



## Picnic Area Rental Rules and Regulations

### Park Department (rev. 01/2023)

1. For picnic rentals, a Park Use Agreement, Application PRK010, is used for events with 250 people or less. (if your event will have more than 250 people, a Special Event Application will need to be submitted.)
  - a. Application PRK010 is to be completed and all fees must be paid in full at the time of reservation, we accept Cash, Check or Credit/Debit (a convenience fee will be charged for credit/debit use).
  - b. If the request is less than three weeks prior to the event, all fees must be paid in cash or credit/debit only.**
2. Picnic Location Notes:
  - a. Picnics will not be permitted at the Lincoln Park Concession Building, Poerio Park and Anderson Park when other park events are taking place, such as tournaments, football, soccer or softball games.
  - b. Alford Park East, Hobbs, Schulte and Southport Parks: There are no indoor restroom facilities available for public use.
    - Alford Park East and Hobbs Park: if needed, the permittee will need to rent a portable restroom unit.
    - Southport Park: A portable restroom unit will be provided during the months of June through September.
    - Schulte Park: portable restroom units are **NOT** allowed at this location.
3. Reservations are accepted beginning the first working day in January of each year. Picnic rentals are available from May 1 – the first weekend in October only; no rentals are available Mid-October – April 30.
4. **NO rentals will be accepted less than 7 days prior to the requested date.** If the area is not reserved by another party, its use will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. However, without a rental the electricity, water and/or restrooms will not be available.
5. The hours given on the application must include set-up and take-down, including any seating, equipment or tent rentals. Your event must end, and guests must leave the park, no later than 10 p.m., unless you receive prior approval from the Board of Park Commission. To make sure the rented facility is cleaned and emptied of all personal items, the permittee is allowed to stay until 10:30 p.m.
6. **Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be made 30 days prior to the rental date to receive a full refund, less an administrative fee of \$50. There will be no refunds less than 30 days prior to the rental date.
7. A picnic rental, where no alcohol will be present, can be issued to applicants 18 years of age or older. A picnic rental for events involving alcoholic beverages will only be issued to applicants 21 years of age or older.  
**Please note: there must be one adult supervisor (at least 21 years of age) for every 15 minors.**
8. The permittee must be in attendance for the entirety of the event and will assume full responsibility for the group using the park area. In addition, the applicant must verify all conditions of the rental are met and acceptable, including cleanup after the event. The permittee signing the application is the duly authorized representative for all damage, missing items and cleanup.
9. **Right of Denial:** The Park Department reserves the right to deny the use of any facility to a person and/or group for good reason (e.g. a conflict with a planned or ongoing facility use; lack of personnel to prepare facilities; a known history of disruptive or undesirable conduct by the person and/or group).
10. Forfeiture of all fees including deposit will result if any of the following occurs:
  - a. Facility damage beyond normal use.
  - b. Excessive maintenance is required following use.
  - c. Any act by the permittee or group that requires police action.
  - d. Cancellation of an event in progress due to violation of City policies, rules or regulations governing such usage.

11. **Fermented Malt or Wine Beverages:** A beer/wine permit, included in the Park Use Agreement Application PWP010, must be issued for all permittees wishing to consume and/or serve beer/wine – this is only available to adults 21 years of age or older.
  - a. The permit is for beer/wine consumption only; the sale of fermented malt beverages/wine is prohibited, unless you receive prior approval from the Board of Park Commission.
  - b. Beer, wine coolers, and wine are permitted (liquor is prohibited) in parks as outlined in the Code of General Ordinances 6.02 A.18 when the appropriate permit is obtained.
  - c. Consumption of fermented malt beverages/wine is prohibited after 10 p.m., unless you receive prior approval from the Park Commission.
  - d. Organizations/individuals that have received a fermented malt beverage/wine permit will be required to have an adult over the age of 21 present at all times and organizations/individuals are responsible for restricting the consumption of fermented malt beverages to those persons' age 21 and over.
  - e. UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY TIME.
  - f. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED AT ANY NATURE CENTER PER CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCE 6.065.
12. Glass beverage containers are prohibited within all City parks (e.g. glass bottles/jars containing beer, wine, soda, juice, etc).
13. **Amplified music:** Amplified music/sound is allowed in a few areas, but it must be turned off at 9:30 p.m., unless you receive prior approval from the Park Commission.
  - a. Please be considerate of neighbors and other residents
  - b. Noise must be directed away from residential homes.
  - c. It is the responsibility of the group reserving the facility, where amplified music/sound is allowed, to keep the noise level to the acceptable level described in the Noise Control City Ordinance 23.5.
  - d. NO BANDS ARE ALLOWED AT PICNIC SITES WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
  - e. NO MUSIC IS ALLOWED AT ANY NATURE CENTER PER PER CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCE 6.065.
14. If needed, the permittee is responsible for all fees related to security personnel and equipment rentals.
15. Possession of firearms and/or weapons on park land is strictly prohibited.
16. The City is not responsible for equipment or material owned by the person/group using the park area, including any items delivered before or left after an event (e.g. dry bounce houses, tents, etc). Additionally, the City is not responsible for items lost/stolen during the park use.
17. Tents and dry bounce houses are allowed in the park area (water-filled bounce houses are prohibited). If your event will have either of these, you are required to contact Digger's Hotline (1.800.242.8511) no later than five (5) business days prior to the event and you must adhere to the placement of these items outside any noted and/or marked conflicts.
18. **Decoration Guidelines:**
  - a. All decorations must be put up and taken down without damaging the structure or equipment.
  - b. Nails, screws, tacks, staples, and tape – including command strips are prohibited.
  - c. Real-burning candles and lanterns, dance wax and glitter are prohibited.
  - d. The permittee must remove all decorations immediately following the event.
  - e. Removal of City Property from the facility is prohibited.
19. **Cleanup:** All clean up by the permittee is mandatory after the event and the permittee accepts all responsibility for the cost of any damage to the facilities and city-provided rental equipment.
  - a. Changes, alterations, or defacement to any facility will not be permitted.
  - b. Any person or group causing damage to property or equipment will be required to pay for any accrued cleanup or restoration costs (billed at \$50 per employee, per hour) and may include the price of replacement of damaged equipment.
  - c. Until full payment for damage is received, the City shall have the right to deny future application without any stated cause.