



Proposed Ordinance: Public Park Regulations

Mesa City Code Title 6, Chapter 10

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Overview

- ▶ Proposed ordinance repeals the existing Title 6, Chapter 10 and replaces it with revised public park regulations.
- ▶ Scheduled for introduction on April 5 and action on April 19. If approved on April 19, new park regulations will be effective 30 days later, on May 19.
- ▶ Revisions to the Code were made in coordination with the City Attorney's Office, City Prosecutor's Office, and Tax and Licensing Office.
- ▶ Clarifications and simplifications are made throughout the Code to assist the public and City personnel with Code interpretation and enforcement.
- ▶ Primary changes to the Code are described in following slides.

Primary Change: Addition of Permitting Process

Permits required for:

- special events
- sale, distribution, or service to public of food, beverage, or other item, attracting 10 or more people
- ramada, sports field, pool reservations to the exclusion of others
- use of park outside of posted hours (generally sunrise - 10 pm)
- use of restricted/closed areas
- consumption of beer or wine

Denial of Permit:

- incomplete, misleading application
- interferes with prior permit or event
- detracts from the public health, safety, welfare, or recreation
- requires unusual or extraordinary City expense or supervision
- applicant or event violated the permitting conditions in preceding 18 months
- applicant or event had a permit revoked in preceding 18 months

Appeals: applicant may appeal a permit denial to the Parks Director 3

Conditions for all permitted events:

- cannot unreasonably interfere with public health, safety, welfare, recreation
- cannot incite violence
- participants cannot engage in disorderly conduct
- cannot dump or abandon items in the park
- cannot cause unsafe or unsanitary conditions (e.g. restroom facilities and trash)
- must remove all property and trash of the event once event is over
- cannot unreasonably interfere with other events
- cannot cause undue hardship on neighbors
- cannot interfere with emergency personnel or park maintenance

Permit revocation: for noncompliance with any of the permit conditions

Other changes to facilitate park enjoyment and enforcement efforts:

- Cannot dump or abandon food, beverage, clothing, other items in parks, including items intended for donation or distribution to the public
- Cannot conduct business activities in parks such as peddling, soliciting, or vending unless part of an approved special event
- Cannot bring shopping carts into parks
- Can only use drones in areas designated by the Director for drone use (certain basins)
- Clarifies regulations for dogs in parks (must be on leash except when in training or dog park; must dispose of waste in appropriate receptacle)
- Clarifies camping prohibitions and permit requirement to camp
- Adds splashpads to regulations regarding bathing, swimming, wading
- Adds certain items to list of items that cannot be used in parks (launching device, paraglider, and magnetic fishing device)
- ADA exceptions are carved out

QUESTIONS?