

Village of Merrilan Park Regulations

Purpose and definition. In order to protect the parks, parkways, recreational facilities and conservancy areas within the Village of Merrilan from injury, damage or desecration, these regulations are enacted. The term “park” as hereinafter used in this Chapter shall include all grounds, structures and watercourses which are or may be located within any area dedicated to the park, parkway, recreation facility, play ground, swimming pool or conservancy area in the Village.

Park Hours. 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Littering Prohibited. No person shall litter, dump or deposit any rubbish, refuse earth or other material in any park.

Sound Devices. No person shall operate or play any amplifying system unless specific authority is first obtained from the Village Board or its Park Committee.

Bill Posting. No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or attach any placard, bill, notice, sign or advertising matter upon any structure, tree or other natural object in any park except park regulations and other signs authorized by the Village Board or its Park Committee.

Throwing Stones or Missiles Prohibited. No person shall throw stones or other missiles in or into any park.

Removal of Park Equipment Prohibited. No person shall remove benches, seats, tables or other park equipment from any park.

Trapping. “Trapping” when used in this Section includes the taking, or the attempting to take, of any wild animal by means of setting or operating any device, mechanism or contraption that is designated, built or made to close upon, hold fast or otherwise capture a wild animal or animals; live traps on a person’s property are excluded. The trapping of wild animals is hereby prohibited in Village parks.

Making of Fires. No person shall start, tend or maintain a fire except in personal grills or designated fireplaces. Personal grills shall be used only in designated picnic areas. The use of personal grills is permitted provided lawns and vegetation are not endangered. Unburned fuel and ashes shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent fire or damage to any park property.

Protection of Park Property. No person shall kill, injure or disturb or attempt to injure or disturb waterfowl, birds or animals, wild or domestic, within any park, except as permitted by this Chapter. No person shall climb any tree or remove

flowers or fruit, wild or cultivated, or break, cut down, trample upon, remove or in any manner injure, deface, write upon or ill use any tree, shrub, flower, flower bed, turf, soil, sand, fountain, ornament, building, structure, apparatus, bench, table, official notice, sign or other property within any park.

No person shall deface, by throwing stones, pebbles or other debris in any of the toilets, bubblers or other sanitary facilities located in any Village park; or to deface by drawing with crayon, chalk, paint, or anything else on any of the buildings or equipment at any Village park; or to deface the equipment by means of a sharp instrument.

Motorized Vehicles. Except for authorized maintenance vehicles, no person shall operate an unlicensed or licensed motorized vehicle outside of areas specifically designated as parking areas or areas where the operation of such vehicles is specifically permitted. Motor vehicles are restricted to the roads and drives and parking areas. No motor vehicles of any nature may be used on the seeded areas except vehicles which have authorization from the Village Board or its Park Committee for shows, rides or exhibits and then only for the purpose of loading and unloading.

Snowmobiles. No person shall operate a snowmobile in a Village park except in designated areas. Snowmobiles shall only be operated on designated trails.

Speed Limit. No person shall operate any vehicle in a Village park in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

Glass Beverage Bottles in Parks Prohibited. No individual shall possess or consume any beverage in a glass bottle or glass container in any Village park.

Reckless Driving In Parks Prohibited. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless manner in any of the public parks of the Village.

Parking in Parks. No person shall park any motor vehicle in any park in the Village except in a designated parking area.

Horse and Carriages. No person shall ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in any park, except on roads or designated bridle paths, except when approval of the Village Board is first obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse or drive a horse-driven vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner which may endanger the safety and well-being of others. Horseback riding shall be allowed only during the daylight hours. No person shall ride a horse which cannot be held under such control that it may be easily turned or stopped. Horses shall not be left unbridled or unattended.

Removing Tree Protectors. No person shall remove any device for the protection of trees or shrubs.

Golfing and Sporting Activities. No golfing or practicing golf in Village parks or recreation areas shall be allowed except with the use of a whiffle ball. All sporting activities must be held in areas so designated for that purpose.

Arrows. No person shall use or shoot any bow and arrow in any Village park, except in authorized areas.

Fees and Charges. The Village Board shall establish such fees deemed necessary for use of any park facility, shelter or land area. It shall be unlawful to use such areas without payment of such fee or charge when required.

Firearms; Hunting. Possessing or discharging of any air gun, sling shot, explosive, firearm or weapon of any kind is prohibited in all Village parks.

Fish Cleaning. Cleaning of fish in shelters, toilet facilities or picnic areas is prohibited in all Village parks.

Controlled Substances. Possessing, using or dispensing of a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act is prohibited in all Village parks.

Commercial Business; Vendors Restricted. No person shall sell, vend or give away any article of merchandise whatever, without a written permit from the Village Board. The operation of any commercial enterprise within the confines of the Gile Memorial Park, Oakwood Park, Lower Lake Park Beach or other public park in the Village of Merrilan is hereby prohibited. A commercial enterprise' is defined as any business involving the sale of products or the solicitation of any services to be performed. Excepted from the definition of a "commercial enterprise" is any nonprofit organizational activity including the sale of products which has been specifically authorized by the Village Board of the Village of Merrilan and which is to take place within such public park.

Camping. No overnight camping shall be permitted in any park, except in designated camping areas.

Campground Regulations.

No vehicles except those belonging to authorized campers and Village vehicles shall be permitted at any time in the campground areas designated by the Village.

All persons shall comply with the campground regulations as prescribed by the Village Board or Park Committee and will promptly pay any parking fee in the matter prescribed prior to the parking of any vehicle and utilizing a camping space.

Class B Fermented Malt Beverage Licenses. When fermented malt beverages are sold at any event, authorized by this section, a valid Fermented Malt Beverage license shall be obtained and the provisions of sections 7-2-11 and 11-4-1 shall be fully complied with. Said license must be held by the person who filed the original license and shall be presented to any law officer upon request.

Care of Facilities. Persons reserving Village facilities shall be completely responsible for cleaning up the facilities after the event to the satisfaction of Village Officials. All reserved areas shall be left in a clean condition, with refuse placed in containers provided for such to assume full responsibility for all damage to Village property by any invitee of said organization or corporation and shall make full payment therefore upon billing by the Village Clerk-Treasurer. Failure to do so shall deny future use of park facilities until such payment be made, in addition to any other remedy which the Village may have.