

Chapter 9.28

PARKS AND RECREATION

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9.28.010 Application of rules and regulations. The regulations hereinafter set forth shall apply to and be in full force and effect at all park and recreation areas which now are or which may hereafter be under the jurisdiction and control of the town. The regulations shall govern the use of the Ross Common, the Natalie Coffin Greene Park, and all such recreation areas, and the observance of the regulations shall be a condition under which the public may use such recreation areas. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4700).

9.28.020 Hours of use. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain in any park or recreation area within the Town of Ross contrary to the times fixed by the Ross Town Council by resolution; notwithstanding, however, all the paths of the Ross Common may be used for pedestrian travel at any time. (Ord. 461 §1, 1987: Ord. 308 §1, 1970: Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4701).

9.28.025 Team play on Ross Common restricted. It is unlawful for any group of ten or more individuals to engage in organized athletics or team sports activities, games, or practice on the Ross Common except as follows: Such athletic activity is restricted to groups composed of members at least fifty percent of whom are residents of the town or residents of the Ross School District or groups playing in organized athletics or team sports activities, games, or practices scheduled or sanctioned by the town, Ross School District or Ross Recreation. (Ord. 632 (part), 2012; Ord. 401 §1, 1979).

9.28.030 Care of public property. It is unlawful for any person to mark, deface,

disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace, or remove any building, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, fencing, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities, or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices, placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4702).

9.28.040 Restrooms. It is unlawful for any person to fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. Male persons shall not resort to any restroom facilities set apart for women, and female persons shall not resort to restroom facilities set apart for men, provided, that this shall not apply to children accompanied by an adult person. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4703).

9.28.050 Care of trees, shrubbery, lawns. It is unlawful for any person to damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree, plant, wood, turf, or grass, or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, or attach any rope, wire, or other object to any tree or plant. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4704).

9.28.060 Climbing trees or other objects. It is unlawful for any person to climb any tree, or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railing, fences, or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4705).

9.28.070 Care of animals and birds. It is unlawful for any person to hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, reptile or bird, provided, however, that fishing is permitted under applicable California law. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4706).

9.28.080 Animals prohibited. No person shall bring in, or cause or permit to be brought in any park or recreation area, any horse, cattle, goat, swine, cat, fowl, or any other animal, nor shall any person bring upon any park or recreation area any living thing that constitutes a safety hazard or detriment to the enjoyment of the area by the public, provided, however, that horses are permitted upon the roads and paths provided and designated by the director of public works of the town for such use, and the horses must be ridden or conducted, in a careful manner so as not to be dangerous to human safety, and provided, further, that dogs are permitted but only when fastened to and restrained by a chain or leash of not more than six feet in length. (Ord. 266 §2(part) , 1967: prior code §4707).

9.28.090 Possession of firearms. It is unlawful for any person other than peace officers in the discharge of their duties, to use, carry or possess firearms, air rifles, spring guns, bows and arrows, slings or any other form of weapon potentially inimical to wild life and dangerous to human safety. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4708).

9.28.100 Fires restricted. It is unlawful for any person to make or kindle a fire or to hold any barbecue. (Ord. 322 §1, 1973: Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4709).

9.28.110 Refuse, trash and litter. It is unlawful for any person to dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse, or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park or recreation area, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in

proper receptacles provided for such purpose. Where receptacles are not so provided, all such refuse or trash shall be carried away from the park or recreation area by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere. (Ord. 266 §2 (part), 1967: prior code §4710).

9.28.120 Advertising matter. It is unlawful for any person to distribute, circulate, give away, throw or deposit in or on any park and recreation area, any handbills, circulars, dodgers, pamphlets, papers, newspapers or advertisements; or post or affix the same to any tree, fence or structure in any park or recreation area, provided, however, the same may be personally delivered to persons who are willing to accept the same. (Ord. 346 §1, 1974: Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4711).

9.28.130 Vending and peddling. It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer to sell any goods, wares, merchandise, article or thing whatsoever; or to station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing except as authorized by a permit issued under Section 9.28.180. (Ord. 632 (part), 2012; Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4712).

9.28.140 Loud or boisterous conduct. It is unlawful for any person to use loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, or to engage in other loud or disturbing conduct, by the use of musical instruments, amplifiers, loudspeakers, or other noise making devices, or to engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to a breach of the public peace and enjoyment of park and recreation areas. (Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4713).

9.28.150 Hazardous games, etc. No person shall fly a model airplane (motor driven), propel a rocket or missile of any type, assemble, launch or activate a balloon larger than three feet in diameter, drive a golf ball or participate in archery, hardball or any similar games, or activities, of a hazardous nature in any park or recreation area except at places designated for such use by the director of public works. (Ord. 329 §1, 1973: Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4714).

9.28.160 Vehicles prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to operate or park any motor vehicle in or upon any park or recreational area. The term "motor vehicle" includes any type of motor-driven vehicle, including, without limitation, house trailers, motorcycles, motorized two and three wheel vehicles, buses and automobiles, provided, however, that automobiles, only, are permitted from the gate to the Natalie Coffin Greene Park to the parking area within the park, but the automobiles must be parked only in the places specially provided or designated for such purpose, and only during the permitted hours specified in Section 9.28.020 hereof. Nonmotorized vehicles, such as bicycles, wagons, or scooters, are prohibited within park and recreational areas except on roads and paths designated for that purpose. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or trail or path reserved for pedestrian use. Such nonmotorized vehicles shall at all times be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of others. (Ord. 269 S5, 1968: Ord. 266 §2 (part), 1967: prior code §4715).

9.28.170 Organized groups restricted. No company, society, social organization, social club or other organization of persons having twenty-five or more members shall hold or conduct any picnic, celebration, parade, service, exercise or other similar recreational activity in a park or recreational area without a special permit granted as provided in this chapter, And it is unlawful for any person to take part in any such activity held or conducted contrary to the

provisions hereof.

With respect to groups of any size engaged in athletics, such as soccer, football, baseball and similar team sports, no use shall be made of the athletic areas of any park or recreational area except in compliance with the rules and regulations therefor which shall be promulgated by Ross Recreation and approved and adopted by the council.

The provisions of this section are supplemental to regulations governing groups contained in other sections of this chapter. (Ord. 632 (part), 2012; Ord. 415 §1, 1979; Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4716).

9.28.180 Special permits. Special permits shall be issued only by town council on forms prescribed by the town manager, along with information that the town finds reasonably necessary to determine whether a permit should be issued, and a fee as established by resolution of the town council. The town council may delegate authority to the town manager or his or her designee to issue permits. The town may impose any conditions of approval deemed reasonable and necessary to ensure the protection of persons or property and also to recover costs as permitted under law including clean-up of the area reserved for the event. Permits shall not be required for town sponsored events and events scheduled and conducted by the Ross School District during normal school hours while school is in session. (Ord. 632 (part), 2012; Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4717).

9.28.190 Enforcement of rules. The director of public works and his subordinates shall, in connection with their other duties, diligently enforce the provisions of this chapter, including any rules and regulations established under Section 9.28.170 which shall be deemed to be a part of this chapter.

The director and subordinates shall have the authority to eject from park and recreation areas any person acting in violation of this chapter or the rules and regulations established hereunder. The Ross police department shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce any of the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 401 §3, 1979; Ord. 266 §2(part), 1967: prior code §4718).