

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD POLICY

- SUBJECT:** Curfews in City Parks
- BACKGROUND:** Periodically, communities throughout the City have experienced isolated problems in various parks relating to late night use, e.g., loud parties, gang activity, and vandalism. In the past, the Park and Recreation Board has considered several requests from communities to impose curfews on late evening use. In each of these cases, the Police Department has been responsive to the community's concerns and have informed us that adequate laws exist to deal with problem users.
- PURPOSE:** To establish a consistent policy relative to imposing curfews in City parks.
- DEFINITION:** "Curfew" - No unauthorized person may be in the park, including, but not limited to park grounds, parking lots, adjacent sidewalks, and closed bodies of water within the park.
- AUTHORITY:** The following Municipal Code sections are applicable:
- 1) 59.5.0501 - Public Nuisance Noise
 - 2) 59.5.0502 - Disturbing, Excessive, Offensive Noises
 - 3) 63.02 - Use of Public Parks and Beaches Regulated
 - 4) 63.06.1 - Destruction of Property Prohibited
 - 5) 58.01 - 10:00 p.m. Curfew for Minors
 - 6) 56.54 - Alcoholic Beverage Consumption Prohibited in Certain Areas
- POLICY:**
1. Curfews in City Parks shall not be imposed on either a City-wide basis or "selective" basis. Public parks are to be available to the citizenry and law-abiding users should not be penalized because of the actions of a few.
 2. All requests for curfews or complaints relative to late night usage shall be closely coordinated with the Police Department until such time as resolution of the specific problems are obtained.

POLICY: (Continued)

No. 1014

SUBSTANTIATION: Park and Recreation Board Minutes of February 16, 1982,
Item No. 3.
Park and Recreation Board Minutes of April 20, 1982, Item No. 5.
Park and Recreation Board Meeting of May 18, 1982, Item No. 3.

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