

R-25-02-06 RESOLUTION THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE THE CITY OF GROTON PARK RULES

WHEREAS, City of Groton Parks, which include Washington Park, Birch Plain Creek, Thames View Park, Calf Pasture Overlook, WW II National Submarine Memorial and any other park managed by the Parks & Recreation department, are enjoyed and used by a wide variety people in the public on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, these are separate from the Rules and Regulations of Eastern Point Beach; and

WHEREAS, Park Rules must be established and enforced for the health, safety and welfare of all those using the City's Parks;

City of Groton Park Rules

General Rules

- Existing rules as codified in the City of Groton Charter and Code of Ordinances, Special Acts, State and Federal statues are to be observed on all municipally owned properties.
- Parks close at 11:30pm and reopens at 5:30am; no overnight parking is permitted in any park. *This does not apply to vehicles utilizing the designated EV charging stations within the parks.
- Per Ordinance 198: Except in a dog park established by the City or any private entity, no owner or keeper shall bring any dog onto any public street, sidewalk or any other public property unless the dog is on a leash or lead that is no more than 25 feet and under the control of its owner or keeper at all times. No owner or keeper shall allow any dog under his supervision to dig up, mutilate, deface or destroy any public properties. Cleaning up after your pet is required.
- Per Ordinance 199: Smoking/Vaping is prohibited in the park. Amended on 2/6/2023
- Amplified music is not permitted in the park without the written permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.
- The commercial use of, or vending within, city parks is not permitted unless authorized with a special permit issued by the City Police Department.
- Banners, notices and brochures are not permitted on park property without permission from the Parks and Recreation Department. (Banner Policy approved 2016).

- Hunting or the removal or destruction of any plant or animal life is prohibited.
- Cooking fires are only permitted in fireboxes provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. Campfires are not permitted.
- Camping, open fires and motor vehicle use are not permitted on open space throughout city properties.

FIELDS, PAVILIONS AND TENNIS COURT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The City of Groton values utilization of City owned sport fields, pavilions and courts by community organizations that provide wholesome recreational activities for City residents. The reservation application process is designed to assist both the City and the organization in preparing an agreement that facilitates the needs of the organization in an orderly manner. Use of fields, pavilions and courts are scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department, after receiving the appropriate permit. Contact the Department for necessary permits.

Conditions of Use for Permitted entities

BALLFIELDS

- a) Facility cancellation must be made 48 hours prior to reservation date to receive a refund.
- b) All groups are responsible for damage caused by them during facility usage.
- c) All organizations that are using the tennis courts must submit a Certificate of Insurance to the City of Groton Parks and Recreation Office. \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence, \$2,000,000 General Aggregate and City of Groton, CT added as additional insured.
- d) Parks must be left litter free.
- e) Lighted Fields are only lit for official games and league sponsored programs. (Ex. Babe Ruth). Field lights are not be used for non-league practices or pick-up games.
- f) There will be no light usage on Sundays. The exception to this is when Little League/Babe Ruth is sponsoring a Local, District or State Tournament. No light use after 11:00pm is permitted.
- g) Appropriate fees will be charged based on type of usage and time of usage.
- h) All organizations that are using the ballfields must submit a Certificate of Insurance to the City of Groton Parks and Recreation Office.
- i) Parking is not allowed on any grassy area.
- j) Amplified music is not allowed (unless approved by the Director).
- k) No alcohol in glass containers. No Kegs of beer.
- l) Erection of tents needs approval of local Fire Marshall. Tents over 750 sq. ft. require a permit from the City of Groton Building Inspector. If more than one tent is erected and each is less than 750 sq. ft., a permit is not required.

PAVILIONS

- a) Facility cancellation must be made 48 hours prior to reservation date to receive a refund.
- b) All groups are responsible for damage caused by them during facility usage.
- c) Parks must be left litter free.
- d) All park facilities must be vacated by dark.
- e) Parking is not allowed on any grassy area.
- f) Amplified music is not allowed (unless approved by the director).
- g) No alcohol in glass containers. No Kegs of beer.
- h) Erection of tents needs approval of local Fire Marshall. Tents over 750 sq. ft. require a permit from the City of Groton Building Inspector at a fee. If more than one tent is erected and each is under 750 sq. ft. a permit is not required.

TENNIS COURTS

- a) Facility cancellation must be made 48 hours prior to reservation date to receive a refund.
- b) All groups are to leave 2 courts vacant at all times, for public use.
- c) All groups are responsible for damage caused by them during facility usage.
- d) All league play will be charged \$20.00 per court per four (4) hour session. The participants shall be expected to pay for the cost of any extended services.
- e) Courts and surrounding areas must be left litter free.
- f) All organizations that are using the tennis courts must submit a Certificate of Insurance to the City of Groton Parks and Recreation Office. \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence, \$2,000,000 General Aggregate and City of Groton, CT added as additional insured.
- g) All court facilities must be vacated by the time the lights go off for the evening.
- h) Parking is not allowed on any grassy area.
- i) Amplified music is not allowed (unless approved by the director).
- j) No alcohol in glass containers. No Kegs of beer.
- k) Erection of tents needs approval of local Fire Marshall. Tents over 750 sq. ft. require a permit from the City of Groton Building Inspector at a fee. If more than one tent is erected and each is under 750 sq. ft. a permit is not required.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council approve the City of Groton Park Rules.