

City of Fall River  
Board of Park Commissioners  
General Rules & Regulations

City Ordinance

Chapter 54-53: The Board of Park Commissioners shall have and exercise all the powers and duties conferred by law upon Boards of Park Commissioners in cities, and also the powers and duties of playground commissioners appointed under the authority of MGL c. 45-14. And shall have all duties conferred by law regarding public cemeteries under the authority of Acts of 1902, c. 244, and all other laws thereunto appertaining. The Board of Park Commissioners shall be responsible for all recreational facilities and programs and shall be responsible for Trees under Mass General Law.

Chapter 54-55: The Board of Park Commissioners shall have charge of the maintenance, control and regulation of the use of the recreational facilities, parks and playgrounds, and cemeteries, together with all buildings and fixtures contained therein, in addition to trees, shrubs and grass on public ways and median strips.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Fall River, by virtue of its authority has set forth the following rules and requirements suitable for safe, reasonable and orderly use of the Parks. Violation of rules and regulations may result in the field use permit being revoked and potential fines governed by city ordinance.

1. Any person(s) violating the established Rules & Regulations or constituting a public nuisance may be required to leave the premises.
2. Park use is not permitted between the hours of 9PM and 6AM except with written permission from the Park Board.
3. Climbing on a tree, statue, fence, railing or any other structure in any park is strictly prohibited.
4. Vandalism is not acceptable. Do not write, deface, defile or otherwise damage any building, fence, statue, fountain, seat or any other park property or structure. Do not deface any notices posted by the City of Fall River/Park Board.
5. No dogs whether leashed or unleashed shall come within 100 ft. of any recreational area located in a city park. A recreational area, for the purpose of these regulations, is defined as an athletic field to include basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, street hockey, tennis, football, sprinklers features and play equipment units including swings, slides, etc.
6. Do not cut or break or otherwise damage a tree, shrub, or any part thereof, do not cut, pluck or otherwise remove blossoms from any plant, flower or tree.
7. To carry or discharge firearms, firecrackers, or fireworks; to sell or offer for sale any goods or wares; to have possession of any instrument of gambling or play any games of chance; to make a fire; to have for sale or otherwise possess any intoxicating liquors or beverages; utter profane, threatening or abusive language, or to accost, follow or annoy any other park visitor is strictly prohibited.

8. Permit holders are only to use those fields specifically designated on the permit. There may be another group following yours, so it is essential that the field be vacated by the scheduled ending time.
9. Written permission from the Board is required for any concerts or playing of musical instrument in a park. To solicit any money or subscriptions is not permitted.
10. The reservation is for the field only. Field permits are issued "AS IS": bases, goals, balls and other equipment are not included in the permit.
11. Vehicles may not be driven or parked on turf areas, sidewalks, service drives or emergency zones. ATV, motor scooters, dirt bikes etc. are not allowed within any park. There is no parking on grass at any time. Bicycles are not allowed on regular walkways as they may endanger pedestrians.
12. All trash must be placed in proper receptacles. Dumping of residential trash in any park trash receptacle is not allowed.
13. Do not take, disturb or molest any bird or birds nest, mammal or any animal in the park.
14. Do not feed any duck, swan, goose, seagull or feathered bird.
15. Do not lie or stand on any park seat or bench.
16. Unless permitted by the Park Board you may not erect any booth, tent, stall or other structure for any purpose to hawk, peddle or distribute wares, food or literature of any type. This includes food trucks.
17. No food or drink on turf field facilities.
18. No striking or hitting golf balls in any park or playground.
19. The use of metal detectors is not allowed on park property without a permit.
20. There is no alcohol consumption allowed on Park property.
21. There is no subletting of any park department field or facility.
22. Full responsibility and financial liability for any damages will be assumed by the user or group. No permits will be issue without the group or organization providing a certificate of insurance that names the City of Fall River as an additionally insured. This certificate of liability insurance should be in the amount of no less than \$1,000,000.00 for each occurrence and \$3,000,000.00 in the General Aggregate.
23. Groups do not have permission to charge any fees for admission or for the rental of any City of Fall River property or field.
24. Any structure such as, but not limited to, a dumpster, portable restroom cannot be delivered to any park or field without prior permission from the Park Board.
25. The actual permit must be on site at all times during the use of the assigned area/field.
26. No Charcoal grills or household propane grills are allowed on park property. Commercial grills must have insurance and a certificate of inspection from the Fire Department regardless of tank size and a copy of said certificate must be given to the Park Department before they can be utilized in parks.
27. Carnivals are not allowed in city parks or on any park properties.
28. Political activities of any kind are not allowed in city parks – (Ruling same as public buildings)

Our parks are a beautiful public spaces for relaxation and recreation. Please respect others and help to keep our parks clean and safe for everyone.