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Section 36.01: HOURS. Except for any designated camping facilities, all City parks shall be opened not earlier than 9:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. unless other arrangements are made through the City Clerk's office.

Section 36.02: PARK RENTAL. For those parks for which the City has designated their availability for rental for various group activities and/or benefits, the rental request shall be made to the St. Stephen City Clerk and the prescribed fee paid at the time of the request. All information so requested by the City Clerk shall be provided. Failure to provide information shall be considered grounds for denial of rental. In such cases where a money deposit is required, the deposit shall not be returned until the park area is clean and restored to the satisfaction of the City Clerk or other duly authorized City official.

Section 36.03: CARE OF PARK FACILITIES. No person shall disfigure, injure, tamper with, willfully mark or remove any of the man-made or natural resources and environment of the parks. This shall include, but not be limited to, equipment, shelters, picnic facilities, utility lines, trees, plants, wildlife of any and all sorts. No poisonous substances shall be utilized in any of the park premises, which would have the effect of destroying or damaging a person, wildlife, or result directly or indirectly in the pollution of any water source, except that City employees may use herbicides for the control of weeds. The damming of any waterways is prohibited. The dumping of soil, gravel, trees, limbs, yard waste, grass clippings, animal waste, dead animals, or construction debris on park property is prohibited.

Section 36.04: FIREARMS. No person shall use or discharge any air rifle, sling shot, bow and arrow, gun, pistol or firearm of any description within any City park except in areas designated as a shooting range or archery range. Any person desiring to use a designated rifle range must first obtain permission from the St. Stephen City Clerk.

Section 36.05: REFUSE. All refuse or other trash or waste generated by the use of the park shall be placed in the proper receptacles provided. Trash or waste generated elsewhere may not be brought onto park property for disposal. Every attempt must be made to maintain the park grounds in a neat and clean state.

Section 36.06: FIRES. All fires shall be restricted to proper fireplaces, charcoal burners, stoves or grills. Cigarettes, pipes and cigars shall be properly put out in such a manner so as to prevent damage to the premises and to insure the avoidance of any improper burning or fires within the parks.

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Section 36.07: SWIMMING AND FISHING. Swimming, bathing and wading is prohibited unless specifically allowed by posted signs. Fishing is permitted unless specifically prohibited by posted signs.

Section 36.08: SPORTS, GAMES AND HORSEBACK RIDING. All sports and gaming activities of a team nature or other comparatively dangerous games, such as football, baseball, softball, horseshoes or golf are restricted to the prescribed areas for these activities. Such sports and gaming activities are intended to be separate from the picnic areas to prevent injuries and to promote the safety of all park occupants. The use of the prescribed sports activity areas shall be governed by the rule of "first-come first-served," except where prior reservations have been made. No horseback riding shall be allowed within the City parks, nor shall any such animal be allowed to graze or go unattended on park property.

Section 36.09: STACKING OF TABLES. No stacking or rearranging of picnic tables in such a manner as to disturb overall park use shall be allowed.

Section 36.10: PETS. The owners of all domestic pets are responsible for the behavior of their animals. Pets must be kept leashed. Owners shall pick up and properly dispose of any animal waste.

Section 36.11: WINTER SPORTS. All authorized winter sports, which shall include, but not be limited to snowmobiling, sledding, tobogganing, ice skating, hockey and skiing, shall be confined to their designated areas.

Section 36.12: MOTOR VEHICLE USE. All vehicles, whether motorized or non-motorized, shall be restricted to their designated parking areas. In those parks where roadways extend into and through the parks, no vehicles shall drive at a speed in excess of five miles per hour. All persons must operate their vehicles in a safe and responsible manner. No vehicles are to extend beyond the roadway or parking areas. For purposes of this section, three-wheel and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles are to be considered motor vehicles.

Section 36.13: PENALTIES/ENFORCEMENT. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Enforcement of this ordinance shall be the responsibility of the duly authorized law enforcement agency.