

CITY OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

**ADOPTED JULY 17, 2012
REVISED SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE/ALLOWED USES

The City of Marion operates several City park and recreation facilities, including the Community Building Park, West Marion Community Park, Cross Mill Community Park, Eastfield Community Park, Clinchfield Community Park, the South Main Street Park, the Joseph McDowell Historical Catawba Greenway, the Peavine Trail and the Mount Ida Wilderness Trail. These parks, greenways and trails are available for use by the public or by groups. The City does not reserve the use of any park and recreational facilities, except as otherwise stated in these Rules and Regulations. Use of City park and recreational facilities is first come, first served.

Use of the Historic Depot Courtyard is subject to the Historic Depot Rules and Regulations. Use of the City Stage and Historic Marion Tailgate Market Shelter are subject to the separate rules and regulations for those facilities.

The Marion City Code contains several ordinances pertaining to City parks. These include, but are not limited to:

1. A prohibition on smoking or tobacco use in City parks.
2. A prohibition on alcohol use in City parks.
3. A prohibition on concealed or open carry weapons in City recreational facilities, which include the park and recreational facilities listed above, except for legally carried concealed handguns, which are permitted under State law.
4. A prohibition on registered sex offenders entering City parks.
5. A prohibition on any person being in a City park facility between sunset and sunrise, except for the Community Building tennis and basketball courts, without written consent from the City Manager. Persons renting the Community Building Basement are exempted from this requirement, to the extent authorized by their approved rental application.
6. A prohibition on any person being on the Community Building tennis or basketball courts between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

7. A limit of one hour of play at the Community Building tennis courts if people are waiting to play.
8. A prohibition on any object with wheels being on the Community Building tennis courts, except for a wheelchair.
9. A prohibition on any game other than tennis being played on the Community Building tennis courts.
10. A prohibition on any person participating in any money making activities at the Community Building tennis courts without the approval of the City Council.
11. A prohibition on any person giving tennis lessons for a fee or any tournament play taking place at the Community Building tennis courts without the approval of the City Council.

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Violations of any of these rules and regulations or any damages to a City park may result in the Police Department directing persons or groups to leave a City park or the City requiring payment for damages from the responsible person(s) or group(s).

1. No person or group is allowed exclusive use of an entire park, without approval of the City Council.
2. No person or group shall run extension cords from other properties onto a City park property.
3. No person or group shall play music or use sound amplification so as to disturb other users of the park.
4. No person or group shall bring large inflatables, stages or any other large toys or object to a City park.
5. No person or group shall do anything posing a potential safety hazard to users of a City park.
6. Any variance from Rules 2-4 requires the approval of the City Manager.
7. The City Manager is authorized to approve the use of City greenways and trails for events held by local non-profit organizations with a physical presence in McDowell County or by governmental organizations, in consultation with the McDowell Trails Association. Events requiring the exclusive use of a City greenway or trail should be kept to the minimum duration needed for said event and shall require the recommendation of the McDowell Trails Association prior to being approved.

8. Use of City greenways and trails by private individuals or groups shall require the approval of the City Council and shall generally be restricted to events open to the general public and having community benefit. Such approval may include adjacent parking lots if necessary.

These new regulations shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this the 17th day of September, 2019.

Stephen R. Little, Mayor

ATTEST:

J. Robert Boyette, City Manager/Clerk

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