

Chapter 16

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Part 1**Rules and Regulations****§16-101. Regulations Applicable to Parks, Playgrounds and Other Outdoor Recreational Areas.**

The following regulations are established and prescribed for the maintenance, operation and protection of the parks, playgrounds and other outdoor recreational areas owned or operated by the Borough of Oklahoma, which are referred to in this Part as “parks,” and it shall be unlawful for any person to violate or to fail to obey any provision of any of these rules and regulations:

A. The parks shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 6 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, and 9 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. All activities in the parks shall cease and all persons in the parks shall leave as soon as possible after that closing hour. No person, other than authorized employees of a park, shall be in any park at any time between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, of the following morning.

B. No person shall injure, deface, remove, cut or damage any tree, plant, shrub, turf, building, structure or fixture, or any other property of the Borough located in a park.

C. No person shall remove or change the location of any bench, seat or table from a park without permission from the Oklahoma Borough Council.

D. No person shall conduct himself within a park so as to annoy any other person using that park for recreational purposes.

E. No person shall hold any meeting or gathering, assembled through advertisement or public notice, or any gathering otherwise assembled and composed of 25 or more persons, within any park, without first having made application to Oklahoma Borough Council for a permit for the meeting or gathering. The permit shall indicate the location in the park where the meeting or gathering is to be held, and the meeting or gathering shall not be held at any other location in the park.

The permit shall also specify the day and hours when the meeting or gathering is to be held and the meeting or gathering shall be held only on the day and between the hours specified. The application for the permit shall be in the name of a person who shall be responsible for seeing that all refuse left by the group is placed in proper containers before leaving the park. Unless the permit specifically authorizes beer, wine or other intoxicating liquor to be brought into a park for the use of the persons covered by the permit, it shall be unlawful for any beer, wine or other intoxicating liquor to be brought into that park by or for the use of any person in attendance at any such meeting or gathering.

F. No person shall set up any booth, table or stand for the sale of any article whatsoever, within any park.

G. No person shall dispose of any waste or garbage in any park except in receptacles designated for the respective purposes. All persons using a park shall

dispose of all waste and garbage left by them in those proper receptacles.

H. No person shall injure, deface or destroy any notice, rule or regulation posted at any place in any park by authority of the Borough. Nor shall any person post, at any place in a park, any notice or placard other than by authority of the Borough.

I. No person shall set or maintain any fire in any park except in stoves and fireplaces maintained for the purpose and located by authority of the Oklahoma Borough Council.

J. No person, other than an officer of the law, shall carry any firearm within any park.

K. Except by special permission, authorized under paragraph .E, no person shall bring any beer, wine or other intoxicating liquor into any park, either for his own use or for the use of any other person.

L. No person shall bring into any park or drive or use therein any minibike, motorized pedalcycle or similar vehicle, or any snowmobile.

M. No person shall play at the game of golf in any park, or drive or hit any golf ball therein, or, while in any park, drive, hit or throw any object or ball in such a manner as to endanger any other person who is in or near the park.

(*Ord. 164*, 9/10/1979, §1; as amended by *Ord. 189B*, 11/12/1984, §1; and by *Ord. 197*, 6/9/1986, §1)

§16-102. Penalty for Violation.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 164*, 9/10/1979; as amended by *Ord. 197*, 6/9/1986; by *Ord. 204A*, 2/13/1989, §19; and by *Ord. 2015-04*, 12/14/2015)

Part 2**Tobacco-Free Ordinance****§16-201. Commitment for All Residents and Invited Guests.**

The Borough of Oklahoma is committed to providing a high quality of living for all residents and invited guests. Therefore, Borough Council believes in the following:

A. Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.

B. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.

C. The use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their choices.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to use tobacco products while engaged in or watching recreational activities in any and all Borough park facilities.

E. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense. [*Ord. 2015-04*]

(*Ord. 2014-06, 12/8/2014; as amended by Ord. 2015-04, 12/14/2015*)

Oklahoma Borough Tobacco Policy



Oklahoma Borough Tobacco-Free Policy

GUIDELINE STATEMENT

The Borough of Oklahoma Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy, Young Lungs at Play, is designed to protect the health welfare and safety of our park patrons.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Borough of Oklahoma is committed to providing a high quality of living for all residents. Therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco product use in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
3. As parents, leaders, coaches and officials, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO FREE FACILITIES

The Borough of Oklahoma does not allow the use of tobacco products on our Play Areas.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free Park policy is through voluntary compliance:

1. Oklahoma Borough will post Young Lungs at Play signage.
2. Oklahoma Borough staff will notify activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches of the "No Tobacco Use" policy in Youth Play areas.
3. Oklahoma Borough staffers who observe tobacco use in Youth Play areas will remind user of the tobacco-free policy.

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