



## **SMC Title 7A (Parks and Recreation)**

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### **Summary**

The City of Sammamish is updating rules across the City's park system to encourage positive behavior in parks and trails, keep public places safe and welcoming, and maintain the high quality of maintenance and cleanliness for all park properties. Since the City's incorporation there have been few updates to the City Code related to park use, and as a result, the City has been facing difficulties with responding to issues that impact our parks which we see today.

In order to make these changes, the City is clarifying and modernizing existing laws, adding new rules to address current and unforeseen issues, and removing regulations and language that are no longer relevant. The changes would repeal and replace the current rules with a new section in the City Code (SMC Title 7A: Parks and Recreation) and include 21 new chapters arranged by topic. Through this process the City worked with staff across multiple departments, researched examples from other cities, and solicited feedback from the citizen Parks and Recreation Commission in order to understand what changes are meaningful, manageable, and critical for creating a safe and enjoyable environment for Sammamish residents across the City's park system. More information about the City's efforts in updating park rules can be found in the public meeting summaries of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

- [September 4, 2019](#)
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### **New park rules**

Below are the new, updated rules that are being developed for the City's park system.

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## Chapter 7A.01: Definitions

### **7A.01.010 Definitions.**

Whenever used in this chapter the following terms shall be defined as herein indicated:

- (1) "Aircraft" means any machine or device designed to travel through the air including, but not limited to: airplanes, helicopters, unmanned aircraft systems, drones, model aircraft, and hot air balloons.
- (2) "Alcoholic beverages" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 66.04.010](#).
- (3) "Anchorage" means anchoring, mooring, or otherwise securing any vessel or watercraft to the bed of any waters.
- (4) "Associated marine area" means any water area within 100 feet of any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area or park facility such as a dock, pier, float, buoy, log boom, object or other property which is under the ownership, management, or control of the Department. This definition shall not apply to private property.
- (5) "Boat" means any contrivance up to 65 feet in length overall and is used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.
- (6) "Camper" means a motorized vehicle containing sleeping and/or housekeeping accommodations. This definition may also include a pickup truck with camper, a van-type body, a converted bus, or any similar type vehicle.
- (7) "Camping" means erecting or arranging a tent, shelter, bedding or conducting any activity with the purpose of remaining overnight. Camping may include parking a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.
- (8) "Campsite" means designated camping sites which are designated for the use of tents, campers, or any other method of camping and have no water and/or electrical facilities available for hookup to a trailer, tent or a camper.
- (9) "City of Sammamish open space, trail or park area" means any property or area under the ownership, management, or control of the Department.
- (10) "City of Sammamish park facility", for the purpose of this Chapter, means any building, structure, field, lodge, pavilion, shelter, or equipment operated by the City of Sammamish Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (11) "Department" means the City of Sammamish Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (12) "Director" means Director of the City of Sammamish Department of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee.

(13) "Discrimination" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 49.60.040](#).

(14) "Electric-assisted bicycle" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 46.04.169](#).

(15) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 46.04.1695](#).

(16) "Emergency" as defined in the Sammamish Municipal Code is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 2.70.020](#).

(17) "Floatation device" means a buoyancy device, life preserver, buoyant vest, ring or cushion. This definition applies to any device designed by the manufacturer to float a person in the water, regardless of shape or size.

(18) "Marijuana" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 69.50.101](#).

(19) "Moped" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 46.04.304](#).

(20) "Motor powered craft or watercraft" means any description of watercraft on, in or under the water, other than a seaplane, that is equipped with motor propulsion machinery, whether inboard or outboard and whether electric or fuel operated, and that is used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. This definition shall include, but is not limited to: motorboats, speedboats, powerboats, ski boats, jet skis, and any form of submersible watercraft. Unless equipped with motor propulsion machinery, this definition shall not apply to nonmotorized watercraft, including but not limited to: canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, row boats, inner tubes, air mattresses, sailboards, stand-up paddle boards, small rafts or floatation devices, or toys customarily used by swimmers.

(21) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled device capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn. This definition shall include, but is not be limited to: automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, jeeps, four-wheel drive vehicles, and snowmobiles. This definition shall apply whether or not the device can be legally operated upon the public highways.

(22) "Motorized foot scooter" as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 46.04.336](#).

(23) "Motorized vehicles" means any form of transportation powered by an internal combustion or electric motor. This includes, but is not limited to: automobiles, golf carts, mopeds and motorcycles. This section shall not apply to wheelchairs powered by electric motors, electric personal mobility devices, motorized foot scooters, electric-assisted bicycles, toy motorized cars or trucks, or authorized maintenance, police or emergency vehicles.

(24) "Person" means all persons, groups, firms, partnerships, corporations, clubs, and all associations or combination of persons whenever acting for themselves or as an agent, servant, or employee.

(25) “Rocket” means any device containing a combustible substance which when ignited propels the device forward.

(26) “Service animal” as defined within the following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 49.60.040](#).

(27) “Trail” means any path, track, or right-of-way designed for use by pedestrians, bicycles, equestrians, or other nonmotorized modes of transportation.

(28) “Trailer” means a towed vehicle which contains sleeping or housekeeping accommodations.

(29) “Trailer site” means a designated camping site which has water and/or electrical facilities available for hookup, and which is designed for the use of persons with trailers or campers.

## Chapter 7A.02: Hours and Conditions of Operations

### **7A.02.010 Park facility hours.**

Activities for groups using City of Sammamish park facilities Sundays through Thursdays shall open at 8:00 a.m. and cease at 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise approved in the use permit. Activities for groups using City of Sammamish park facilities Fridays and Saturdays shall open at 8:00 a.m. and cease at 12:00 a.m. unless otherwise approved in the use permit.

### **7A.02.020 Park hours.**

City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas and associated marine areas are open from dawn to thirty (30) minutes after sunset, unless open for scheduled or reserved recreational activities.

### **7A.02.030 Presence in parks during hours of closure.**

No person may enter or be present in a City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, facility or associated marine area during hours of closure, except persons using City of Sammamish park facilities as part of an event authorized by the Department. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

## Chapter 7A.03: Permits for Individuals, Community Groups and Special Use

### **7A.03.010 Permits for community groups in park facilities.**

The Director may grant permits to community groups to meet or conduct activities in City of Sammamish park facilities if those buildings, portions of buildings, or facilities are not otherwise required by the Department. Permits may be granted in the form of a rental or reservation. A fee may be charged according to the City’s current adopted fee schedule.

### **7A.03.020 Special use permits.**

Groups which desire to use City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities, or associated marine areas may be granted special use permits by the Director. Special use permits may be charged a fee and, where appropriate, special conditions of use may be established by the Director and so noted on the special use permit. A schedule of the charges for special services in City of Sammamish park facilities are established by the adoption of the City Council in the City’s fee schedule.

#### **7A.03.030 Cancellation of permits.**

The Director reserves the right to cancel a permit at any time or for any reason deemed necessary. Notice of the Director's cancellation shall be given at least 24 hours in advance.

#### **7A.03.040 Liability.**

Persons using City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities, or associated marine areas by permit will be required to protect, save and hold the City, its elected and appointed officials, volunteers and employees while acting within the scope of their duties harmless from and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action of any kind or character, including the cost of defense thereof, arising in favor of a person or group's members or employees or third-parties on account of any action including but not limited to bodily injuries, death or damage to property arising out of the use of premises, or in any way arising out of the acts or omissions of the person, group and/or its agents, employees or representatives in a form acceptable to the City, except for those injuries or damages caused by the sole negligence of the City.

#### **7A.03.050 Liability insurance.**

(1) During all periods of use, persons using City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities, or associated marine areas by permit shall, except when a waiver is obtained from the Department, obtain and maintain liability insurance, acceptable to the City, to protect against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the use of the premises and the activities of the user and his or her guests, representatives, volunteers and employees with limits of liability as established by the City. The user's insurance shall name the City as additional insured.

(2) Persons shall provide a Certificate of Insurance, or, upon written request of the City, a duplicate of the policy, as evidence of the insurance protection provided. This insurance shall not be cancelled or reduced without prior written notice to the City at least 30 days in advance of the cancellation.

#### **7A.03.060 Religious services, group rallies or assemblies.**

Religious services or group rallies may be permitted in City of Sammamish park areas where park facilities and equipment are adequate, and where such activities will not conflict in any way with normal park usage. To avoid conflict, permission for such activities must be obtained in advance from the Director following approval of a special use permit. Permission for use of loudspeakers or amplified sound by groups must be obtained in advance. Group services or rallies that are unpermitted or not approved pursuant to this rule is a civil offense.

#### **7A.03.070 Large groups.**

The use of City of Sammamish open space, trails, park areas, park facilities or associated marine areas for groups larger than 25 individuals may only be allowed by special use permit issued by the Director, unless permission was previously obtained through a rental reservation for the use of a City of Sammamish park facility. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.03.080 Rockets.**

No person may launch or fly rockets in City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities, or associated marine areas except in areas specifically designated and/or posted for that purpose. All

persons desiring to launch or fly rockets must obtain a special use permit to do so from the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.03.090 Sale of goods, services or conducting private business.**

The use of City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities or associated marine areas for financial gain may be allowed only through concession contracts secured by the City's competitive bid process, negotiated concession contracts, or by special use permit issued by the Director. For-profit entities are prohibited from conducting private business in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.03.100 Solicitation.**

No person may solicit, sell, or peddle any goods, services, wares, merchandise, food, liquids, or edibles for human consumption in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except by concession contract or by special use permit issued by the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.03.110 Distribution or posting printed materials or signs.**

No person may distribute or post any printed materials or signs in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except by concession contract or by special use permit issued by the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.03.120 Use of any loudspeaker, sound amplification equipment or other amplifying device.**

(1) No person may use any loudspeaker or other device used to amplify a person's voice in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except by concession contract or by special use permit issued by the Director.

(2) No person may use, operate, or play any radio, tape player, television, musical instrument, record player or any other machine or device producing or reproducing sound at a volume that is audible at a distance over 30 feet within any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except by concession contract or by special use permit issued by the Director.

(3) Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.03.130 Unintended use.**

No person may participate in any activity, practice, or play any game or sport in a City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area that conflicts with normal, intended park usage, except by special use permit issued by the Director. Park users must obey all posted signage that prohibits specific use or activities. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.03.140 Organized activities in parking lots and roadways.**

Organized activities that interfere with traffic and parking are prohibited in parking lots and roadways of any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area unless allowed through an approved special use permit issued by the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

## Chapter 7A.04: Use of Park Facilities and Buildings

### **7A.04.010 Storage of equipment.**

Persons using City of Sammamish park facilities are not entitled to any storage space for equipment necessary for their programs. If temporary storage is available, permitted and documented by the Department, the City of Sammamish shall not be held responsible for loss or damage.

### **7A.04.020 Responsibility for City equipment.**

City equipment shall not be loaned to any non-City person, group or organization without prior written permission from the Director.

### **7A.04.030 Failure to conform or misuse of equipment.**

The misuse of a City of Sammamish park facility or the failure to conform with these regulations, the instructions of Department employees, or the conditions of a permit is sufficient reason to deny any future permit.

### **7A.04.040 Cleanup.**

All persons must leave City of Sammamish park facilities in a condition considered satisfactory to the Director. No person may conduct activities causing extra custodial work unless a previous agreement has been made to pay for such work and is stated in the special use permit. At the sole discretion of the Department, damage deposits may be kept by the Department according to the level of custodial or staff work required to return the City of Sammamish park facility to satisfactory condition.

## Chapter 7A.05: Controlled Substances

### **7A.05.010 Alcoholic beverages.**

It is unlawful to sell, open or possess alcoholic beverages in an open container, or consume any alcoholic beverage in a City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area except in the following designated areas subject to written approval by the Director and under the following conditions:

- (1) The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permissible at designated indoor and outdoor locations within any City of Sammamish park area; provided, that the activities conform to the requirements of the Washington Liquor Control and Cannabis Board under [Title 66 RCW](#), now in effect and as subsequently amended; and
- (2) The serving and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be confined to the designated location; and
- (3) Groups applying for special use permits for activities at which the consumption of alcoholic beverages is intended must meet the requirements of state law with respect to liquor permits as a precondition. During the course of the activity, the state liquor permit must be clearly displayed on site.

The Director shall designate the locations where the activity is permissible. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **7A.05.020 Intoxication.**



Being or remaining in, or loitering about in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, facility, or associated marine area while in a state of intoxication is prohibited. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

#### **7A.05.030 Underage drinking of alcoholic beverages.**

It is unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one years to acquire in any manner, consume, or have in the person's possession any intoxicating liquor as defined by [RCW 66.04.200](#).

#### **7A.05.040 Tobacco and related products.**

No person in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area may light or vapor cigarettes, electric cigarettes, cigars, hookah pipes, or pipes of any kind. No person may use any tobacco products including, but not limited to, chewing tobacco. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

#### **7A.05.050 Controlled substances.**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 69.05](#).

#### **7A.05.060 Marijuana use.**

The following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 69.50.445](#).

### **Chapter 7A.06: Park Safety**

#### **7A.06.010 Ice.**

No person may go out onto ice in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except in areas specifically designated for that purpose. This includes, but is not limited to: lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and other bodies of water. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.06.020 Fireworks.**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 8.10](#).

#### **7A.06.030 Firearms and dangerous weapons.**

The following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [Chapter 9.41 RCW](#).

#### **7A.06.040 Age limits for park equipment and play structures.**

Park users must obey any posted age limits for park equipment and play structures.

#### **7A.06.050 Prohibited items and activities in spray parks.**

Park users must follow all posted spray park rules. Park users may not enter a spray park with pets, food, drinks or glass containers. Users may not run, climb on structures, or place any item on spray heads or area while in the spray park. Park users may not use the spray park while sick.

## Chapter 7A.07: General Rules

### **7A.07.010 Loitering in restrooms.**

Loitering in restrooms is prohibited in City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, or park facilities. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

### **7A.07.020 Compliance with signage.**

The Director is authorized to post signage in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area. All persons must comply with signage posted in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

### **7A.07.030 Washing of food waste, clothes or animals.**

No person may clean fish or other food, wash any personal or household clothing or articles, or wash any dog or other animal, except at designated areas. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

### **7A.07.040 Burning restrictions.**

It is unlawful for any person to build any fire in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except at designated areas. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **7A.07.050 Clothing.**

Clothing sufficient to conform to community standards or posted signage shall be worn at all times.

### **7A.07.060 Aircraft.**

(1) No aircraft may land or take off from any body of water or land area in a City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area, except aircraft used to transport injured persons, evacuees, medical personnel, or public officials in the event of an accident, disaster, or emergency.

(2) No person shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this section in the event of a bona fide emergency, provided the owner of the aircraft submits a written statement explaining the circumstances of the emergency to the Director within 72 hours of an emergency take off or landing.

(3) With regard to unmanned aircraft systems, the following chapter in the United States Code is adopted as reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [49 USC Ch. 448](#).

(4) Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **7A.07.070 Prohibited items on sports fields.**

No person may enter a sports field with gum, seeds (sunflower, etc.) or glass containers.

### **7A.07.080 Time limit.**

Park users must obey any posted time limit requirements for park equipment. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.07.090 Public disturbance (noise).**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 8.15](#).

#### **7A.07.100 Freedom from discrimination.**

Any individual or organization using City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities or associated marine areas through a concession contract secured by the City's competitive bid process, a negotiated concession contract, or by special use permit must comply with the following statute of the State of Washington which is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 49.60.030](#).

Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **Chapter 7A.08: Speed and Travel**

#### **7A.08.010 Speed limits.**

(1) No person may travel within any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, or park facility at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour. No person may travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In no event may a person travel at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property, or wildlife. This section shall apply to all forms of movement or transportation in a City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, or park facility including but not limited to: motorized vehicles, non-motorized vehicles, foot, bicycles of any kind, horse, skateboard, roller skates, electric personal assistive mobility devices, motorized foot scooters, or any mobility device that assists an individual with movement or transportation.

(2) No person may travel within any City of Sammamish associated marine area at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour. No person may travel at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In no event may a person travel at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property, or wildlife. This section shall apply to all forms of movement or transportation in a City of Sammamish associated marine area including but not limited to: boats, motor powered craft, watercraft, or any mobility device that assists an individual with movement or transportation.

(3) Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.08.020 Traveling in a negligent manner.**

No person may travel within any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area in a negligent manner. For the purposes of this section "travel in a negligent manner" shall be construed to mean any form of travel in such a manner as to endanger or be likely to endanger any persons or property. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **Chapter 7A.09: Vehicles**

**7A.09.010 Parking.**

No operator of any automobile, trailer, camper, boat trailer, or other vehicle may park such vehicle in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, or park facility except where clearly designated. Exceptions are allowed where the operator is using the area for a designated recreational purpose and the vehicle is parked either in the designated parking area or in another area with the permission of the Director. No person may park or abandon a vehicle in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, or park facility after closing except persons using park facilities as part of an event authorized by the Director. In addition to the penalties found in SMC 7A.19, now in effect and as subsequently amended, any vehicle found parked in violation may be towed away at the owner's expense. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.09.020 Operation of vehicles.**

No person may operate any motor vehicle on a City of Sammamish trail unless such trail has been specifically designated and posted for such use. No person may operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of a City of Sammamish open space or park area. Exceptions to these provisions include roads, streets, highways, parking lots, parking areas, or where otherwise permitted by proper posting. This section shall not apply to emergency vehicles, maintenance vehicles, or construction vehicles authorized by the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

**7A.09.030 Washing of vehicles.**

No person may clean or wash any automobile or other vehicle in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area except in areas specifically designated for that use. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.09.040 Commercial vehicles.**

No person may cause a truck or other vehicle while being used for commercial purposes to enter upon, use, or traverse any portion of any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, associated marine area, or park road except by permission of the Director. Provisions of this section shall not apply to City roads or state highways. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

## Chapter 7A.10: Electric and Small Motorized Devices

**7A.10.010 Electric personal assistive mobility devices.**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: SMC 7A.08.010 and SMC 7A.08.020.

**7A.10.020 Motorized foot scooters.**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: SMC 7A.08.010 and SMC 7A.08.020.

**7A.10.030 Electric-assisted bicycles.**

(1) The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: SMC 7A.08.010 and SMC 7A.08.020.

(2) The following statute of the State of Washington is adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [RCW 46.61.710](#).

**7A.10.040 Toy motorized boats.**

The use or operation of remote-controlled motorized boats in any City of Sammamish associated marine area is prohibited. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.10.050 Toy motorized cars or trucks.**

The use or operation of remote-controlled motorized cars or trucks on a City of Sammamish unpaved trail is prohibited. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

## Chapter 7A.11: Trail Use

**7A.11.010 Motorized vehicles.**

No motorized vehicles may be allowed on City of Sammamish trails. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

**7A.11.020 Non-motorized use.**

Regional trails, local trail corridors, and paved pathways are open to all non-motorized users unless otherwise designated and posted. Park users must obey all trail restrictions for non-motorized use posted at park entrances, trailheads or individual trails. The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: SMC 7A.08.010 and SMC 7A.08.020.

**7A.11.030 Traffic control devices.**

Every person traveling on a City of Sammamish trail must obey the instructions of any official traffic control device or police officer. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

**7A.11.040 Interference with trails.**

No person may place, deposit, or otherwise cause any structure, device, thing or item to threaten or endanger any portion of a City of Sammamish trail. It is unlawful to obstruct or create a hazard that establishes a danger for a person traveling on a trail in any manner. This section shall not apply to employees of the City of Sammamish in the performance of their duties or to persons acting pursuant to written direction of the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.11.050 Soft surface trails, sensitive areas and boardwalks.**

Pedestrians and equestrians are permitted on all maintained soft surface trails unless otherwise posted and designated. No person may use or operate a bicycle of any kind, electric personal mobility device, motorized foot scooter, toy motorized cars or trucks, or any electric or small motorized device on a maintained soft surface trail, in a sensitive area, or on a boardwalk. The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: SMC 7A.08.010 and SMC 7A.08.020.

## Chapter 7A.12: Boating and Watercraft

**7A.12.010 Boating regulations.**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 12.05.010](#).

**7A.12.020 Occupancy and overnight moorage.**

Continuous occupancy of a City of Sammamish park area or associated marine area by mooring, anchoring, docking, or berthing a boat or other object by the same person or group is limited to park hours. No person shall moor, anchor, dock or berth a boat or other object overnight in a City of Sammamish park area or associated marine area unless the area has been designated for such use or permitted by the Director. In addition to the penalties in Chapter 7A.20, now in effect and as subsequently amended, any boat found to be in violation of this chapter may be removed at the owner's expense. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.12.030 Anchorage.**

No owner or operator of any vessel or watercraft may anchor, moor, or otherwise secure such vessel or watercraft to the bed of any waters. Exceptions include moorage to a public dock in a manner consistent with any posted regulations, anchorage or moorage necessary because of an emergency situation, or when given prior written permission by the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.12.040 Operating watercraft in swimming areas.**

Operating any watercraft is prohibited in designated swimming areas. This section applies to, but is not limited to: canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and row boats. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.12.050 Designated areas for landing, launching, docking or operating.**

In the interests of safe navigation and the protection of life and property and consistent with [SMC 12.05.010](#), now in effect and as subsequently amended, boat launching is permitted in designated areas only. No person may land, launch, dock or operate any motorized watercraft in any City park area or associated marine area except in locations specifically designated and/or marked for that purpose and consistent with this code. This section shall not apply to the transportation of injured persons, evacuees, medical personnel, or public officials in the event of an accident, disaster, or emergency. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.12.060 Tandem moorage.**

No more than three boats or other objects may be tied or rafted together when docked or berthed adjacent to a dock in a City of Sammamish park area or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.12.070 Moorage in swimming areas.**

No person or persons may moor, dock, or berth a boat or other watercraft, whether motorized or nonmotorized, to a log boom or float line which delineates a swimming area in a City of Sammamish park area or associated marine area except that watercraft, whether motorized or non-motorized, may moor, dock or berth on the southern side of the south dock at Sammamish Landing Park and on either side of the north dock at Sammamish Landing Park, consistent with this code. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.12.080 Commercial watercraft.**

Use of associated marine areas by commercial watercraft is prohibited. For the purpose of this rule “commercial watercraft” means watercraft used for any commercial purpose. This section shall not apply to commercial watercraft operated within the terms of a concession lease approved by the Director. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.12.090 Use of marine heads.**

No person may use or flush any marine head which when flushed emits its contents directly into the waters of a lake, river, or any other water area. No person may cause any human or animal waste to be dumped into the waters when docked or berthed adjacent to a dock in a City of Sammamish park area or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **Chapter 7A.13: Camping**

#### **7A.13.010 No camping allowed.**

No person may camp in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

### **Chapter 7A.14: Fishing**

#### **7A.14.010 Game fish.**

All laws, rules and regulations of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife relating to season, limits, and methods of fishing are applicable to fishing for game fish in City of Sammamish park areas and associated marine areas. No person may fish for or possess any fish taken from any dam, dike, bridge, dock, boat launch, or beach, which is posted with a sign prohibiting fishing. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.14.020 Shellfish and food fish.**

All laws, rules and regulations of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife relating to season, limits, and methods of taking are applicable to the taking of shellfish or food fish in City of Sammamish park areas and associated marine areas, and in addition to such laws, the Department may, upon its finding and for good cause, close certain City of Sammamish park areas and associated marine areas to the taking of shellfish for specific periods of time. Such closed areas shall be posted with appropriate signs. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.14.030 Posted fishing rules.**

Parks users must obey all posted rules for fishing in City of Sammamish park areas or associated marine areas. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.14.040 Fishing pots.**

No person may secure or attach a fishing pot used for the harvest of shellfish or fish to a park dock within a City of Sammamish park area or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

### **Chapter 7A.15: Pets and Animals**

#### **7A.15.010 Pets allowed in park facilities.**

Dogs, pets or domestic animals are not permitted on any designated swimming beach, athletic field, picnic shelter area or play area in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, facility or associated marine area unless specifically permitted by posting of the Department. This section shall not apply to service animals. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.15.020 Dog leash requirements.**

(1) It is unlawful for any person to allow or permit any animal under their control to run at large in any park or enter any designated swimming area located therein. Provided, dogs may be allowed off-leash in designated off-leash dog parks, or in specific portions of parks designated as off-leash, or in designated parks during park hours that have been specifically designated as off-leash hours, so long as the dog is under control of the owner or handler.

(2) In permissible areas only, dogs, pets or other domestic animals must be kept on a leash no greater than 16 feet in length and must be under control at all times.

(3) This section shall not apply where the dogs are engaged in lawful competition sanctioned by a nationally recognized body, working dogs engaged in sanctioned search and rescue activities, or are in city-designated off-leash dog parks.

(4) No person may permit any dog or other pet to enter into a City of Sammamish open space, trail, or park area designated and posted by the Director as a preserve or place prohibited to dogs or pets.

(5) Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.15.030 Animal waste removal.**

Any person whose dog or other pet is in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area is responsible for the conduct of the animal and for disposing feces in designated receptacles. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.15.040 Dog park rules.**

Dog owners and handlers must obey any posted rules for dog parks, including but not limited to: weight and size requirements, behavior, vaccinations, licenses, number of dogs, and health requirements. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.15.050 Damage and disturbance by dogs, pets or domestic animals.**

No person may allow their dog, pet, or domestic animal to capture, tease, annoy, harass, disturb, strike, mutilate, injure or damage any park user, pet, domestic animal or wildlife. No person may permit his or her dog or other pet or domestic animal to bark continuously or otherwise disturb the peace and tranquility of any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.15.060 Horseback riding.**

Horses are permitted on City trails unless otherwise posted and designated. Horses may be permitted in other City of Sammamish park areas that are specifically posted to permit such activity. Horses are not be permitted in any associated marine area, designated swimming area, or picnic area. No person may allow a horse or other animal to stand unattended or insecurely tied. No person may ride any horse or



other animal in such a manner that could cause physical harm to any person. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.15.070 Animal control.**

The followings provision in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 11.05](#).

### **Chapter 7A.16: Waste, Refuse and Litter**

#### **7A.16.010 Littering.**

No person may leave, deposit, drop or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, food, waste paper, cans, garbage, refuse, waste or rubbish in a City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area, except in a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.16.020 Outside, household or commercial waste.**

No person may deposit any outside, household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or rubbish which is brought in from any private property. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

#### **7A.16.030 Waste from vehicles.**

No person may drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper, automobile, or other vehicle, except in designated disposal areas in any City of Sammamish park area or park facility. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

#### **7A.16.040 Dumping in water.**

No person may pollute or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing any waste or refuse of any kind, including human and bodily waste, into any stream, river, lake or other body of water running in, through, or adjacent to, any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

### **Chapter 7A.17: Swimming**

#### **7A.17.010 Obey rules.**

Swimmers must obey all rules. All persons using City park areas, associated marine areas, beaches and water resources must obey all posted beach rules, lifeguard rules, dock rules, instructions of lifeguards, and/or instructions from other City employees. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

#### **7A.17.020 Designated areas only.**

Designated swimming areas are marked with buoys, log booms, signs, or other markers clearly designating the boundaries of such areas. Swimmers are prohibited from swimming into or out of designated swimming areas when lifeguards are on duty. Swimming is only permitted within designated swimming areas at City park areas, associated marine areas and beaches. Swimming is allowed in Sammamish Landing Park only on the south dock. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.17.030 Floatation devices.**

Floatation devices are allowed only at lifeguards' discretion in the shallow end of a designated swim area. No floatation devices are allowed in the deep end of a swimming area. Swimmers must stay within designated swimming areas when using floatation devices. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.17.040 False alarm of drowning prohibited.**

False alarm of drowning is prohibited. No person may give or transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning in any manner. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.17.050 Swimming, sunbathing and scuba diving in boat launches prohibited.**

No person may swim, sunbathe or scuba dive in any designated boat launching areas. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

**7A.17.060 Interfering with lifeguard duties.**

Activities in any City of Sammamish park areas, associated park areas, or beaches are prohibited if they endanger other beach users or interfere, distract or obstruct lifeguards from performing their responsibilities. When circumstances can safely permit games, such games will be conducted only with the consent of a lifeguard or other Department employee. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

## Chapter 7A.18: Damage to City Property and Wildlife

**7A.18.010 Damage to park facilities or properties.**

No person, except a duly authorized Department employee in the performance of his or her duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to law, may remove, move, relocate, change position, destroy, deface, or damage any City material, equipment, or other property which is under the jurisdiction of the Department. This section applies to any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

**7A.18.020 Damage to plant life.**

No person, except a duly authorized Department employee or authorized city volunteer in the performance of his or her duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to law, may remove, move, relocate, change position, destroy, deface, mutilate, injure, or damage any City vegetation, living or dead, which is under the jurisdiction of the Department. This section applies to any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, facility or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

**7A.18.030 Damage to wildlife.**

Except for authorized fishing and shellfishing in authorized areas and subject to rules promulgated by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, no person in any manner may capture, tease, annoy, harass, disturb, strike, mutilate, injure or damage any animal within any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, facility or associated marine area. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

#### **7A.18.040 Mechanical trapping devices.**

No person, except a duly authorized Department employee in the performance of his or her duties, or other person duly authorized pursuant to law, may use a mechanical trapping device within any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility, or associated marine area. For the purpose of this section, a “mechanical trapping device” shall be defined as any device that shuts suddenly upon contact by an animal or kills or inflicts physical pain and injury upon a captured animal. This section includes, but is not limited to, snares or machines. The act of capturing an animal, by other than lawful means, is prohibited. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a criminal misdemeanor.

#### **7A.18.050 Feeding animals.**

It is unlawful for any person in any City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area to feed wildlife, except that this prohibition does not include licensed fishing or shellfishing activity in designated areas. Any person violating provisions of this rule shall have committed a civil offense.

### **Chapter 7A.19: Penalties**

#### **7A.19.010 Civil offenses, criminal misdemeanors, separate offenses, and nuisances.**

The following provisions in the Sammamish Municipal Code are adopted by reference, now in effect and as subsequently amended: [SMC 1.10](#). The provisions of this Title are not exclusive and may be used in addition to other applicable provisions of the Sammamish Municipal Code or other applicable law or regulation.

#### **7A.19.020 Administrative sanctions.**

Subject to the discretion of the Director, in addition to any prescribed penalty, any person failing to comply with any provision of SMC Title 7A, now in effect and as subsequently amended, may be subject to the loss of park or recreation facility use privileges and ejection from the City of Sammamish open space, trail, park area, park facility or associated marine area.

### **Chapter 7A.20: Enforcement**

#### **7A.20.010 Responsibilities.**

Park safety is the responsibility of both the Department and City of Sammamish Police Department. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- (1) Department.
  - (a) Enforcing rules of conduct set forth in this Title for which Department personnel have been designated authority.
  - (b) Developing and implementing public awareness programs regarding the purpose of the park facilities and the rules governing their use.
  - (c) Encouraging voluntary compliance with rules based on awareness.
  - (d) Training department personnel in the appropriate use of administrative sanctions as a means of park rule enforcement.
  - (e) Notifying law enforcement officers who have primary jurisdiction in a particular geographic area whenever Department personnel observe violations of park rules requiring further law enforcement authority or other violations of local, state, or federal laws. This section shall include whenever there is

an emergency requiring law enforcement assistance or whenever they need assistance in executing their responsibilities pursuant to this chapter.

(2) City of Sammamish Police Department.

(a) Deputizing and training of personnel authorized to issue citations for infractions and misdemeanor offenses.

(b) Providing supplementary patrols in City of Sammamish open spaces, trails, park areas, park facilities, or associated marine areas jointly determined by the Director, City Manager and the City Police Chief as described in any interlocal cooperation agreements, contracts, service agreements, or any other contractual documents between the City and external agencies.

(c) Responding, as appropriate, to requests from Department personnel for assistance.

**7A.20.020 Enforcement methods.**

The provisions of this Title are not exclusive and may be used in addition to other applicable provisions of the Sammamish Municipal Code or other applicable law or regulation.

## Chapter 7A.21: Miscellaneous Provisions

**7A.21.010 Severability.**

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter be ordered unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this chapter.