CHAPTER 95

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE

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Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission

95.010 Definitions.

As used in sections 95.010 to 95.5100, inclusive:

1. "Department" means the department of regional parks & open space.
2. "Commission" or "park commission" means the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission.
3. "Commissioner" or "park commissioner" means a member of the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission.
4. "Director" means the director of the county regional parks & open space department or his/her designee.
5. "Employee" means any person employed by the department of regional parks & open space.
6. "Enforcement Officer" means a peace officer or park employee specifically designated by the director under NRS ??? to investigate observed or reported violations and to issue oral or written warnings or citations to enforce County park rules.
7. "Volunteer" is someone who gives his or her time, talent, energy, skills, common sense and experience for which he or she receives no pay or compensation.
8. "Person" includes individuals, a public or private cooperation, an unincorporated association, at partnership, a government or governmental instrumentality, or a non-profit entity.
9. "Park Resources" means any natural, cultural or human made structure or feature of a County park.
10. "Facilities" means any recreational or park property under the jurisdiction and control of the board of county commissioners.
11. "County park" includes any area designated by the board of county commissioners as a public park, playground, recreational facility or open space area managed by the department.
12. "Trail" means (any paved or unpaved non-motorized get from Eric)
13. "Camping" means to erect a tent or shelter or use any motor vehicle for the purpose of, or in such a way as will result in, overnight occupancy thereof in any county park.

3. "Commission" or "park commission" means the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission.

4. "Commissioner" or "park commissioner" means a member of the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission.

[§2, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. Nos. 713, 1203]

95.020 Park commission

3. Creation; name.

Pursuant to the power granted the board of county commissioners by NRS 244.308 to 244.3091, inclusive, there is hereby created a county park commission to be known as the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Park Commission.

[§1, Ord. No. 116] + [§3, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. No. 1203]
The park commission shall be composed of nine members, all of whom shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners from residents of the county at large with reference to their fitness for office.

[Part §7, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. No. 327]

3. **95.040 Terms of office; vacancies; compensation and expenses of park commissioners.**
   1. A. All commissioners shall be appointed for terms of 4 years.
   2. B. The terms shall be staggered in such manner as to provide that no more than three vacancies will occur in any year.
   3. C. Commissioners shall hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified.
   4. D. Any vacancy in the office of commissioner shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.
   5. E. Commissioners shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to the same travel expenses and subsistence allowances as county officers.

[Part §7, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. Nos. 327, 713]

3. **95.050 Oaths of office of park commissioners; no bond required.**
   At their first park commission meeting after their appointment, park commissioners shall qualify by taking the oath of office. No bond shall be required of them.

[Part §8, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. Nos. 248, 283]

3. **95.060 Officers; term.**
   1. A. The commissioners shall elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, and such other officers as are necessary from among their members during the first regularly scheduled meeting of the commission in July, and annually thereafter at the first regularly scheduled meeting in July.
   2. B. The term of office shall be 1 year.
   3. C. The director shall act as ex-officio secretary of the commission.

[Part §8, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. Nos. 248, 283, 713]

3. **95.070 Meetings; records; quorum.**
   1. A. The commission shall hold at least four meetings each year and shall keep a complete record of all its transactions. A commissioner's absence from a meeting of the commission may be authorized in advance by the chairman. Three consecutive unauthorized absences from meetings of the commission by any commissioner shall automatically result in a vacancy in the office of that commissioner.
   2. B. Five commissioners constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
Any resolution or motion may be adopted or other action ordered taken by a majority of the commissioners forming a quorum.

[Part §8, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. Nos. 248, 283, 713]

3. 95.080 Powers of the commission.
The powers of the park commission are:

1. To act in advisory capacity to the board of county commissioners in promoting, aiding and encouraging public recreation including the development of recreation and park facilities.

2. To act in an advisory capacity to the director in maintenance, development and operation of all county-owned or operated recreation areas and facilities and to develop rules and regulations governing the use of those facilities.

3. To establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the commission and recommend rules and regulations to the board of county commissioners as it may deem necessary to facilitate the carrying on of a recreation and park system.

4. To study and make recommendations on the department's operating procedures and policies, fiscal policies and plans, and acquisition and development plans and policies.

5. To interpret the recreation program to public officials and to the general public in order that the recreation and park program may receive adequate support from public and private sources.

6. To consult with the director on methods of financing a county-wide parks and recreation program, and make recommendations thereon.

7. To make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on deviations from, alterations to, or additions to the master plan for parks and recreation.

8. To make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on a schedule of priorities for acquisition and development of park property in accordance with the master plan.

9. To recommend to the board of county commissioners a time schedule for acquisition and development of park and recreation facilities.

10. To recommend to the board of county commissioners, rates, tolls and charges for services and the use or availability of facilities.

11. To recommend to the board of county commissioners the purchase, lease or exchange of lands for recreation or park purposes.

12. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the board of county commissioners.

[§4, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. No. 713]
The commission shall have the authority to appoint citizens' committees to assist the commission in making recommendations to the board of county commissioners concerning the matters set forth in section 95.080 of this code. Membership in citizens' committees shall be subject to the approval of the director. A commissioner shall be delegated to attend meetings of the citizens' committee. The citizens' committee shall report its recommendations directly to the commission.

[§2, Ord. No. 713]

**95.085 Duties of director.**
The director shall attend meetings of the commission and shall make such reports to the commission, to the county manager, or to the board of county commissioners as shall be required of him/her. All recommendations of the commission made to the board of county commissioners shall first be submitted to the director and his/her approval or disapproval shall be a part of or accompany any such recommendation.

[§3, Ord. No. 713]

**3. 95.090 Responsibility for facilities.**
The jurisdiction of the commission includes, in addition to those enumerated, responsibility for study, analysis and recommendations for all existing and all future facilities when requested by the board of county commissioners.

[§5, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. No. 713]

**95.100 Financial support.**
It shall be the policy of the county, to the extent allowed by law, to credit moneys received from or generated by park facilities for the use and benefit of those facilities.

[§6, Ord. No. 116; A Ord. No. 713]

**Department of Regional Parks & Open Space**

**95.105 Department of:**
Creation; director of department of regional parks & open space; position created; appointments; term; staff.

1. There is hereby created, pursuant to the provisions of NRS 244.195, the Washoe County department of regional parks & open space.

2. **Director:** The position of director of the department of regional parks & open space is hereby created. The director shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners upon the recommendation of the county manager and serves at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners.

   a. **Duties of director.**
The director shall attend meetings of the commission and shall make such reports to the commission, to the county manager, or to the board of county commissioners as shall be required of him/her. All recommendations of the commission made to the board of county commissioners shall first be submitted to the director and his/her approval or disapproval shall be a part of or accompany any such recommendation.
The director shall appoint, pursuant to any applicable provisions of law regulating county personnel, such technical, clerical and operating staff as the execution of the duties of the director and operation of the department may require.

95.107 Powers and duties of department.

1. The department shall administer, protect and develop the county park system for the use and enjoyment of the public.

2. The department may establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with law for the government and administration of the county park system.

3. Enforcement officers are authorized to issue administrative notices and/or citations for any violations of this chapter.

Use of County Park System Facilities

95.110 Definitions.

As used in sections 95.110 to 95.500, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Camping" means to erect a tent or shelter or use any motor vehicle for the purpose of, or in such a way as will result in, overnight occupancy thereof in any county park.

2. "County park" includes any area designated by the board of county commissioners as a public park, playground, recreational facility or open space area managed by the department.

3. "Department" means the department of regional parks & open space.

4.1. "Director" means the director of the department or his/her designated representative.

5. "Facility" means any part of a county park.

6. "Employee" means any person employed by the department of regional parks & open space.

General Regulations

95.240 Park hours.

1. Park hours are sunrise to sunset unless specifically posted otherwise or authorized by the director or his/her designee.

2. No person, except county employees or peace officers on official business, may enter or be present in any county park after closing hours unless a prior reservation has been issued by the department.
95.310 Curfew limitations.

1. The director may set a curfew for persons under 16-18 years of age in any county park, upon finding that conditions therein are such as to warrant special measures for the protection of juveniles and others, and for the safety and welfare of the general public.

2. When a curfew has been set, no person under 16-18 years of age may, during the curfew period, remain or be in the park unless he/she is:
   
   (a) Accompanied by his/her parent or guardian;
   
   (b) Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles; or
   
   (c) Camping after having furnished written consent of his/her parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of his/her parent or guardian.

95.370 Payment for use of facilities.

1. No individual or groupperson shall use, occupy or be within the boundaries of any facility for which a fee has been established by the board of county commissioners or the county manager without having first paid the required fee.

2. The fees may be collected by a park ranger, park staff or other authorized personnel in the manner prescribed pursuant to the provisions of section 95.380 of this code.

95.380 Fees; method of establishment and collection.

1. The director shall submit to the board of county commissioners a schedule which defines categories and time limits for use of facilities within the county park system and which sets forth proposed fees for each category of use. The categories, time limits and fees shall become effective upon entry of an order of the board of county commissioners.

2. For marketing or promotional purposes only, the county manager or designee shall have discretion to reduce fees, provide for group rates and membership packages for use of the county facility and to establish new fees for short term programs or exhibits that may occur within the department.

3. The director shall submit to the board of county commissioners, on an annual basis, a schedule of proposed fees for utilization of reservable park facilities, recreation programs, and special events and activities miscellaneous; the sale or rental of personal property intended for use within a facility of the county park system. The fees shall become effective upon entry of an order of the board of county commissioners. Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners the approved fees become effective immediately for facility reservations and program registration for the next calendar year.
95.460 Group Use Permit.
No group meeting, functions, concerts, athletic events or similar activities with attendance in excess of twenty-five (25) persons shall be held within the boundaries of a Washoe County Park without a valid Facility Group Use Permit. Depending on the size of the group and nature of the event other permits and licenses may also be required.

1. Any gathering of 25 or more people requires a permit. Whether public or private, for profit or non-profit, which includes, but is not limited to, the reservation of a specific area or areas of a Washoe County Park, and, regardless of anticipated attendance, has the potential to impact County Parks personnel and or resources, and/or use by the general public, beyond which is normal. Special events often involve other County and local governmental agencies, including the District Health Department, Community Development, Sheriff’s Office, Reno Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol and local fire agencies.

The director or his/her designee may approve and issue a permit for any special event when it is found to be in the best interest of the residents of the county and is conducted by a sponsoring agency approved by him/her. (needs to be reworded)

95.470 Concession operation.
1. No person shall sell food or beverage products for human consumption at parks and recreation facilities unless that person has obtained a permit from the County Parks Department. Copies of applicable City and County licenses and permits, plus all applicable insurance must be submitted prior to consideration of approval.
2. No person shall engage in any may operate any concession or vending machine, engage in the business activity involving soliciting, vending, selling or peddling of any products, goods or other merchandise, any food or drink, distribute circulars, peddle or vend any goods, wares, merchandise, food, liquids or services in a County park without prior written authorization from the Director.

95.480 Commercial/professional filming and photography.
No person may participate in commercial photography, motion picture filming or photography involving the performance of a professional cast in any county park without having been issued a commercial photography permit.

95.490 Posting of signs and notices.
No person may disturb, alter, create or erect signs or markers of any type without a written permit from the director or his/her designee.
95.495 Exclusion from County Park.
1. An enforcement officer may exclude a person that violates any County Park rule from one or more County Parks for a specified period of time.
2. A person excluded from a County Park may appeal the exclusion notice by filing an appeal to the Director within seven days of the exclusion date.

95.500 Compliance with code, rules and regulations; penalty.
Any person who:
1. Enters or remains at any county park in violation of any provision contained in sections 95.110 to 95.500, inclusive, or in violation of any permit issued or rule adopted by the director; or
2. Upon conviction is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 125.050.

Motor Vehicles

95.190 Landing of aircraft.
Except in emergency situations, no person may land any aircraft including hanggliders, parasails, parachutes, balloons, ultralights, and similar on or take off in any aircraft from any area in any county park not specifically designated for such purposes without a written permit from the director or his/her designee.

ADD A SECTION ON: Remote Control Aircrafts

95.600 Electrically-powered, gasoline-powered, remote/radio controlled devices
1. The use of remote/radio controlled, electrically-powered or gasoline-powered devices is prohibited in all county parks without the express written permission from the director or his/her designee.
2. No person may operate any electrically-powered, gasoline-powered, remote/radio controlled device in any county park in such a manner as to disturb the peace.

95.320 Vehicle operators.
1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may operate any motor vehicle or off-road vehicle in any county park unless he/she complies with the general requirements of chapter 483 of NRS relating to licensing of persons who operate motor vehicles.
2. The director may permit operation of certain vehicles in county parks by persons who do not meet the requirements contained in subsection 1. The nature and extent of permitted operation of such vehicles by unlicensed operators shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each affected park.
95.330 Registered vehicles required.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may operate any motor vehicle in any county park unless the vehicle is registered in compliance with chapter 482 of NRS relating to registration of motor vehicles.

2. The director may permit operation of unregistered motor vehicles in county parks when he/she deems it to be in the public interest to do so. The nature and extent of permitted operation of such vehicles shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each affected park.

95.340 Speed limit.

No person may:

1. Drive a vehicle, motorcycle or motor bike within any county park at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the traffic on, and the surface and width of, the road.

2. Drive a vehicle in a county park at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour, except where otherwise posted.

95.350 Roads; parking.

1. No person may drive, tow, ride or park:

   1. Any automobile, truck, trailer, bicycle, motor bike or other vehicle in a county park, except on roads and parking areas provided for such purposes.

   2. Any type of motor vehicle on any walk, path, trail, bike path, service road or other area under the control of the department, except where such areas have been officially designated for use by motor vehicles.

   Motor vehicles shall be operated only on roads and in parking areas constructed or designated for motor vehicle use except where such areas have been officially designated for use by motor vehicles.

   2. Automobiles, trailers, and other vehicles shall be parked only in designated parking areas.

95.360 Bicycles and other operator-propelled vehicles.

1. No person may operate or ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or other operator-propelled vehicle or device in any county park when the director has determined that conditions are unsafe.
or otherwise inappropriate for the operation of the vehicle or device and has issued an order prohibiting such activity.

2. Restrict speed and manner of operation to a reasonable and prudent practice relative to terrain, prevailing conditions, equipment, personal capabilities, personal safety and the safety of all other park users.

[§26, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

95.365 Unauthorized use of bicycle trails.
It shall be unlawful for any person to:

(a) Operate any motorized vehicle, including, without limitation, motorcycles, trail bikes, or motorized bicycles upon any bicycle trail except as necessary to cross a street, driveway or access road intersection without authorization from the director or his/her designee;

(b) Hold any competitive event on any bicycle trail without authorization from the director or his/her designee;

(b) (c) ride a bicycle on a designated off-street bicycle trail in excess of 15 miles per hour, except during authorized competitive events, or in a manner which is unsafe or which may be injurious to the rider or other persons.

[§6, Ord. No. 713]

Domestic Animals

95.140 Leash law; animal control.
1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may:

(a) Bring an animal into, permit an animal to enter or remain in, or possess an animal in any county park unless the animal is on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length and under the immediate control of that person or is confined in a vehicle. The director or his/her designee may, upon posting, designate certain areas within the County Parks as off-leash areas.

(b) Bring an animal into, permit an animal to enter or remain in, or possess an animal on any beach adjacent to any body of water within any county park except in areas designated for animals. Animals are prohibited in the water in any bathing or swimming area.

(c) Leave a pet unattended in any vehicle in extreme heat or cold temperatures. (NRS 574.195).

(c)(d) Keep any noisy, vicious or dangerous animal, or one which is disturbing to other persons, in any county park, or remain therein with the animal after he has been asked to remove the animal by a park ranger or other county parks department officer or employee. A park employee or enforcement officer may take any measure deemed necessary (including the removal of the animal from the park area) to protect park resources and wildlife or to prevent interference by the animal with the safety, comfort, or well being of any person or other domestic animal in the park area.
(d) Lead or possess any animal, with or without a leash, while he/she is attending a conducted tour of an historic area or grounds within any county park.

2. The director may, upon proper posting, prohibit animals in certain areas of county parks which are extensively used by the public.

3. The director may, upon proper posting, designate certain areas, within the County Parks as off-leash areas.

4. It is unlawful for any person to bring an animal into a designated special event area when the event has been posted as “no animals allowed.”

5. It is unlawful for any person to walk a domestic animal in a county park facility without carrying at all times a suitable container or other suitable instrument for the removal and disposal of dog animal feces and for immediately removing the feces and properly disposing of it.

6. It is unlawful for any person owning or having control or custody of any animal to permit the animal to defecate within park property unless the person immediately removes the feces and properly disposes of it.

7. The provisions of this section do not apply to any visually handicapped person who uses a guide dog, certified human service animal, hearing dog, or helping dog specially trained by a guide dog school to assist him/her as an aid to his/her mobility.

5. Domestic animals cannot be left in vehicles when temperatures... (obtain verbiage from Animal Control).

[§4, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

95.150 Horseback riding: Designated areas.
No person may ride:
1. lead or keep a horse or other equine large domestic animal in any county park, except on roads, trails or areas designated and posted for such purposes.
2. hitch or confine a horse or other large domestic animal in a manner that may cause damage to any tree, shrub, improvement, or structure.

[§5, Ord. No. 229]

95.160 Animal molesting or harming.
No person may molest, hunt, disturb, injure, trap, take, net, poison, harm or kill any kind of animal or fish, or attempt to do so, except that fish may be taken other than for commercial purposes in accordance with state fishing laws and regulations.

Visitor Conduct

95.130 Fires: Designated areas; regulation.
No person may build, light, use or maintain a fire within any county park except in a camp stove, pit or fireplace provided, maintained or designated for such purposes, or in portable camp stoves and lanterns. Fires in parks shall be contained to:
1. a. fire pits, fireplaces, and charcoal grills provided for such purpose; 
   b. portable camp stoves, lanterns, or gas grills used in established campsites, and picnic areas where fires are permitted.

1.2. No person may leave a county park before extinguishing any fire which he/she has built, lighted or maintained in such a park, nor may any person leave a fire unattended within any county park. Children under the age of 10 years are not qualified to tend a fire unattended.

2.3. Upon existence of extreme fire danger, the director may prohibit smoking or fires in designated areas within any county park or may close such areas to the public. No person may leave a county park before extinguishing such fire.

4. Upon existence of extreme fire danger, the director may prohibit smoking or fires in designated areas within any county park or may close such areas to the public.

95.200 Property defacement.
No person may:

1. Disturb, destroy, remove, deface or injure any property in any county park.

2. Cut, carve, paint, mark, paste or fasten on any tree, fence, wall, building, monument or other property in any county park any bill, advertisement or inscription without a written permit from the director or his/her designee.

[§10, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. No. 437]

95.210 Depositing rubbish; littering importing and exporting.
No person may:

1. Leave, deposit, drop or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, wastepaper, cans, animal waste or other rubbish in any county park, except in a receptacle designated for that purpose.

2. Import any rubbish, or import and deposit any rubbish, into or in any county park from other places.

2.3. Export rubbish once it is in a receptacle designated for that purpose.

[§11, Ord. No. 229]

95.220 Firearms, archery devices:
Possession or discharge in county parks.

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person may possess or discharge any weapon from which a projectile may be propelled by means of explosive, spring, gas, air or other force in any county park.
2. The provisions of this section relating to possession or discharge of firearms do not apply if the firearm or archery device is possessed or discharged:

(a) At a designated shooting or archery facility owned and operated by the county;

(b) Under the supervision and control of the range master at the facility.

3. Each range master may, upon approval of the director, adopt reasonable rules governing the possession and discharge of firearms and archery devices at the facility of which he/she is in charge, and all persons using the facility shall adhere strictly to those rules.

4. CCW regulations in parks/facilities?

§12, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713

95.230 Pyrotechnics and liquid or solid fuel model rockets prohibited.
No person may possess, discharge, set off or cause to be discharged in or into any portion of a county park or facility any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, solid fuel or liquid fuel propelled model or other substance harmful to the life or safety of any person, without a written permit from the director and his/her designee.

§13, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. No. 437

95.250 Disturbing the peace, trespassing.

1. Except when authorized by the director to do so, no person may:

(a) Operate any electrically-powered or gasoline-powered device including, but not limited to, remote control aircraft in any county park in such a manner as to disturb the peace in the park at any time.

2. Conduct himself in such a manner as to disturb the peace in any county park or facility at any time.

3. Use threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting or indecent language or make indecent gestures in any county park or facility.

4. A person violating any provision of this section shall be ordered to immediately cease the violation. Failure to comply with the order constitutes a violation of sections 95.110 to 95.500, inclusive, and constitutes grounds for the imposition of the penalty specified in section 95.500.

5. The director or his/her designee may order any person violating any provision of this code, or any applicable city ordinance or state or federal law to immediately leave the facility. Refusal or intentional failure to comply with such order shall constitute trespassing.

§15, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713

95.255 Radios, tape players, noise level. Sound Amplifying Equipment.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code and in addition thereto, it is unlawful for any person to permit or cause any noise, sound, music or program to be emitted from any radio, tape player, tape recorder, CD player or television set or similar amplified device outdoors on or in any park when such noise, sound, music or program emitted therefrom is audible to a person of normal hearing sensitivity.
95.240 Sound amplifying equipment. No person may:

1. Use sound amplifying equipment within a distance of 100 feet. As used in this section, "a person of normal hearing sensitivity" means a person who has a hearing threshold level of between 0 decibels and 25 decibels HL averaged over the frequencies 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz.

2. With permission, sound amplifying equipment must be kept at a decibel level reading of ???.

95.260 Abusive language; disturbances.
No person may:

1. Use threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting or indecent language or make indecent gestures in any county park.

2. Conduct or participate in a disorderly assemblage.

95.270 Nudity and disrobing.
No person may publicly appear nude or disrobe while in any county park, except in authorized areas of buildings set aside for that purpose.

95.275 Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any can, bottle or other receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage which has been opened or the seal broken in any area of a county park facility which has been posted as a nonalcoholic area.

2. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or use any controlled substance prohibited by NRS chapter 453 in any county park facility.

95.280 Smoking.

1. No person may smoke in posted areas of any county park where smoking is prohibited.

2. No person shall possess or consume food or beverages in areas posted where food and beverage is prohibited.

95.290 Sewage dumping; sanitation.

1. No waste, water, sewage or effluent from sinks, portable toilets or other plumbing fixtures may be deposited directly upon or into the surface of the ground or water in any county park except in a specified dump station.
To maintain the sanitation and orderly appearance and for the protection of the natural resources of a county park, the director may specify the size, type and arrangement of camping equipment and the number of persons permitted in a park under his/her control.

[§19, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

95.300 Games and playing in certain areas.

No person may:

1. Play ball games, horseshoes, or participate in other similar activities in picnic areas, campgrounds, or turf areas, except in areas designated for such games and at specified times.

2. Participate in any activity in a manner that endangers participants or other park users or presents a reasonable risk of damage to park property.

[§20, Ord. No. 229]

Overnight Use

95.390 Camping: Designated areas; limitations.

For purposes of sections 95.390 to 95.420, camping shall mean occupying any designated camping area for any purpose.

1. No person may camp in any county park except in areas designated and marked for that purpose.

2. No person under the age of 18 years may camp in any county park unless he/she is:

   (a) Accompanied by his/her parent or guardian;

   (b) Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles; or

   (c) Camping after having furnished to an authorized department employee written consent of his/her parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of his/her parent or guardian.

[§29, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

95.400 Number of persons occupying campsites.

Except by express authorization of the director or authorized department employee:

1. The number of persons occupying a campsite shall not exceed 7.

2. The number of vehicles occupying a campsite shall not exceed 2.

[§30, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

95.410 Time limits on camping.
In order to afford the general public the greatest possible use of all county parks, no person may continually camp in any county park campground for more than 7 days within any 30-day period, unless written permission has been granted by the director.

[§31, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 393, 437]

**95.420 Occupancy right of campsites.**

1. A campsite is considered occupied when it is being used or has been reserved for camping purposes by any person who has paid the daily use fee within the applicable time limits.

2. No person may take possession or maintain possession of a campsite when he/she has been informed by an authorized department employee that the site has been reserved or when a person authorized to occupy the campsite has shown evidence of his/her right to occupy the campsite.

[§32, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

ADD: 95.430 Use of Food Storage Lockers

No person occupying an individual or group camp site may leave the site unoccupied or retire for the night without first placing all food and beverage items in the animal resistant food storage locker or inside of a vehicle.

**Cultural, Historic, Natural and Wildlife**

**95.160 Animal molesting or harming.**

No person may molest, hunt, disturb, injure, trap, take, net, poison, harm or kill any kind of animal or fish, or attempt to do so, except that fish may be taken other than for commercial purposes in accordance with state fishing laws and regulations.

**95.170 Plant molesting or harming.**

No person may willfully or negligently pick, dig up, cut, mutilate, destroy, injure, disturb, move, molest, burn or carry away any tree, plant or portion thereof, including foliage, flowers, berries, fruit, grass, turf, humus, shrubs, cones and dead wood, except upon authorization by the director.

[§7, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

**95.180 Excavation or disturbing features of historic site.**

No person may knowingly and willfully excavate upon, or remove, destroy, injure or deface, any historic or prehistoric ruins, burial grounds, archeological or paleontological site, or inscriptions on such sites, in or on any county park.

[§8, Ord. No. 229]

**95.440 Food and beverages at historical units.**

No person who is a visitor may possess, carry or consume food or beverages or smoke while attending a conducted tour of any historic exhibit or area.

[§34, Ord. No. 229]
General Regulations

95.240 Park closing hours.
1. The director may establish closing hours for county parks. Park closing time shall be posted in a conspicuous place at each county park.

2. No person, except county employees or peace officers on official business, may enter or be present in any county park after closing hours or in areas designated as closed unless a prior reservation has been issued by the department.

[§14, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. No. 437]

95.310 Curfew limitations.
1. The director may set a curfew for persons under 18 years of age in any county park, upon finding that conditions therein are such as to warrant special measures for the protection of juveniles and others, and for the safety and welfare of the general public.

2. When a curfew has been set, no person under 18 years of age may, during the curfew period, remain or be in the park unless he/she is:
   (a) Accompanied by his/her parent or guardian;
   (b) Part of a group permitted to occupy a county park and is supervised by at least one responsible adult per 15 juveniles; or
   (c) Camping after having furnished written consent of his/her parent or guardian, with the inclusive dates for which permission is granted to camp at the park involved, including the name, address and telephone number of his/her parent or guardian.

[§21, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 713]

95.370 Payment for use of facilities.
1. No person shall use, occupy or be within the boundaries of any facility for which a fee has been established by the board of county commissioners or the county manager without having first paid the required fee.

2. The fees may be collected by a park ranger, park staff or other authorized personnel in the manner prescribed pursuant to the provisions of section 95.380 of this code.

[§27, Ord. No. 229; A Ord. Nos. 437, 512, 713, 1161]

95.380 Fees; method of establishment and collection.
The director shall submit to the board of county commissioners a schedule which defines categories and time limits for use of use facilities within the county park system and which sets forth proposed fees for each category of use. The categories, time limits and fees shall become effective upon entry of an order of the board of county commissioners.

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2. For marketing or promotional purposes only, the county manager or designee shall have discretion to reduce fees, provide for group rates and membership packages for use of the county facility and to establish new fees for short term programs or exhibits that may occur within the department.

3. The director may provide to the board of county commissioners on an annual basis, a schedule of proposed fees for utilization of reservable park facilities, recreation programs, and miscellaneous, the sale or rental of personal property intended for use within a facility of the county park system. The fees shall become effective upon entry of an order of the board of county commissioners. Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners the approved fees become effective immediately for facility reservations and program registration for the next calendar year.

95.460 Special events.
1. Any planned gathering of 500 or more people, whether public or private, for profit or non-profit, which includes, but is not limited to, the reservation of a specific area or areas of a Washoe County Park, and, regardless of anticipated attendance, has the potential to impact County Parks personnel and/or resources, and/or use by the general public, beyond which is normal. Special events often involve other County and local governmental agencies, including the District Health Department, Community Development, Sheriff’s Office, Reno Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol and local fire agencies.

2. The director or his/her designee may approve and issue a permit for any special event when it is found to be in the best interest of the residents of the county and is conducted by a sponsoring agency approved by him/her.

95.470 Concession operation.
No person may operate any concession or vending machine, engage in the business of soliciting, selling or peddling any food or drink, distribute circulars, peddle or vend any goods, wares, merchandise or services, or set up or use a public-address system in any county park without specific written authority from the director.

95.480 Commercial/professional filming and photography.
No person may participate in commercial photography, motion picture filming or photography involving the performance of a professional cast in any county park without having been issued a commercial photography permit.

95.490 Posting of signs and notices: Compliance required; prohibition against posting.
No person may be or remain in any county park unless he/she complies with all officially posted signs and notices, nor may any person disturb, alter, create or erect signs or markers of any type without a written permit from the director.
95.500 Compliance with code, rules and regulations; penalty.

Any person who:

1. Enters or remains at any county park in violation of any provision contained in sections 95.110 to 95.500, inclusive, or in violation of any permit issued or rule adopted by the director, or

2. Enters or remains at any shooting facility in violation of any rule adopted by the director or the facility's range master, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in section 428.050.