CITY OF DUNDEE
ORDINANCE NO. 595-2026

An Ordinance creating a Parks chapter in Dundee Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, the City of Dundee has established City owned parks within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and;

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to establish rules and regulations regarding Parks use at City owned parks; and

WHEREAS, these rules were discussed at City Council on March 2, 2023 and July 21, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF DUNDEE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Dundee Municipal code, Title 12.30 Parks is hereby created as shown in Exhibit "A". Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and by this reference incorporated.

ADOPTED by the Dundee City Council this 18th day of August 2026. The effective date of this Ordinance is 30 days after adoption: September 18, 2026.

First Reading vote August 4, 2026:
Yes:
No:
Abstain:
Absent:

Second reading vote and adoption August 18, 2026:
Yes:
No:
Abstain:
Absent:

Approved:

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David Ford, *Mayor*

Attest:

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Courtney Patterson, *City Administrator*

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit “A”: Dundee Municipal Code; Parks chapter creation

EXHIBIT "A"
MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT
12.30 Parks

12.30.010 Policy of City Council
The City Council, except as otherwise expressly provided, declares its intention to exercise general supervision, management and control of all City owned parks. The council declares its intention to prescribe rules and regulations as herein set forth or from time to time as necessary, with respect to such public areas. This Chapter shall not apply to parks that are not under City ownership.

12.30.020 Delegation of Authority
The City Administrator is authorized to make such reasonable rules and regulations and to establish permit fees and permit deposits not inconsistent with this and other city ordinances and the policies of the council as herein enunciated, as may be necessary for the control and management of the public areas hereinabove designated. All such rules and regulations shall be set forth in writing, shall be posted in conspicuous places in the areas affected thereby, for the guidance of the general public and individual users. When adopted, one copy of each rule and regulation shall be kept and maintained in a file for that purpose in the office of the city recorder.

12.30.030 Regulations prescribed by council
The council finds that it is in the public interest and necessary for the peace, health and safety of the general public that the rules and regulations set forth in this chapter be enforced, and for the purposes herein set forth are adopted.

12.30.040 City employees not affected
Nothing contained herein shall prevent the performance of any act or duty by city employees or city contractors which has been duly authorized by the City Administrator, Public Works superintendent, or police.

12.30.050 - Closures
No person shall ride, drive or walk on such parts or portions of the parks or pavements as may be closed to public travel, or interfere with barriers erected against the public.

12.30.060 - Damage—Payment for restoration
A. Owners or persons in control of, or persons who permit the entry of, any dog, horse or other animal into any public area under the control of the city, in addition to any penalties imposed by this chapter for violation hereof, shall be held liable for, and shall pay to the city, the full value of repair or restoration of any public property damaged or destroyed; and if not paid upon demand by the city, recovery of same may be sought by action brought in the name of the city in any court of competent jurisdiction.

B. Any person who shall utilize the public areas herein described and who shall damage or destroy any public property under the control of the city, in addition to any penalties imposed by this chapter for violations hereof, shall be held liable for, and shall pay to the city, the full value of repair or restoration of any public property damaged or destroyed, and if not paid upon demand by the city, recovery of same may be sought by action brought in the name of the city in any court of competent jurisdiction.

12.30.070 - Parks—Sales and services for hire restricted.
It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale an article or perform or offer to perform any service for hire in any of the parks without a written permit for such concession properly and regularly granted by the City Administrator.

12.30.080 - Parks—Advertising and decorative devices forbidden
It is unlawful for any person to place any structure, sign, bulletin board or advertising device of any kind whatever, or erect any post or pole or the attachment of any notice, bill, poster, sign wire, rod or cord to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, fountain, wall, post or structure, or place any advertising, decorative or other device of any kind whatever, on any of the bases, statues, bridges or monuments in any park; unless authorized by a permit from the City Administrator.

12.30.090 - Parks—Intoxicating liquor and drugs
It is unlawful for any person to take into or upon any park any intoxicating liquor, for other than his or her own use. No intoxicated person shall enter or remain in any of the parks. The sale or dispensing of alcohol, shall be allowed only after obtaining a permit to do so from the City Administrator, subject to approval from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Use of drugs is prohibited in City parks.

12.30.100 - Parks—Vandalism prohibited
It is unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, break, injure, mutilate or deface in any way any structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, tree, shrub, fern, plant, flower or other property in any park.

12.30.110 - Parks—Firearms, weapons, and fireworks prohibited
No firearms or weapons are allowed in City parks. It is unlawful for any person to use firearms, weapons, firecrackers, fireworks, torpedoes or explosives of any kind in any City park.

12.30.120 - Parks—Molesting animals, birds and fish prohibited
It is unlawful for any person to use any weapon, stick, stone or missile of any kind to the destruction, injury, disturbance or molestation of any wild or domestic animal, fowl or fish within the park limits.

12.30.130 - Parks—Animals
No horses or farm animals are allowed in City parks unless authorized by a permit from the City Administrator. Dogs must always be kept on leash and under the owner’s control. Feces must be disposed of properly.

12.30.140 - Permit for large groups required

Use of the public areas herein described for organized group picnics, political or religious gatherings, or groups consisting of more than seventy five (75) persons in attendance at any one time, is unlawful unless a written permit has been issued with the approval of the City Administrator.

12.30.150 - Permit—Subject to ordinances and regulations

All permits issued by the city shall be subject to the city's ordinances. The persons to whom such permits are issued shall be bound by the rules, regulations and ordinances as fully as though the same were inserted in such permits. Any person or persons to whom such permits shall be issued shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by any person whatever by reason of the negligence of the person or persons to whom such permit shall be issued, as well as for any breach of such rules, regulations and ordinances, to the person or persons so suffering damages or injury.

12.30.160 - Violation—Penalty

Any person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant hereto, upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars ($200.00). Each day a violation continues is a separate offense.

12.30.170 – Enforcement

Enforcement of the provisions of this chapter shall be carried out by the City Administrator or designee. The City Administrator or designee is authorized to issue citations for violations of this Chapter.

12.30.180 - Limited liability

The City of Dundee’s liability is limited by public landowner’s recreational immunity protections under State law.