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SECTION 13.24.080 HOURS:

No person shall, under any circumstances, enter for the purpose of remaining therein or remain in any park between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise without general or special permission from the Board.

SECTION 13.24.090 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or have under his control any beer, ale or other alcoholic beverages in any park or recreation area under the supervision or control of the Board, except under such circumstances, in such places and at such times as the Board may, by their rules and regulations, determine, provided, that in no case may a person possess or have under his control beer, ale or other alcoholic beverages in any playground area, swimming pool, recreation center building or comfort station, (except as hereinafter provided). Proof of possession of beer, ale or other alcoholic beverages in a park or recreation area under the supervision and control of the Board shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section, and it shall be incumbent upon a person charged to prove by certified copies of the rules and regulations of the Board that an exception has been granted.

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SECTION 13.24.090 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, ordinances of the Metropolitan Government, Sections of this chapter or private acts, there is hereby permitted the sale and consumption of beer in parks and recreation areas under the supervision and control of the Board, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Beer may be sold and consumed only at municipally owned golf courses.
2. All provisions of Metropolitan Council Ordinances and this Code pertaining to the sale of beer at retail shall apply to the sale of beer at municipal golf courses; except that no beer shall be sold after 8:00 P.M. or before 8:00 A.M. weekdays, or before 1:00 P.M. on Sundays.
3. Beer may be sold for consumption on premises of any property leased from the Board of Parks and Recreation for use by a professional athletic team. The permit shall be valid only when the facilities are being utilized for professional baseball activities. All distance requirements set forth in Chapter 5, Article IV of the Metropolitan Code must be met by the applicant prior to issuance of the beer license.

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SECTION 13.24.120 ANIMALS - PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS (con't.):

- B. No person shall feed animals in any zoo area, except unconfined squirrels, sparrows, pigeons and ducks. No person shall throw anything whatsoever into any animal cage or enclosure or tease, annoy, frighten, molest or injure in any manner any animal or bird whether confined or otherwise.

SECTION 13.24.130 ANIMALS - RUNNING AT LARGE:

- A. No person owning or being custodian or having control of any animal shall cause or permit such animal to go at large in the park. A dog may be brought into a park, provided that such dog shall be continually restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length; except, that no dog or other animal shall be permitted in buildings or in zoos, playgrounds, bathing and other areas designated by signs as prohibited areas.
- B. Any animal found at large may be seized and impounded or disposed of pursuant to the laws or ordinances of the State and the Metropolitan Government in relation to the disposal of stray animals on the highways or other public places.
- C. No person having the care or charge of any dog or other animal shall permit such animal to enter or drink the water of any drinking fountain, lake or pond in any park except at places designated or maintained therefor.

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SECTION 13.24.280 SPEED LIMITS:

A. No person shall drive a vehicle on a street within any park at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

Where no specific hazard exists, the maximum speed limit in all parks shall be twenty (20) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.

B. When official signs are posted indicating the speed limit in certain areas, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a vehicle in such areas in excess of the legal speed limit as posted.

SECTION 13.24.290 RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN VEHICLES:

A. Commercial Vehicles: Vehicles constructed or adapted for or engaged in the carrying of merchandise, including samples of merchandise, trucks and trailers are prohibited from using any park except where necessary to make deliveries in such park. Whenever service roads adjoin the main roadway to a park, such vehicles shall use the service roads set apart for such use. In all cases, such vehicles shall enter such parks from the nearest street intersection or entrance, in the direction of the traffic, and leave by the nearest intersecting street, or exit in the direction of the traffic.

B. Vehicles with Signs, etc.: Vehicles having any names, insignia or sign painted or displayed thereon for businesses or advertising purposes are prohibited in parks, except as provided in subsection (a) of this section. For purposes of identification, name and address only of the owner of the vehicles on the sides thereof in letters not more than two inches in height shall not be constructed as being displayed for business or advertising purposes.

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SECTION 13.24.320 OPERATION OFF OF PAVED ROADWAY PROHIBITED - STALLED VEHICLES:

- A. No vehicle shall be operated or driven off the improved or paved roadways of any park or parkway unless so directed by a police officer or park employee.
- B. All stalled or disabled vehicles shall be removed from paved roadway in parks so as to prevent obstruction of traffic. If not so removed by the owners or operators, then such vehicles may be removed by the owners or operators, then such vehicles may be removed to the Metropolitan Government tow-in lot at the expense of the owners.
- C. No disabled vehicle shall be permitted to remain in a park for a longer period than twenty-four hours.

SECTION 13.24.330 OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC PROHIBITED:

No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to obstruct traffic in any park, or stop such vehicle except at those places specifically designated or maintained for the purpose of stopping or parking, except in cases of emergency.

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SECTION 13.24.180 GAMES:

No person shall in any park throw, cast, catch, kick or strike any baseball, golf ball, tennis ball, football, basketball, bowling ball, croquet ball, bean bag or other object, nor shall any person engage in any sport, game or competition, in places specifically prohibited.

SECTION 13.24.190 HORSES AND BEASTS OF BURDEN:

No person shall use, lead, ride or drive a horse or other beast of burden in any park, except on designated bridle paths, or along routes customarily used for access to and from bridle paths, unless otherwise authorized by the Board. Driving or riding on a bridle path in a reckless manner is prohibited. Horses shall be well broken and constantly held in such control that they may easily or quickly be turned or stopped. No person shall permit any horse owned by him, or in his care or custody, to be unbridled or left unattended in any unclosed space, without being securely fastened.

SECTION 13.24.200 MEETINGS, ASSEMBLIES AND CEREMONIES:

A. No person shall erect any structure, stand on platform, hold any meeting, perform any ceremony, make a speech, address or oration, or exhibit or distribute any sign, placard, notice, declaration or appeal of any kind or description, in any park except by permit issued by the Board.

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SECTION 13.24.200 MEETINGS, ASSEMBLIES AND CEREMONIES (con't.):

- B. Upon application, such permit will be issued unless:
1. The use for which the permit is sought is of a private or commercial nature; or
 2. The location selected is not suitable because the area is specially landscaped and planted with botanical, flowers, shrub or tree exhibits; or
 3. The location selected is not suitable because it is one of the specialized park use areas such as zoos, skating rinks, swimming pools, recreational, etc.; or
 4. The date and time requested has previously been allocated by permit, or would obstruct and interfere substantially with park use and enjoyment by the public.
- B. Whenever a permit is denied by reason of paragraphs (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) above, alternative suitable locations and dates shall be offered to the applicant.

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SECTION 13.24.410 CAMPING:

No person shall tent or camp or erect or maintain a tent, shelter or camp in any park, except in those areas specifically designated by the Board for such purposes.

SECTION 13.24.420 COMMERCIAL FISHING:

No person shall take or attempt to take for commercial purposes any eels, fish or other forms of marine life in any park by using hand or power operated equipment, including but not limited to trawls, nets, dredges or eel combs. No person shall have in his possession in any park any hand or power operated equipment designed for or customarily used for the taking for commercial purposes of any form of marine life, nor shall any person have in his possession in any park, eels, fish or other form of marine life in quantities more than sufficient for personal use of the possessor, or which would violate limits set by the State Game and Fish Commission.

SECTION 13.24.430 DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

No person shall, in any park:

A. Disobey the lawful and reasonable order of a Park Ranger or park employee in the discharge of his duties or disobey or disregard the notices, prohibitions, instructions or directions on any park sign or parking meter, including rules and regulations of museums or zoological or botanical gardens posted on the grounds or buildings of such institutions.

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SECTION 13.24.430 DISORDERLY CONDUCT (con't.):

- B. Use threatening, abusive or insulting language.
- C. Do any obscene or indecent act.
- D. Throw, cast or propel stones or other missiles.
- E. Solicit alms, subscriptions, or contributions for any purpose.
- F. Interfere with, encumber, obstruct or render dangerous any part of a park.
- G. Climb or lie upon any wall, fence, shelter, seat, statue, monument or other structure.
- H. Do any act tending to or amounting to a breach of peace.
- I. Enter or leave any park facility except at established entrance ways or exits or at established times.
- J. Use or gain admittance to or attempt to use or gain admittance to the facilities in any park for the use of which a charge is made without paying the charge or price fixed by the Board.
- K. Engage in, instigate, or encourage a contention or fight, whether or not a ring or prize fight.
- L. Do, aid, abet or assist in doing any act injurious to any person, animal or property within any park not specifically prohibited herein.
- M. Act as crier or advertiser, through the media of voice, public address system or other mechanical device, in any park or in the vicinity of the same. (69-842.1)

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SECTION 13.24.460 POLLUTING (con't.):

D. Discharging into Sewers: No person shall discharge, directly or indirectly, into any opening or into any gutter leading into any sewer, receiving basin or drain, in or leading into any park, any gas or vapor or any substance which may form a deposit tending to choke the same, or any volatile liquid which will emit an inflammable vapor, or any steam or hot water above one hundred degrees Fahrenheit.

SECTION 13.24.470 HUNTING AND TRAPPING WILDLIFE CARRYING FIREARMS:

A. It is unlawful for any person to hunt or trap any of the game or fowl within any parks located within the area of the Metropolitan Government, which are under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of Park Commissioners.

B. It is unlawful for any person, other than an official park policeman on duty or other law enforcing officer to carry or discharge a firearm of any description or any BB gun or air rifle within any of the parks of the Metropolitan Park System, which are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Park Commissioners.

SECTION 13.24.480 PLANT LIFE - DISTURBING, REMOVING OR DESTROYING:

A. No person shall in any park destroy, cut, break, deface, mutilate, injure, disturb, sever from the ground or remove any growing thing, including but not limited to any plant, flower, flower bed, shrub, tree, growth or any branch, stem, fruit or leaf thereof; or bring into or have in his