


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-483	Meeting:	November 4, 2019
	Agenda Item:	40	Roll Call:	19-1733
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of proposed rules for City parks and recreation facilities.

SYNOPSIS:

Staff recommends approval of proposed rules for City parks and recreation facilities, including:

- General Park and Facility Rules
- Enclosed Shelter House Rules
- Open-Air Shelter Rules
- Swimming Pool and Aquatic Center Rules
- Wading Pool, Splash Pool and Sprayground Rules
- Gray's Lake Park Rules
- Western Gateway Park and Pappajohn Sculpture Park Rules
- Sports Park, Open Space and Athletic Field Rules
- James W. Cownie Soccer Park Rules
- Tennis Court Rules
- Golf Course Rules
- Community Recreation Center Rules
- Multi-Use Recreation Trail Rules
- Brody Community School Park Rules
- Dog Park Rules
- Fourmile Skate Park

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Chapter 74 of the Des Moines Municipal Code is dedicated to the organization and management of the City parks and recreation facilities and outlines the role of the Parks and Recreation Board, the authority of the Parks and Recreation Director, operation of City parks and recreation facilities and the fees for use of facilities and programs.
- In addition to Chapter 74, City parks and recreation facility elements can be found in Chapter 34, Cemeteries, Chapter 114 Traffic and Vehicles and Chapter 130 Waterways.

- In addition to the municipal code, there are rules that are needed for specific City parks and recreation facilities that regulate use. Many of these rules are not included in the City's Municipal Code, but in order to be enforceable, all rules must be approved by the City Council.

- The proposed rules cover the following City parks or facilities:
 - General Park and Facility Rules
 - Enclosed Shelter House Rules
 - Open-Air Shelter Rules
 - Swimming Pool and Aquatic Center Rules
 - Wading Pool, Splash Pool and Sprayground Rules
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- The proposed rules for these City parks and facilities cover only items that were not included in the City's Municipal Code. The rules, when combined with the Municipal Code, govern the use of the City's parks and recreation facilities. Wherever possible, efforts were made to not duplicate within the rules anything that was already covered in the Municipal Code.

- When the proposed rules are approved by the City Council, staff will work to combine the elements from the Municipal Code and the approved rules to place signs in City parks and recreation facilities that combine the appropriate code sections and rules into an easy to read and understand sign for users.

- At its October 22, 2019, meeting the Parks and Recreation Board approved the rules for City parks and recreation facilities.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 5, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1244](#)

Action: [Enacting](#) a new Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code regarding Parks and Recreation Board and Parks and Recreation Department and Director; regulating conduct for the use of parks and recreation facilities; fees for rental and use of parks facilities and programs and mobile food vendors. Moved by Gatto that this ordinance be considered and given second vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Parks and Recreation Board

Date: October 22, 2019

Resolution Number: 19-080

Action: Motion by Woodard to approve park rules as presented. Second by Ogle. Motion carried.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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