

ORDINANCE NO. 1299

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 99 TO THE PRINEVILLE CITY CODE
REGARDING PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Whereas, Chapter II, section 4 of the City of Prineville Code provides:

Powers. The city has all powers that the constitutions, statutes and common law of the United States and Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow the city, as fully as this charter specifically enumerated each of those powers.

Whereas, the Crook County Parks and Recreation District requested that the City Council of Prineville (“Council”) adopt a formal Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance to be enforceable within the City of Prineville.

Whereas, the Council declares that the health, safety and welfare of citizens are promoted by adopting said Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PRINEVILLE DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Council hereby adopts proposed Chapter 99 attached to this Ordinance to the Prineville City Code.

Presented for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Council held on March 11, 2025, and the City Council finally enacted the foregoing ordinance this 25th day of March, 2025.



Rodney J. Beebe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Morgan, City Recorder

CHAPTER 99 – PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

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99.10 Policy

The City may develop, construct, improve, operate and maintain park and recreation facilities in a manner which will best afford the public with necessary conveniences and accommodations. In order to protect such areas, protect the health, safety and well-being of the public, and ensure the greatest use and enjoyment for all park users of the benefits from such areas, it is necessary to make regulations and provisions the City Council deems necessary.

99.20 Short Title

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Prineville Park Rules.

99.30 Definitions

As used in this chapter:

“Park” or “park area” means the City’s or District’s community parks, area parks and other park classifications, the buildings and other facilities located within such areas, public bike paths and pedestrian ways (but not sidewalks along City streets), recreation facilities, which have been placed under City or District jurisdiction, either by deed or dedication, regardless of whether such areas have been opened up for public use.

“City” means the City of Prineville

“District” means the Crook County Parks and Recreation District.

“Council” means the Prineville City Council.

“Park employee” means any regular employee of the City or District who has been assigned to supervision of the parks.

“Parks and recreation director” or “director” means the Executive director of the District.

“Special event” means the use of a park or park area which constitutes one or more of the following:

1. Large or special use of an area or facility;
2. Creates a special demand for park services such as parking, cleaning, power or water;
3. Requires coordination so that other users can co-exist without disruption; and/or
4. Which constitutes a commercial use.

“Alcohol” or “alcoholic beverage” means any form of alcohol containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, including but not limited to malt and fermented beverages, whether licensed for sale in the state or not.

99.40 General Rules and Regulations

The general rules and regulations for parks and park areas shall be as provided in this chapter. Unless otherwise provided, although an offense defined under this chapter requires no culpable mental state with respect to one or more of its material elements, the culpable commission of the offense may be alleged and proved, in which case criminal negligence constitutes sufficient culpability. The parent or parents of an unemancipated minor child, other than a parent who is not entitled to legal custody of such child, shall be liable for any damage to persons or property and responsible for the acts committed by such child.

99.50 Prohibited Conduct

The following acts shall be prohibited within parks or park areas:

1. No person shall engage in a criminal activity. All criminal activity shall be reported to the Prineville Police Department.
2. No person shall disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, health, peace, or safety of others.
3. No unauthorized person shall cut, remove, or damage vegetation.
4. No person shall build a fire in any area not specifically designated for that use. Portable propane camp stoves and barbeques in safe operating condition may be used.
5. No person shall camp unless it is specifically designated for that purpose.
6. No person shall damage or deface City or District property.

7. No person shall sell merchandise or services or operate a concession without valid authorization and shall possess, on their person, evidence of such approval.
8. No person shall litter. Garbage and refuse shall be deposited in proper receptacles provided for this purpose or carried off site for disposal. Garbage and refuse shall not be brought in for disposal.
9. No person shall use airborne projectiles such as golf equipment, archery equipment, discus, javelin, or shot-put that may harm property or person except as authorized by the Director or designee.
10. No person shall possess a firearm except those persons authorized to carry firearms under Oregon law.
11. No person shall dig up, deface, or remove dirt, stones, rock or other substances nor make any excavation.
12. No person shall place signs, markers, or instructions without authorization of the Director or designee.
13. No person shall wash clothes or material or clean fish in streams, ponds, or restrooms.
14. The use of any device that amplifies sound shall be regulated in accordance with City code.
15. No person shall use any rolling device such as a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc., in a manner that may cause potential harm to other people, pets, and wildlife.
16. No bicycles or pets, except service animals are allowed in restrooms.
17. No person shall operate a metal detector without a permit in their possession.
18. No person shall drink or being in possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage without obtaining an alcohol consumption permit issued by the City of Prineville.
19. No person shall use a cell phone, camera, or other photographic equipment inside a restroom facility, dressing room or changing area.
20. No person shall organize, conduct, or participate in any tournament, camp or scheduled activity without prior authorization from the Director or designee. Any scheduled activity has priority within facilities.
21. Sexually explicit material, as defined by Oregon law, shall not be displayed in view of minors. No person or group engaging in an authorized event may display sexually explicit artwork or similar displays or performances.

22. No person shall tether, launch, or land a hot air balloon without authorization from the Director or designee.
23. No person shall jump, dive, or launch themselves from bridges.
24. The use of any tobacco product or any device that produces smoke or vape is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, tobacco products, cannabis products, hemp, e-cigarette, cigar, or pipe tobacco.
25. No person shall urinate or defecate except in restrooms or portable toilets provided for that purpose.

99.60 Hunting, Firearms and Fireworks

1. No person shall discharge a firearm or use a weapon within a park or park area. Weapons include spring or air-activated weapons that propel projectiles by use of a bow or sling, explosives, or jet or rocket propulsion. Only persons authorized by the State of Oregon in accordance with their official duties, or in writing by the Director or designee, shall be authorized to fire or discharge any firearm or weapon.
2. No person shall hunt on any district property, except as authorized by the Director or designee and/or the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
3. No person shall discharge any fireworks or explosives on district property, except as authorized by the Director or designee.

99.70 Animals

1. Domestic animals must be on a leash within a park or park area. Dogs are allowed off-leash only in designated areas. Dog owners must comply with applicable City Code.
2. A service animal shall be under the control of its handler. A service animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether, unless either the handler is unable because of a disability to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of a harness, leash, or other tether would interfere with the service animals sale, effective performance of work or tasks, In which case the service animal must be otherwise under the handler's control (e.g. voice control, signals, or other effective means).
3. Owners or keepers must not allow a dog or animal to engage in fighting with other dogs, animals or persons nor shall allow a dog or animal to harass, threaten, or injure any person or other animal.
4. Owners or keepers must not allow a dog or animal to damage property or property belonging to persons other than the owner or keeper of the animal.
5. Animal waste must be removed by the owner or keeper before leaving the area.

6. An animal must not be left unsupervised or fixed to any stationary object in a manner that may allow the animal to charge, become free or lunge causing injury to humans or other animals.
7. Owners or keepers must not ride or lead a horse or other stock animal within a park or park area except in designated areas or with a special permit.
8. While using designated off-leash areas, dogs must be always under verbal control of an owner or keeper.
9. While using designated off-leash areas, owners or keepers must always carry a dog leash with them.
10. Owners or keepers may not have more than 3 dogs in an off-leash area at one time.
11. Owners or keepers must obey posted times of use in off-leash areas.
12. Children under the age of 12 may not be in the off-leash area without adult supervision.

99.80 Vehicles

1. Motorized vehicles may be operated:
 - a. On roadways and parking areas specifically designated for motorized vehicles;
 - b. By special permit; or
 - c. For public safety purposes.
2. No vehicle shall be parked in a loading zone within a park or park area for more than 30 minutes.
3. Use of parking areas within a park or park area is restricted to users of those sites.
4. No person shall block the flow of traffic in a parking lot, or prevent emergency vehicles access, by double parking or blocking a fire hydrant, driveway or entry gate.
5. No vehicle may be parked within a park or park area between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except by:
 - a. Special permit; or
 - b. When pre-approved in writing by the Executive Director.
6. Vehicles left within a park or park area for twenty-four hours or more may be considered abandoned.

7. Vehicles may be towed in accordance with the requirements of Oregon law at the owner's expense.

99.90 Special Use Permits

Persons issued special use permits must abide by all park rules and regulations, and all applicable ordinances. The permit holder shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by any person using park facilities pursuant to the permit. The Director or designee shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon finding violation of any rule, regulations or ordinance, or for other cause. If the permit holder charges for permission to use a specific part of a park or park area for recreational purposes and the Director or designee provides notice with a description of that part of the land the immunities provided by Oregon apply to the remainder of any City or District land

99.100 Closures

1. Parks not designated for camping are closed from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. unless otherwise posted. It shall be unlawful to enter or remain in a park or park area during closed hours except:

a. A person may enter and remain in a closed area for a reasonable amount of time to retrieve their personal property or vehicle;

b. A pedestrian may travel through a park or park area to travel outside of City or District property;

c. District staff and emergency responders may enter closed areas in the course of executing their duties; or

d. By special permit.

2. Park or park areas may be closed or its use limited by the Director or designee to ensure the safety and security of the public or District or City property when fire hazards or other hazards exist.

3. No person shall refuse an order to evacuate any park or park area in time of an emergency.

99.110 Enforcement of Rules and Regulations

1. The Director or designee, as well as any peace officer, as defined in Oregon law, are vested with the authority to enforce these rules and regulations and may:

a. Issue a citation as provided by Oregon law to any person who violates any provision of this chapter;

b. When authorized by law, seize from any persons' property that is being used or left in violation of this chapter;

c. Refuse entrance to a City or District facility or program, or to require a person to leave City or District property, facility, or program.

2. No person shall refuse to leave any City or District property, facility or program after being directed to leave by a peace officer, the Director, or designee.

3. No person shall interfere with any City or District personnel enforcing this chapter.

4. The Director or designee shall have the authority to issue special use permits, or to grant exceptions or waivers to any of the terms of this chapter for authorized events and activities.

5. Violations of this chapter may be considered a nuisance under Prineville City Code.

6. Should any word, sentence, paragraph, clause, or phrase of this chapter be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this chapter, which shall remain in full force and effect.