

Sec. 46-62. - General rules and regulations for all parks, beaches and recreational areas.

- (a) The following rules and regulations pertain to all city-owned, leased or operated parks, beaches and recreational areas:
- (1) No automobile, truck, recreational vehicle, camper, trailer, motorcycle, motor scooter, motor bicycle, bicycle, golf cart or other mode of conveyance shall be driven or parked except in those areas specifically designed or otherwise designated by signs to be used for such driving or parking; provided, however that the city manager may issue written permits granting special driving and/or parking privileges, upon application therefore, to persons suffering acute physical disabilities, which permits shall specifically recite on the face thereof the exact extent of the special privileges and the area or areas involved. Vehicles performing services or deliveries and agents or employees of governmental bodies operating vehicles or equipment on official business shall be exempt from this subsection. No person shall park a vehicle in any area in excess of 18 consecutive hours. Any vehicle parked over 18 hours may be removed, unless authorized by the city manager, from the parking area to the nearest garage, to a garage designated or maintained by the city or its police department or to another place of safety, all in accordance with section 70-6 of this Code.
 - (2) No person permitted to operate an automobile, truck, recreational vehicle, camper, trailer, motorcycle, motor scooter, motor bicycle, bicycle, golf cart or other mode of conveyance shall operate it at a rate of speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.
 - (3) No overnight camping of any type or sleeping shall be allowed except in those areas that are specifically designed or otherwise designated by signs for such use.
 - (4) No person shall dispose of any paper, waste, garbage, trash, cigarette butts, debris, or other litter of any kind except in proper receptacles. Only such paper, waste, garbage, trash, debris or other litter as may have been created or accumulated in the use of a park, beach or recreational area shall be disposed of in such receptacles.
 - (5) No person shall solicit or canvass for the sale or rental of merchandise, services, goods or property of any kind or character. This prohibition shall not apply to a tenant, concessionaire, permittee or licensee of the city lawfully operating within the terms of any lease, concession agreement, license or permit granted by the city.
 - (6) No person shall hold, drink from, carry into, otherwise possess, or dispose of glass containers of any kind.
 - (7) No person shall perform any activity, which, at the time of performance, is not compatible with the public's utilization of the area. No person shall ride, use or operate bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skate boards and/or similar devices in or on gazebos, fountains, structures, shelters, benches, tables, chairs, paver areas or improved surfaces, monuments, signs, newspaper racks or other amenities.
 - (8) Fires are prohibited, except in such grills, fireplaces, barbecue pits or such other receptacles as may be specifically designed for such use. No cooking surface shall be larger than 400 square inches in size. Exemptions may be authorized by the city manager.
 - (9) All animals, including dogs and cats, are prohibited in the following parks or portions thereof: portions of Brohard Park, including areas known as the Venice Fishing Pier, Robert E. Clark Beach Pavilion, South Brohard Beach, and Maxine Barritt Park, with the exception of dogs allowed in South Brohard Paw Park and areas of Maxine Barritt Park immediately adjacent to the South Brohard Paw Park up to the point where signs indicate "No Dogs Allowed Beyond This Point", Chauncy Howard Park, Chuck Reiter Park, East Gate Park, Hecksher Park, Humphris Park, Mundy Park, Patriots Park, Service Club Park, Venice Municipal Beach Park and Wellfield Park. In addition, all animals, including dogs and cats, are prohibited from certain areas within all city parks listed in section 46-1 of this Code, such areas to include picnic areas at Higel Marine Park and Marina Park and Boat Ramp, within 25 feet of any playground or playground equipment, interactive fountains, on any playing fields, courts, or other sports venues, including adjacent

seating and concession areas, and within any restrooms or other buildings on these properties. This prohibition shall not apply to dogs trained to assist or aid disabled or handicapped persons, when such dogs are actually being used to assist or aid such persons. Any dogs in areas not prohibited by this subsection shall be leashed in accordance with subsection 10-6(b) of this Code, such leash shall be a maximum of six feet and under control of a person. It shall be unlawful to tie a dog to a tree, post, fence or any other stationary object. Any animal, including dogs and cats, found in violation of this section may be impounded and held in accordance with provisions of the county code, as may be amended. Any fees or costs imposed under county code provisions are in addition to any penalty imposed on the owner or person in charge of the animal under subsection 46-61(a), or as provided elsewhere in this Code. In the event that a restaurant or concession located within a city park where animals are prohibited meets the requirements of the City of Venice Dog Friendly Dining Program, as established by section 86-152 of the city Code, then the prohibition with regard to dogs is suspended for the designated outdoor dining area, parking lot and areas directly between the parking lot and outdoor dining area during the hours of operation of the dog friendly restaurant or concession.

- (10) The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all areas, within a defined perimeter, in areas used for organized youth athletic activities. The defined perimeter is the area that encompasses all athletic fields, spectator stands, concession areas, restroom areas, walking or congregating areas, and all intervening spaces. This area is often times, but not exclusively, outlined by perimeter fencing with gates at points of entry. A youth athletic organization or league is defined as an organization which contracts with the county division of parks and recreation, to conduct activities related to youth athletic leagues, including athletic practices and games, meetings, clinics, and demonstrations, on a regularly scheduled basis (e.g., baseball, football, soccer, softball).
 - (11) No person shall sell, possess or consume any alcoholic beverages without the written authorization of the city manager.
 - (12) No person shall destroy, injure, deface, mar, move, dig, harmfully disturb or remove from any area, or the waters thereof, any buildings, structures, facilities, historic resources, equipment, park property, soil, sand, gravel, rocks, stones, fossils, minerals, plants, trees and shrubs (including terrestrial, aquatic, marine, or epiphytic plants) or animals, artifacts, or other materials.
 - (13) No person shall cut, carve, injure, mutilate, move, displace, or break off any natural water bottom formation or growth.
 - (14) No person shall introduce any plant or animal species by willful abandonment, negligence, or for any other reason without permission from the city.
- (b) *Exemptions* . The following activities are exempt from the prohibitions contained herein:
- (1) Sculpting of sand (such as sand castles) on public beaches, or the collection of shells, sharks' teeth, and other natural materials that wash up on public beaches except as otherwise prohibited by federal, state, or local laws.
 - (2) Collection of natural objects, including plant and animal life and minerals, for scientific and educational purposes so long as such collection is conducted in compliance with terms or written permission granted from the city manager.
 - (3) The permitted trapping or removal of animals by a party authorized by the city.
 - (4) Maintenance, repair or improvements by a party authorized by the city.
 - (5) Fishing.

(Code 1982, § 13-35(a); Ord. No. 2001-12, § 2, 1-9-01; Ord. No. 2006-05, § 2, 4-11-06; Ord. No. 2013-37, § 3, 2-11-14)

Sec. 46-64. - Venice Fishing Pier.

In addition to the rules and regulations set forth in section 46-62, the following rules and regulations shall be in effect for use at the Venice Fishing Pier:

- (1) No person entering upon and using the Venice Fishing Pier shall:
 - a. Use more than two fishing lines at one time.
 - b. Operate bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards and/or similar devices on the pier or around the concession area.
- (2) No person shall operate or navigate any boat or other watercraft within 300 feet of the Venice Fishing Pier.
- (3) No person shall dive or jump from the fishing pier or swim or surf within 150 feet of the centerline of the pier structure.

(Code 1982, § 13-35(c); Ord. No. 2000-13, § 1, 3-14-00; Ord. No. 2006-05, § 3, 4-11-06)