4507.31)

### 21.1(C) Display of License

The operator or chauffeur of a motor vehicle shall display his license, or furnish satisfactory proof that he has such license, upon demand of any peace officer or of any person damaged or injured in any collision in which such licensee may be involved. When a demand is properly made and the operator or chauffeur has his license on or about his person, he shall not refuse to display said license. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence that such person is licensed under Sections 4507.01 to 4507.30, inclusive, of the Revised Code, when such person does not have his license on or about his person shall be prima-facie evidence of his not having obtained such license. (O.R.C. §4507.35)

21.1(D) Prohibition Against False Statements

No person shall knowingly make a false statement to any matter or thing required by Sections 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive, of the Revised Code. (O.R.C. §4507.36)

21.1(E) Display of License Plates and Validation Sticker or Temporary Placard

No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall fail to display in plain view the distinctive number and registration mark including any county identification sticker and any current validation sticker issued under sections 4503.19 and 4503.191 of the Ohio Revised Code. (O.R.C. §4503.21)

21.1(F) Use of Unauthorized Plates

No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any roadway, within or adjacent to the Park if it displays a distinctive number or identification mark which is:

- (1) Fictitious
- (2) Counterfeit or an unlawfully made copy of any distinctive number or identification mark
- (3) Belongs to another motor vehicle. (O.R.C. §4549.08)

21.2(A) Purpose of Way - Unlawful Entry

No person shall use any portion of the Park for purposes of way except drives, roadways, walks, and trails established for such purposes. Paths established as foot paths or bicycle paths shall not be used for motor vehicle traffic. Persons shall not make entrance to park except by the established ways. Driving on grass is prohibited.

21.2(B) Purposes of Way - Self-Propelled, Animal Drawn or Human Propelled Vehicles

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of vehicle, motor vehicle or motorized bicycle over or upon any footpath or bridle path within the Park.

21.2(C) Driving on Closed Roads or Drives

No person shall drive upon or along any Park road or drive, which has been closed and posted with appropriate signs or barricades.

21.2(D) Reckless Operation

No person shall operate a vehicle along or over any road or drive within the Park in a reckless manner or without due regard for the safety and the rights of pedestrians and drivers and occupants of all other vehicles, so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person while in the lawful use of said Park drives or roads. (O.R.C. §4511.20)

21.2(E) Reckless Operation - Off Road

No person shall operate a vehicle on any public or private property other than the street or drives without due regard for the safety of persons or property. (O.R.C. §4511.201)

21.2(F) Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Reasonable Control

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular travel without being in reasonable control of the vehicle. (O.R.C. §4511.202)

21.2(G) Defacement of Surface

No person shall accelerate a motor vehicle causing the rubber tires to spin, mark or deface the park roadway or parking lot.

21.2(H) Speed Limit

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or be propelled along or over any road or drive within the Park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than twenty (20) miles per hour or at a greater speed than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead. (O.R.C. §4511.21)

21.2(I) Space Between Moving Vehicles

The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway. (O.R.C. §4511.34)

21.2(J) Driving Upon the Right Side of Roadway

Upon all roads and drives of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when otherwise directed by a traffic control device, Ranger or other official within the Park. (O.R.C. §4511.25)

21.2(K) Overtaking and Passing of Vehicles

The operator of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall signal to the vehicle to be overtaken with an audible signal, shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The vehicle overtaken shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle at the latter's audible signal and he shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle. (O.R.C. §4511.27)

21.2(L) Overtaking and Passing in a Hazardous Zone

No vehicle shall be driven to the left of center in overtaking and passing traffic when approaching the crest of a grade, upon a curve in the roadway, or where the operator's view is obstructed within such a distance as to create a hazard in the event traffic might approach from the opposite direction or when approaching within one hundred (100) feet of traversing any intersection. (O.R.C. §4511.31)

21.2(M) Driving to the Left of Center

No vehicle shall be driven to the left of center or center line of the roadway in overtaking passing traffic proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any traffic approaching from the opposite direction or any traffic overtaken. (O.R.C. §4511.30)

21.2(N) Turning in the Roadway

No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade, if such vehicle cannot be seen within five hundred (500) feet by the driver of any vehicle from either direction. (O.R.C. §4511.37)

21.2(O) Signaling, Starting, Backing, and Turning Movements

No person shall start, back, or change from a direct course upon a roadway until such person has given a clear and discernible signal before exercising such movement and having first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety. (O.R.C. §4511.38 and §4511.39)

21.2(P) Right-of-Way yielded by Pedestrian

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles, trackless trolleys, or streetcars upon the roadway. (O.R.C. §4511.48)

21.2(Q) Stop Signs and Other Traffic Control Devices

All public highways, crossing or intersecting Park roads or drives, and all main Park roads or drives are declared to be through highways or through Park roads or drives, as the case may be, and shall be posted with "STOP" signs or with a red and green traffic control signal. Such signs shall bear the word "STOP" in letters not less than six (6) inches high and shall be erected as near as practicable to the line of the highway or to the line of the main Park road or drive. All operators of vehicles shall stop at all posted "STOP" signs or when the traffic control signal is indicating the color "RED". (O.R.C. §4511.12)

21.2(R) Tampering with a Traffic Control Device

No person shall without lawful authority attempt to or willfully alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any traffic control device, sign or signal, or any inscription shield, or insignia thereon, or any part thereof. (O.R.C. §4511.17)

21.2(S) Riding on Outside of Vehicle, Motor Vehicle and Motorized Bicycle

No person shall hang onto or knowingly permit others to ride on the outside of any vehicle, motor vehicle or motorized bicycle while it is moving upon a roadway, drive or parking area.

No person under the age of 16 years shall ride in the back of a pickup not properly equipped at speeds in excess of 25 miles per hour. (O.R.C. §4511.51{D}, {E})

21.2(T) Prohibition Against Attaching Bicycles and Sleds to Vehicles, Motor Vehicles, and Motorized Bicycles

No person riding upon or knowingly permitting others to ride a bicycle, sled, toboggan, skis, inner tube, skates or other toy vehicles shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle, motor vehicle, or motorized bicycle upon a roadway or parking area. (O.R.C. §4511.54)

21.2(U) Driving a Vehicle in an Unsafe Condition

No person shall drive or move or knowingly permit to be driven or moved within the Park, any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in an unsafe condition as to endanger any person. This includes the provisions of Section 4513.01 to 4513.37 inclusive of the Revised Code of Ohio and Section 4513.99, paragraph A.

21.2(V) Operation of Motorcycles

No person shall operate a motorcycle, motorbike or moped over or upon any roadway within the Park without having a muffler in good working order and a fender covering each tire. (O.R.C. §4513.22, §4513.13)

21.2(W) Trucks and Vehicles

No person shall drive or operate a truck, tractor, or a vehicle designed and used for the transportation of goods and materials whether loaded or empty, over any road or drive within the Park, Park reservation or Parkway.

21.2(X) Motorcycles and Bicycles

No person shall operate a motorcycle within the Park without having and wearing safety equipment as prescribed in Sections 4511.53 of the Revised Code of Ohio and without having his operator's license endorsed for motorcycles. No person shall operate or be a passenger upon a bicycle or motorcycle other than upon a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, facing forward with one leg on each side of the vehicle. (O.R.C. §4511.53)

21.2(Y) Paths Exclusively for Bicycles

No person shall operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. (O.R.C. §4511.713)

### 21.3(A) Lights on Vehicles, Motor Vehicles, and Motorized Bicycles

Every vehicle, motor vehicle, and motorized bicycle operating upon any road or drive, or within any part of the Park during the period from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise shall be equipped with and use the following minimum lights:

Automobiles:

1. Headlights - Two headlights in the front (and not more than two) one on either side of the vehicle and emitting a white light.
2. Taillight - One taillight emitting a red light positioned in the rear.
3. White light on license plate visible at 500 feet (§O.R.C. 4513.05)

Motorcycles, Motorbikes, Snowmobiles

1. Headlights - One headlight in the front emitting a white light.
2. Taillight - One taillight in the rear emitting a red light plus a white light to illuminate vehicle license.

### 21.3(B) Spotlights

No person shall use or shine spotlights or unnecessarily or continuously shine automobile headlights onto Park lands, except under the direction of a Park Ranger or Park employee, or except where necessary for the preservation of life or property. (O.R.C. §4513.12, §1533.161)

### 21.3(C) Occupant Restraining Devices - Seat Belts

No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Operate an automobile on any street or highway, in or adjacent to the Park, unless he is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device installed for use in its operator's seat.
- (2) Operate an automobile on any street or highway, in or adjacent to the Park, unless each passenger in the automobile is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
- (3) Occupy, as a passenger, a seating position on the front seat of an automobile being operated on any street or highway, within or adjacent to the Park, unless he is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
- (4) Divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to those persons exempted in Section 4513.263 (C) of the Revised Code.

### 21.3(D) Child Restraint System Required

When any child who is less than four years of age or weighs less than forty pounds is being transported in a motor vehicle, and the motor vehicle is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacture's instructions in a child-restraint system that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. (O.R.C. §4511.81)

21.3(E) Mufflers

Every motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order so as not to produce excessive noise, smoke, or gas and be in constant operation, and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device upon a motor vehicle in the Park. (O.R.C. §4513.22)

21.3(F) Restrictions on use of Tinted Glass

- (A) The Director of Highway Safety, in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules governing the use of tinted glass, and the use of transparent, nontransparent, translucent and reflector materials in or on motor vehicle windshields, side windows, side wings, and rear windows that prevent a person of normal vision looking into the motor vehicle from seeing or identifying persons or objects inside the vehicle.
- (B) No person shall operate, on any highway or other public properties open to the public for vehicular travel or parking, within or adjacent to the Park, unless the vehicle conforms to the requirements of this section and of any applicable rule adopted under this section.
- (C) No reflector materials shall be permitted upon or in any front window, side windows, side wings, or rear window. (O.R.C. §4513.241)

21.3(G) Signal Devices on Bicycles

Every bicycle when in use, in any park, during the time, from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall display:

- (1) A lamp on the front that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front;
- (2) A red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Director of Highway Safety that shall be visible from all distances from 100 to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle;
- (3) A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector;
- (4) An essentially colorless reflector on the front of a type approved by the Director of Highway Safety;
- (5) Either with tires with retro reflective sidewalls or with an essentially colorless or amber reflector mounted on the spokes of the front wheel and an essentially colorless or red reflector mounted on the spokes of the rear wheel. Each reflector shall be visible on each side of the wheel from a distance of 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. Retro reflective tires or reflectors shall be of a type approved by the Director of Highway Safety.
- (B) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one-hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.
- (C) Every bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway. (O.R.C. §4511.56)

21.3(H) All Loads to be Properly Secured

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway adjacent to, or on any road, street, or drive owned and maintained by the Park District, unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, shifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping there from, except that sand or other substance may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway. (O.R.C. §4513.31)

21.4(A) Parking

Parking shall be restricted to designated areas maintained as “A Parking Area” except in an emergency. (O.R.C. §4511.66, .67, .68, .69)

21.4(B) Handicapped Parking

No person who is not handicapped or operating a motor vehicle to transport a handicapped person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle at special parking locations provided for the handicapped within or adjacent to the Park. Motor vehicles using handicapped parking areas must display the handicapped symbol in the window, or on the license plate.

21.4(C) After Hours Parking

No person shall leave any motor vehicle, motorized bicycle or other vehicle within a Park after closing hours except in an emergency and only after obtaining permission from the Director or Park Ranger. Any vehicle left within the Park after closing without permission shall be removed from the Park upon order of a Park Ranger at the owner’s expense.

21.5 Littering from Motor Vehicle

- (A) No operator or occupant of a motor vehicle shall, regardless of intent, throw, drop, discard, or deposit litter from any motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road or highway, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.
- (B) No operator of a motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road, or highway shall allow litter to be thrown, dropped, discarded, or deposited from the motor vehicle, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.
- (C) As used in this section, “litter” means garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, furniture, glass or anything else of unsightly or unsanitary nature. (O.R.C. §4511.82)

21.6 Prohibition Against Placing Injurious Material on Highway

- (A) No person shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a trail, lane, road, or street, owned and maintained by the Park District, any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails, or other articles which may damage or injure any person, vehicle, or animal within or adjacent to the Park.

- (B) No person, with the intent to cause physical harm to a person or a vehicle, shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a trail, lane, road, parking lot, or street, owned and maintained by the Park District, any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails, or other articles which may damage or injure any person, vehicle, or animal within or adjacent to the Park. (O.R.C. §4511.74)

#### 21.7 Willfully Abandoning Junk Motor Vehicle Prohibited

No person shall willfully leave an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in Section 4513.63 of the Revised Code on Park District property for any period of time without the permission of the Park District and without notifying the Park District as to the reasons for the motor vehicle being left in such place.

### **22.0 SNOWMOBILES and ALL PURPOSE VEHICLES and WINTER ACTIVITIES**

#### 22.1 Snowmobiles and All Purpose Vehicles in Restricted Areas

No person shall operate a snowmobile or all purpose vehicles (APV) within the Park other than in areas designated by the Director. Vehicles and their operation shall conform to all applicable provisions of Ohio Revised Code §4519 under this section as the same and part of Hancock Park District Rules and Regulations adopted in accordance with O.R.C. §4519.48.

#### 22.2 Operators of Motorized Bicycles to Be Licensed; Rules Concerning Equipment and Area of Use

- A. No person shall operate a motorized bicycle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking unless both of the following condition are met:
1. The person is fourteen (14) years of age or older and holds either a valid operator's license issued under Chapter 4507 of the Revised Code or a valid motorized bicycle license issued after the person has passed the test provided for in Chapter 4501.23;
  2. The motorized bicycle is equipped in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code and is in proper working order. Motorized bicycles shall be operated on paved road surfaces only and no person shall operate a motorized bicycle over or upon any paths, walks, or trails within the Park.  
(O.R.C. §4511.521, §4501-23-01 to §4501-23-33)

### **23.0 MISCELLANEOUS**

#### 23.1 Captions

Section headings and captions are provided for reference purposes only and shall not be construed to restrict or delineate the meaning of the regulations contained there under.

### 23.2 Areas/Activities Closed – Special Use Permits

Whenever, and for the proper management of parklands, or for the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, the Director determines that certain parks or park areas, or certain public activities therein, should be closed to the general public, they may be designated as closed by the Director. No person shall enter, remain, stop, or park within any area designated as closed or conduct any activity therein except by a special use permit issued by the Director. The Director shall report any such closings to the Board at the next regular meeting following closing. Unless the Board reverses such closing, it shall remain in effect until the Board is notified that the Director intends to discontinue such closing.

**HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT**  
**Board of Park Commissioners**  
**Resolution 2006-6**  
**April 25, 2006**

RE: ADOPTION OF REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §1549.09 requires the Board of Park Commissioners to adopt rules and regulations for park lands as it deems advisable;

WHEREAS, said Rules and Regulations are for the protection and preservation of park property and users of the parks and to promote good order within the boundaries of the parks and lands adjacent thereto along with other areas under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners for the Hancock Park District; and

WHEREAS, existing rules and regulations require updating due to changes in State laws, changes in society and operations of the parks.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hancock Park District that:

1. The current Hancock Park District Rules and Regulations be replaced in total.
2. Rules and Regulations as set forth in Exhibit A be adopted and will take effect immediately upon the required publishing as a public notice.
3. Rules and Regulations be posted in the parks and the public informed by other appropriate means.
4. Penalties for violations of the rules and regulations shall be determined according to O.R.C. §1545.99 and other pertinent sections of the Ohio Revised Code as same may exist or as amended so as to coordinate in time with the violations of said rules and regulations.
5. Appropriate Bond and Waiver Schedules shall be provided to the Findlay Municipal Court and any other court having jurisdiction over persons violating any such rule or regulation.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS:

ATTEST:

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Jerry E. Hawkins, Vice Chairman

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Timothy P. Brugeman, Director

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Gwen L. Kuenzli, Vice Chairman

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