

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 03-22**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE 12 OF THE WEST RICHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE, TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN WRMC 12.12.030 AND 6.08.05, 6.32.020 AND RESOLUTION 14-20 WITH REGARDS TO ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL WASTE AND PARK USAGE;

WHEREAS, to provide consistency between WRMC 12.12.030 and WRMC 6.08.050, WRMC 6.32.020 and Resolution 14-20 Scheduled use of athletic fields and park reservation policy; and

WHEREAS, to aid code enforcement to effectively enforce park regulations of use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it prudent and in the public interest to adopt the proposed amendments by ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1: That West Richland Municipal Code 12.12.030 Park property – Regulation of use, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. It is unlawful for any person, except for city employees and other city-authorized persons in the performance of their duties, or pursuant to a special use permit issued by the mayor or the city administrator, to violate any of the following rules and regulations, which shall apply to all public parks throughout the city of West Richland:

1. There shall be no motor vehicle allowed outside designated parking areas.
2. There shall be no destruction of vegetation and no golfing.
3. There shall be no unauthorized burning.
4. There shall be no consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages.
5. There shall be no unauthorized dumping of trash, litter or garbage brought onto the public park. All waste material and garbage from park activities must be deposited in refuse cans where provided by the city or it must be removed from the park. The dumpsters and trash receptacles provided at the park are for use by park patrons only.
6. Animal owner's shall comply with WRMC Section 6.08.050; the owner of any animal is responsible for the immediate clean-up of the animal's waste when off the property of the animal's owner and any person responsible for an animal shall have in their possession the means to pick up the animal's waste and upon doing so will properly dispose of said waste in an approved garbage receptacle. All dogs must be in compliance with existing leash laws, and all animal refuse must be cleaned up by the owner of the animal.
7. There shall be no loud noises generated by mechanical or electrical means other than as permitted by the city.
8. There shall be no flying of remote control aircraft.
9. There shall be no use of roller blades, roller skates, skateboards or similar hard-wheeled devices on any tennis courts located within city parks.
10. There shall be no horse, mule, pony or similar riding animal allowed in any city park.

11. There shall be no use, fire or discharge or possession of fireworks.
12. There shall be no fishing, swimming, wading, boating, or any other in-water use in the lakes at the Park at the Lakes.
13. Dog owner or any person responsible for a dog shall comply with WRMC Section 6.32.020 Leashes Required - Exemptions; dogs shall at all times be controlled, be at heel or be controlled by means of a leash not exceeding eight feet in length, by the owner or some duly authorized and responsible competent person; provided, however, that such leash or chain is not required for any dog when otherwise safely and securely confined or completely controlled while in or upon any vehicle. No city park or portion thereof has been designated by the city as a dog training area.
14. Animals are prohibited on all athletic fields and ball fields including dugouts.

Section 2: WRMC 12.12.040 Reservation of parks – Policy: The following section hereby amends the West Richland Municipal Code:

Any person or group wishing to reserve a public park during authorized hours of operation shall do so through the ~~office of the mayor or the city administrator~~ Community Development Director or his/her designee per Resolution 14-20, City of West Richland Policy for Scheduled Use of Athletic Fields and Park Reservations, or as amended by City Council.

Section 4. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the Code Reviser are authorized to make the necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection numbering; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

Section 5. Severability / Validity. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

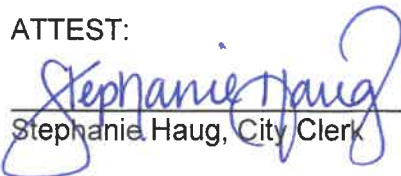
Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, this 1st day of March, 2022.



Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Haug, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Bronson Brown, City Attorney