

Chapter 16

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 16-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

County. The County of James City.

***Cross references**-Animals and fowl, Ch. 3; dogs generally, § 3-3 et seq.; fire protection, Ch. 9; health and sanitation, Ch. 11; health certificate for food handlers, § 11-1 et seq.; motor vehicles and traffic, Ch. 13; outdoor gatherings, § 14-1 et seq.; carrying concealed weapons, § 15-35.

State law references-Systems of public recreation and playgrounds, Code of Va., § 15.2-1806 et seq.

Director. The director of parks and recreation for James City County.

Person. Any person, firm or corporation.

Public parks and recreation facilities. Any and all buildings, lands and waters, including roadways, recreation equipment, structures and the flora and fauna therein, owned, leased or operated under the jurisdiction of the county as a park or recreation area and open to the general public for park or recreation purposes.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84; Ord. No. 154A-1, 4-6-87)

ARTICLE II. REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Sec. 16-2. Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances prohibited.

(a) No person shall consume or possess an open or previously opened container containing any alcoholic beverage, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage while in public park and recreational facilities.

(b) No person shall consume, possess or be under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined by the Code of Virginia, while in public park and recreational facilities.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-3. Operating or parking vehicles in recreational facilities generally.

No person shall operate or park any vehicle in public parks and recreational facilities except on the roadways and parking areas provided and/or designated for this purpose. Nor shall any vehicles be parked in a manner as to impede or obstruct the normal safe flow of traffic.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-4. Games of chance prohibited.

No person shall engage in games of chance in public park and recreational facilities.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-5. Concealed weapons prohibited.

Unauthorized persons shall not carry concealed weapons, nor shall they have on or about their person dangerous or deadly weapons, in public park and recreational facilities.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Cross reference-Carrying concealed weapons, § 15-35.

Sec. 16-6. Open fires.

No person shall make a fire in public park and recreational facilities other than in grills, fire places or other areas as designated and approved for such use by the director. All fires shall be closely monitored and completely extinguished by persons starting and using them before those persons leave the immediate vicinity.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

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Sec. 16-7. Use of public park and recreational facilities by children.

No parent or guardian shall permit a child under the age of twelve years to make use of public park and recreational facilities without providing for direct supervision of the child.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84; Ord. No. 154A-1, 4-6-87; Ord. No. 154A-3, 7-23-02)

Sec. 16-8. Skateboards.

No person shall ride or use a skateboard in public park and recreational facilities except in areas so designated for such use.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-9. Toilets; cleanliness and use.

No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. No person over the age of six years shall enter the restrooms designated for the opposite sex. There shall be no loitering in the restrooms.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-10. Use of public park and recreational facilities property and equipment.

No person shall damage, deface, destroy, remove, injure or improperly use public park and recreational facilities, property, equipment or the natural environment.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-11. Control of litter.

No person shall throw, deposit or leave any litter, refuse or rubbish of any kind in public park and recreational facilities except in public receptacles and in such manner that the litter, refuse or rubbish will be prevented from being carried by the elements. Where public receptacles are not provided all such litter, refuse or rubbish shall be carried away from the area by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-12. Control of animals.

No person shall permit his animal to run at large. In the case of a dog, the owner or his agent shall secure the animal by a collar with a chain, cord or leash not exceeding eight feet in length, and have the animal under complete and immediate control.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-13. Instruction.

No person other than those authorized by the director shall offer instruction in public park and recreational facilities. (Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

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Sec. 16-14. Hours of operation.

The director shall establish hours of operation for public parks and recreational facilities; the hours may prohibit use of certain facilities at certain times.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-15. Permits for use of public park and recreational facilities.

Permits for the use of public park and recreational facilities may be required by the director. Where permits are required, no person shall engage in or make use of any park and recreational facility without first paying for same and adhering to the rules and regulations governing use of said facility.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-16. Leasing of park facilities; charges for use of such facilities and admission to recreation activities.

When authorized by the board of supervisors and upon such terms and conditions as it may provide, the public parks and recreation facilities may be leased. The county administrator shall fix and collect charges for the use of the facilities and services, fix and collect charges for admission to concerts, entertainments and other recreational activities sponsored by it.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84; Ord. No. 154A-2, 10-14-97)

Sec. 16-17. Posting advertisement; sale of goods generally.

(a) No person shall post, distribute, circulate or display any notice, banner, advertisement or printed material in any park or recreational facility without permission of the director.

(b) No person shall offer for sale or rent any goods, articles, privileges, commodities or services whatsoever or solicit for any purpose in any recreational facility without obtaining written permission from the director, and for such time and at such places as the director may determine. This section shall not be construed to apply to the sale of food, soft drinks and other like goods pursuant to section 16-18.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-18. Sale of food and soft drinks; canteen concessions.

The sale of foods, soft drinks or other like goods is prohibited in any park or recreational facility, except from canteens or concessions operated by concessionaires authorized by the director.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Cross reference-Health certificate for food handlers, § 11-1 et seq.

Sec. 16-19. Washing, repairing or servicing vehicles.

No person shall use any park or recreational facility for washing, repairing or servicing, other than replacing a flat tire, of any vehicle designed for self-propulsion. Abandonment of such vehicles is prohibited. If mechanical disablement occurs, immediate steps must be taken for removal.

(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

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Sec. 16-20. Use of nature trails, pedestrian paths, etc.

No persons other than those authorized by the director shall operate a motorized vehicle upon nature trails, pedestrian paths, and bikeways specifically designated and established for such use.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-21. Operation of nonlicensed motorized vehicles.

No person shall operate a nonlicensed motorized vehicle in any park or recreational facility unless in an area specifically designated for such use by the director.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-22. Use of electronic metal-detecting devices.

No person shall utilize any type of electronic metal-detecting device in any recreational facility.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84)

Sec. 16-23. Rules and regulations.

The director shall have the right to promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of public parks and recreation facilities and the activities therein. Such rules and regulations shall be posted at such park and recreation facility and available for review in the office of the county administrator.
(Ord. No. 154, 5-7-84; Ord. No. 154A-1, 4-6-87)

Sec. 16-24. Violations of chapter.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation duly adopted hereunder shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor, unless otherwise specifically provided. In addition, such person may be ejected from the park, building or other facility wherein the violation occurred.
(Ord. No. 154A-1, 4-6-87)