

Chapter 50

**PARKS AND RECREATION\***

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\***State law reference**—Authority to acquire, maintain, manage and regulate parks, Minn. Stats. §§ 412.291, 412.511; parks generally, Minn. Stats. ch. 448.

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**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Secs. 50-1—50-18. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. PUBLIC CONDUCT IN PARKS**

**Sec. 50-19. Hours of use.**

To protect the peace and quiet of persons residing near public parks and to protect public property from vandalism, all public parks shall be closed to public use from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. the next day. Public parks shall be open for public use from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. of each day. Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Code 1987, § 615.01)

**Sec. 50-20. Public gatherings; permit required.**

Use of a public park or commons by any group consisting of 15 or more individuals gathering together or by any organization which brings 15 or more persons on to public lands to meet, picnic, or conduct a group activity shall require a permit from the city. The city may issue said permit if he determines that the area to be used for said meeting or group activity is available and that its collective use will not interfere with traffic and general use of the park or commons and that said activity is not beyond the ability of the police in maintaining order. The city may impose a permit fee and other reasonable conditions including a requirement that said group remove all litter and trash and provide a cash deposit to clean up the park area, and he may obtain the advice of the Police Chief and other staff personnel before issuing said permits. The city may deny said permit or refer it to the City Council for consideration. Any permits issued by the city or the City Council shall be subject to reasonable conditions to protect the public's investment in its public parks and to protect the general public's use of the park and common areas.

(Code 1987, § 615.05)