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Section 11-01. Recreation Areas-Prohibited Activities.

The following shall be prohibited activities in all designated City recreation areas:

a. Destroying or Removal of Recreation Property. No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove any structure, table, bench, paving or paving material, water lines, public utility or any part or appurtenance to a public utility, sign, notice or placard, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, any equipment, recreational facility or other property or appurtenance whatsoever, whether said property is real or personal. No person shall dig or remove any sand or soil, whether submerged or not, or any rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants by any means or agency whatsoever.

b. Construction Prohibited. No person shall construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such land except upon written permission granted by order of the City Council.

c. Injuring of Trees and Vegetation; Attachment to Trees. No person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant or dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty, usefulness or utility of the area. No person shall attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree, plant, structure, facility or equipment.

d. Depositing Trash - Use of Receptacles. No person shall bring in, dump, deposit, throw, discharge, leave or otherwise place any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse or any other trash upon any recreational facility. No refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters or left anywhere on the grounds but shall be placed in proper receptacles where such receptacles are provided. Where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the recreational facility by the person responsible for its presents, and properly disposed of elsewhere,

e. Camping Prohibited. No person shall set up any tent, shack or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, or leave in any park or in any recreational facility area any movable structure or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purpose, such as a house trailers, camp trailer, camp wagon or any other structure or vehicle of like nature.

f. Fires and Fireworks Prohibited. No person shall bring or have in his possession or set off

or otherwise cause to explode, discharge or burn any firecrackers, torpedo, rocket or other fireworks or explosives or inflammable material onto any recreational facility area nor shall any person discharge them or throw them into any such recreational area from land or highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture or article that in conjunction with any substance or compound would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints. No person shall build or attempt to build a fire upon property designated as a recreation area.

g. Disorderly Conduct Prohibited. No person shall engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, or engage in disorderly conduct or behavior tending to be a breach of the peace in any designated recreational area.

h. Illegal Drugs Prohibited. No person in a designated recreational area shall **be** in possession of or use any illicit, illegal or scheduled drugs, as defined under the Laws of the state of Maine or the Laws of the United States of America.

i. Closing Hours. The hours of operation of designated recreational areas shall be determined by the Recreation commission and posted as to give reasonable notice to the public as to the hours of operation and closing time of such facility. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person to be in or upon a designated recreational area beyond the posted closing time.

j. Alcoholic Beverages. Alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited from all designated recreational areas and it shall be a violation of this Section to carry onto such designated area or consume on such area any such alcoholic beverage.

k. Firearms. No person shall carry a firearm onto a designated recreational area except for duly authorized law enforcement officials.

l. Dogs. No person shall allow his dog to run at large on any designated recreational area.

m. Stones and Missiles. No person shall throw or cause to be thrown any stone or other missile while located upon a designated recreational area.

n. Bills and Notices Prohibited. No person shall post any bill, notice or any other devise on any tree or structure within a designated recreational area.

(Cross-reference - See Section 17-352 regarding the prohibition of motor bikes and all-terrain vehicles within designated recreational areas.)

Section 11-02. Penalties

Any person convicted of violating any of the prohibitions designated in Section 11.01 shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for the first offense and not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) on any second or subsequent offense, all fines being payable to the City of Bath. These penalties are in addition to any penalties, criminal or civil, which may be imposed for such behavior under applicable State Law.

Section 11-03. School Playground Areas

For purposes of this Chapter, school playground areas shall be defined as the playground area at the Fisher Mitchell School and the playground area at the Dike-Newell School. The prohibitions contained in Section 11.01 above shall apply to those school playground areas with the exception of closure. The school playground area shall be closed, and all persons shall be prohibited from being in such school playground areas, from sunset to sunrise. Persons violating this Section or the prohibitions in Section 11-01 with regard to school playground areas shall be subject to the penalties in Section 11-02. (9-26-90)