

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2011 – 03

RESOLVED, that Public Safety and Public Health rules are necessary for the public enjoyment of Lafayette City Parks and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the rule making authority of the Lafayette City Board of Parks and Recreation as set forth in State Statute and City Ordinance, the following rules are adopted:

RULE 1

- The Board of Parks and Recreation delegates to the Park Superintendent authority to administer all rules set out herein and shall from time to time have the authority to further delegate enforcement to members of the Park Staff, to a private security company, to a law enforcement agency, or to any such person concurrently.

RULE 2

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Lafayette City Parks (“Parks”, or individually, “Park”) are open from sunrise until sunset unless otherwise posted at a Park facility. Persons may not be on Parks property except during open hours.

RULE 3

PARK PROPERTY (Amended September 16, 2004 General Resolution 24-03)

- It is unlawful to cut, break or pluck flowers or to damage or deface trees, shrubs, plants or grass or any of the buildings, fences, benches, structures or statuary within any park.
- It is unlawful to attach or hang any item from trees within any park. This includes, but is not limited to, hammocks, swings, signs, decorations, cables or wires, and ropes or chains. This rule is in place to prevent damage to tree bark, branches, and overall tree health
- It is unlawful to throw stones, rubbish or other articles into any lake, pond, river, stream or fountain or any roadway of any public park or park area.
- Charcoal from BBQ grills must not be emptied on park grounds.
- The area of the park that you use must be left clean and in a good condition before you leave.

RULE 4

NO ALCOHOL (Amended September 28, 2015 General Resolution 15-03, Amended April 23, 2018 General Resolution 18-03, Amended March 15, 2021 General Resolution 21-01, Amended June 9, 2025 General Resolution 25-03)

No alcoholic beverages of any kind may be brought into, consumed, sold or given away in any park areas. Notwithstanding the foregoing, alcohol may be served and consumed at events at Loeb Stadium, Rush Pavilion, Columbian Park Zoo, and Tropicane Cove in accordance with the following rules and policies:

Rush Pavilion, Loeb Stadium (excluding Lafayette Family Entertainment events), and Tropicanae Cove

1. Renter/User must use a caterer with a liquor license.
2. Renter/User must provide the Parks Administrative office with copies of the caterer's off-premises liquor license and host liquor liability insurance policy at least 30 days prior to event.
3. All alcohol must be served by a caterer with an off-premises liquor license.
4. Renter/User and guests may not bring their own alcohol.
5. Renter/User must provide Park approved security officers at their own cost. Lafayette Parks requires the use of LPD off-duty officers. If LPD off-duty officers are not available, Lafayette Parks must approve alternate security officers.
6. Alcohol may only be served while LPD security officer is present.

Columbian Park Zoo

1. Alcohol will only be served at City sponsored events not accessible by the general public. No person under the age of 21 years shall be admitted to any such event.
2. A uniformed security officer must be present and paid for at the expense of the event organizer. Lafayette Parks requires the use of LPD off-duty officers. If LPD off-duty officers are not available, Lafayette Parks must approve alternate security officers. The number of security officers needed will be determined by Lafayette Parks in coordination with the Lafayette Police Department.
3. Alcohol may only be served while LPD security officer is present.
4. Event organizers must use a caterer with an off-premises liquor license. A copy of the off-premises liquor license and host liquor liability insurance must be provided to the Parks Admin office at least 30 days prior to the event.
5. All alcohol must be served by licensed bartender employed by caterer.

Lafayette Family Entertainment Events at Loeb Stadium

1. Alcohol may be served in accordance with the terms and conditions of Lafayette Family Entertainment's Use Agreement.

RULE 5

VENDORS

- No solicitation, vending, advertising or sign posting related to the sale of goods or services is allowed in the parks, except by special permission of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

RULE 6

NO ASSEMBLIES

- No gathering or meeting of any kind assembled through advertising shall be permitted in any park without previous permission having been obtained from the Board of Parks and Recreation.

RULE 7

RESERVING PARK FACILITIES

- Use Agreements are issued for park facilities at the office of the Board of Parks and Recreation, 1915 Scott Street, Lafayette, IN 47904.
- Reservations may be made by calling the Park office.
- Softball and baseball diamonds are to be used only by those having use agreements issued at the office of the Board of Parks and Recreation or as part of the scheduled play.
- The person or organization to whom the use agreement or reservation is issued is responsible for any damages to the buildings, equipment, or grounds.

RULE 8

WASTE DISPOSAL

- Littering is not permitted. Trash must be stored in proper containers. Trash must never be dumped or deposited on any park land or in park waters.
- If trash receptacles are not available at Park site; park users must take trash with them upon leaving Park site and appropriately dispose of their trash elsewhere.

RULE 9

RESTROOMS

- Park users must keep restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.
- Toilet tissue must be disposed of in the toilet and not on the floor or in containers.

RULE 10

DISTURBING OR INTRUDING UPON OTHERS

- It is unlawful to disturb or intrude upon persons picnicking in Park. "To intrude" includes both sound intrusion (music and other loud noise) and physical intrusion.

RULE 11

DISORDERLY CONDUCT/PEACE AND QUIET

- Unless a park facility is reserved and express permission is given in the form of a use agreement for performance by a band or orchestra or for amplification of sound (e.g. for announcements, speeches, music, and the like) no person shall play, use, operate, or permit to be played, used, or operate any machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, if its located in or on any of the following:
 - Any park property, including public right-of-way, highway, building, sidewalk, park or thoroughfare, within the park boundaries if the sound generated is audible at a distance of 30 feet from its source.
 - Any motor vehicle on a public right-of-way, highway, or public space within park boundaries if the sound generated is audible at a distance of 30 feet from the device producing the sound.

- Patrons shall not use vulgar, obscene or profane language, discharge weapons or fireworks or engage in offensive gestures or conduct constituting disorderly conduct
- Park patrons engaged in disruptive, destructive or hazardous conduct may be warned and asked to stop such conduct immediately by a police officer or park security officer or member of a private security company under contract with the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Under circumstances where a patron's conduct is unlawful, or poses an imminent threat of injury or prevents the public enjoyment of the park or facility, law enforcement officers may eject such patrons by reasonable means, including arrest.

RULE 12 NO OPEN FIRES

- Open fires, except in fireplaces, charcoal or gas grills and ovens are not permitted in any park.
- Portable charcoal or gas grills and ovens are not permitted inside pavilions or under roofs of any park building.

RULE 13 PERSONAL PROPERTY

- Personal property brought into the parks shall be at the owner's risk of damage or loss. The Department of Parks and Recreation is not responsible for storing or returning personal property found on park property, although it may do so at the discretion of park staff.

RULE 14 SWIMMING

- No person shall bathe, wash or swim in any lagoon or river within or adjacent to park, if entry thereto is made from such park lands.
- No one is permitted to swim in the city-operated swimming pools when the lifeguards are not on duty.

RULE 15 GOLF

- Practicing golf is not allowed in parks and playgrounds, except at the established practice area.
- No one is allowed on the golf course without a ticket and set of golf clubs, nor when the course is closed for the season unless expressly permitted by the golf course operator.

RULE 16 PETS

- Pets on Park property must be caged or kept on a hand held leash no longer than six feet and be well behaved at all times.
- Service dogs are welcome in all areas of the parks.

- Reptiles or exotic animals of any kind are not allowed inside park facilities or on park grounds.
- A person accompanied by a pet is required by law to pickup after the pet.

RULE 17 WILDLIFE

- No person shall feed or in any other way molest any fish, waterfowl or other birds or animals kept in public parks.

RULE 18 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS (11.07.010 Lafayette Municipal Code)

- No person shall shoot, fire, or discharge any firearms of any description, guns, air guns, air pistols, or other mechanical devices that shoot or throw shot, bullets, stones, or other missiles within the city, including parks, except that this section shall not prohibit any officer of the law from discharging a firearm in the performance of such officer's official duty, nor apply to any citizen when lawfully defending such citizen's person or property from physical injury.
- It is unlawful for any except those persons above excluded, by any means to explode, set off, or discharge any fireworks shell, shot or cartridge within any park.

RULE 19 DRIVING AND PARKING (7.04.040 Lafayette Municipal Code)

- No person shall ride or drive within any park except on the avenues or roads or at a rate of speed to exceed ten (10) miles per hour, or slower as posted.
- Intentionally blocking traffic on a park drive is unlawful.
- Vehicle parking is permitted only in designated areas, and never on the grass: vehicles are not permitted on playgrounds or picnic areas.
- Parking of vehicles in any park between sunset and sunrise shall be prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited from using the multipurpose pathways in the parks trail system. These paths are to be used for walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and other non-motorized means of transportation.

RULE 20 PARK SIGNS

- All persons shall comply with the signs and markers installed by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

RULE 21 TRESPASS

- Any person who fails to leave a park facility or park grounds after requested to do so by a park security officer, a Lafayette City police officer who displays his/her badge, a park administrator, or a member of a private security company under contract with the Department of Parks and Recreation is subject to legal process for trespass.

RULE 22 OCCUPANCY LIMIT

- The Parks and Recreation Department may establish and post maximum occupancies for any park area, or facility.
- A patron shall not enter into or remain in an area or facility for which an occupancy limit has been established when such action will have the effect of exceeding the established occupancy limit.

RULE 23

CLOSED AREAS

- The Park Superintendent or designee may close park areas or facilities to public entry or otherwise restrict use until such time as the area or facility can be made available for public use.
- Except in emergency circumstances, notice of the closure shall be posted. Patrons shall not enter closed or restricted areas.
- Patrons shall not enter flooded areas or areas that are the subject of a flood ban.

RULE 24

TRAIL USE

- No person may operate or use a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, motorbike, mini-bike, on trail or path not designated for use with such vehicles.
- On multi-purpose trails, a bicyclist shall yield to joggers, pedestrians and strollers.
- Trail users on the multi-use trails should not be more than two abreast when this action will impede other traffic on the trail. Trail users should leave ample room on the trail for others to pass safely.
- Bicyclists should maintain bicycles in good condition and should operate them in a safe manner at prudent speed. All bicycles shall be equipped with proper functioning brakes.
- Unless otherwise posted, all portions of the multi-use trails are designated as Bicycle Speed Zones and shall be identified by signage. Bicyclists shall not travel faster than 10 miles per hours in areas designated as bicycle speed zones.

RULE 25

SPECIAL RULES FOR SPECIFIC PARKS FACILITIES

- Each park facility may develop rules and regulations that address problems specific to that facility, which shall be in writing and approved by the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation. Patrons shall comply with all rules and regulations posted at individual facilities for special events.

RULE 26

SMOKING (Adopted July 23, 2012, Amended June 16, 2014 General Resolution 14-05, Amended March 26, 2018 General Resolution 18-01)

- Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, use of other tobacco products or use of electronic smoking devices (as defined in Section 9.04.010 of the Lafayette Municipal Code) is prohibited in any public park or other public place under the control of the Lafayette Park and Recreation Board, including but not limited to all playgrounds, ball fields, zoo and aquatic facilities.

