



CITY OF HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Department of Parks and Engineering

To: Event Organizers
From: Rodney Tissue, Director of Parks and Engineering *Ron*
RE: **Guidelines for Organized Rallies/Demonstrations in the parks of the City of Hagerstown**
Date: July 20, 2018

For organized rallies, demonstrations, meetings, walks, marches or other activities in the parks of the City, in addition to the laws of the City and the State of Maryland, please note that the following guidelines apply:

1. Parks are public forums so First Amendment protected conduct is allowed but public safety is our top priority.
2. For smaller activities in the parks of less than approximately 50 people, the City does not issue any permits but we request the organizers provide the Parks Division staff a) their contact information (organization), b) date, time and location of the event, and c) anticipated number of participants. If the event will involve approximately 50 people or more, the City may require the organizer to rent a pavilion or an entire park and pay the applicable fees. The Parks staff will notify the Hagerstown Police Department about the event.
3. Signs cannot be placed/staked on park property. A sign may be displayed on a legally parked vehicle, displayed on clothing or held by a person.
4. Ingress/egress of vehicular/pedestrian traffic may not be blocked or impeded in any way by the activity. Participants shall not obstruct the passage of pedestrians or vehicles.
5. All applicable sections of Chapter 173 "Peace and Good Order" of the Code of the City of Hagerstown shall apply and be followed by event participants. Per Section 26, event participants are prohibited from "aggressive soliciting". The Code is viewable at: <https://www.ecode360.com/9907390>
6. All applicable sections of Chapter 155 "Noise" of the Code of the City of Hagerstown shall apply and be followed by the event participants. The Code is viewable at <https://www.ecode360.com/9907364>
7. The City reserves the right to consider placing reasonable time/place/manner restrictions on the activity.
8. Organizers are encouraged to contact the Hagerstown Police Department to advise them of the event.
9. Standard Park Rules (attached) apply.

Attachment: *Park Rules (7/20/18 and any subsequent revisions)*

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Park Rules

(Last Revised 11/2/2018)

The following rules govern the use of the City of Hagerstown park properties and facilities by members of the public. These rules define the general privilege of use relating to the parks and recreation facilities and do not create rights of use. The Parks and Recreation Division retains the authority to modify these rules at any time, and the Parks management is at their discretion to revoke, suspend, or modify any person's privileges of use upon good cause.

1. Pets are permitted in designated areas only and must be on a lead and in full compliance with the Washington County animal control laws. Pets are not allowed in pavilions or on athletic fields, courts or playgrounds.
2. The use of any tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or vaping is prohibited in all of the parks of the City of Hagerstown.
3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Use of illegal drugs and weapons is prohibited.
4. The sale of goods or services or the solicitation of donations in exchange for goods or services is prohibited unless such activity is approved by the City in advance or as part of a City-approved event.
5. Any motorized vehicles, motorized scooters, mopeds or any other like recreational motorized devices are prohibited.
6. Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, etc, are only permitted in designated areas.
7. Noise level restrictions will be enforced. No form of amplified sound is permitted except in Band Shells, University Plaza, or approved stages.
8. Inappropriate or indecent conduct, harassment and/or language that can create a public nuisance are prohibited.
9. Fires may be built only in designated grills or fireplaces. All other fires are prohibited.
10. Swimming is prohibited in any body of water.
11. Fishing is prohibited in any body of water except at Pangborn Park; State laws must be adhered to.
12. Pop-up canopies or tarps, unless authorized in advance by the City, are prohibited.
13. Metal detectors are prohibited.
14. Glass containers, gambling, and overnight camping are all prohibited.
15. Operation of hot air balloons, model and other aircraft, model rockets, remote controlled vehicles, drones etc., are prohibited unless expressly permitted by Mayor and Council.
16. Litter and refuse are to be placed in proper receptacles by the User. Confetti is prohibited.
17. Firearms, bows and arrows, devices creating a fire hazard, hunting, trapping, disturbing the wildlife, etc, are prohibited.
18. Interference with employee and/or volunteer duties is prohibited.
19. Parking or driving on turf or unauthorized area is prohibited.
20. Alteration or installation of equipment (volleyball nets, etc) is prohibited.
21. Defacing of property (indoors or outdoors) is prohibited. Staples, nails, etc are prohibited.
22. Any other conduct that may jeopardize the safety of others is prohibited.
23. Being present on park property other than during the posted hours of operation of "sunrise to one-half hour after sunset" is prohibited unless such activity is approved by the City in advance or as part of a City-approved event

In addition to facing any applicable civil or criminal penalties, any person who violates any of the foregoing rules may be issued a Letter of No Trespass and be prohibited from entering onto City of Hagerstown park properties.

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