



Park Ordinances / Rules & Regulations

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The King William County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries shall have full authority to enforce the below mentioned ordinances.

K.W.C. Section 9-70: Intent

It is the intent of King William County to operate all public owned recreational facilities in a safe manner while providing reasonable access and use by the general public.

K.W.C. Section 9-71: Definitions

The following terms, when used, shall have the following meanings except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning, or there is an express provision to the contrary: Park: All property owned, maintained, or operated by King William County for the use of public recreation and is under the auspices and control of the King William County Department of Recreation and Parks, Director: The Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks, County: King William County, Virginia.

K.W.C. Section 9-72: Damage to Park Property Prohibited

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall in any manner pick, pull, pull-up, tear, tear-up, dig, dig-up, cut down, break, burn, injure, deface, disturb, destroy, mutilate, disfigure, remove, scar, take or gather in any manner, in whole or in part, any part of any park, building, sign, equipment, or other property, including, but not limited to any tree, flower, fern, shrub, vine, turf, plant, rock, artifact, fossil, or mineral, found growing or being a part of the land or any park. Notwithstanding any permits in writing to permit collecting for scientific and/or educational purposes of trees, flowers, ferns, shrubs, vines, turf, plants, rocks, artifacts, fossils, minerals, or any part thereof in any park.

K.W.C. Section 9-73: Use of Alcohol and Controlled Substances Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to possess, consume, and /or distribute any alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances as defined by, and in accordance with { 18.2 - 247 et. seq. and the Drug Control Act, Chapter 34 of Title 54.1 the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

K.W.C. Section 9-75: Animals Protected

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall capture, pursue, molest, injure, attempt to injure, kill, or attempt to kill any animal in any park. This shall also include the disturbance and/or destruction of any nest. Enforcement shall be handled by the appropriate agency(s) and follow the laws as stated in the Code of the County of King William, Virginia and the Code of Virginia.

K.W.C. Section 9-76: Hours of Operation

No person, except a law enforcement officer or County employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall enter or remain in any park except during such hours as designated and posted by the County as the Hours of Operation. All activity must be completed by midnight. This may be waived if conditions warrant and written permission is given by the Director. Unauthorized persons will be considered trespassing and will be subject to the law as described by the Code of the County of King William, Virginia and the Code of Virginia.

K.W.C. Section 9-77: Pets must be kept on a Leash

In an effort to provide a safe environment, all pets are required to be kept on a leash of not more than ten (10) feet or securely penned or caged. Pet owners are responsible for their pets and are subject to the law in accordance with and pursuant to {29.1 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended and Chapter 3 of the Code of King William County, as amended, and {3.1 - 796 to 3.1 - 796.126 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

K.W.C. Section 46-35: Dangerous Devices

No person other than any law enforcement officer, emergency service person, or County employed security guard in the course of their respective employment shall have in his/her possession in any park any slingshot, bow and arrow, crossbow, dart device, boomerang, fireworks, or any other device for high speed missile projection, except in areas designated by the county and with the written permission of the county.

The possession, carrying, storage or transporting of pneumatic guns or firearms and ammunition or components or combination thereof is permitted. No person other than any law enforcement officer, emergency service person, or county employed security guard in the course of their respective employment shall discharge in any park any firearm or other gun, including an air-powered or gas-powered gun except in areas designated by the county and with the written permission of the director. Violators of this section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Use of Park Refuse Containers

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her duties, shall deposit, dump, place, or abandon any garbage, refuse, or trash not generated in a park in any park refuse container.

Golfing

The use of golf clubs is strictly prohibited except where designated by the County whereby the grounds are conducive to the activity and where adequate safety precautions may be ensured.

Roadways

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall operate any type of motorized vehicle, motorcycle, motor assisted bicycle, 3 wheelers or 4 wheelers in areas of any park other than the established roadways or parking lots. A 15-MPH speed limit is posted for parks.

Parking

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall park a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motor assisted bicycle, in areas of any park other than those designated and posted by the County as parking areas. No owner or driver shall cause or permit a vehicle to stand in any space designated for use by handicapped unless the vehicle displays a license plate or decal issued by the commissioner of Motor Vehicles of Virginia or similar identification from another state.

Maintenance of Vehicles

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall repair or other wise maintain any motor vehicle, motorcycle, or motor assisted bicycle within any park except for minimum repair or maintenance of a disabled vehicle when such repair is necessary to make such vehicle operate.

Commercial Enterprises in Parks

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall sell or offer for sale, hire, lease or let out, any object or merchandise, food or beverage, property, privilege, service or any other structure whatsoever, without prior written permission from the Director.

Advertisement and Announcements

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties or organizations in conjunction with a county sponsored event shall erect or post within any park, any sign, notice or advertisement of any nature, nor shall any person operate any musical instrument, radio, taking device, phonograph, tape recorder, or make any noise that would reasonably disturb others using the park without prior written permission from the Director.

Fire Restricted

No person, except an employee in the performance of his/her assigned duties, shall kindle, build, maintain, or use a fire other than in grills and in places designated by the county, except by prior written permission from the Director.

Penalties

Any person, who violates the ordinances as related to Sections 9-72 thru 9-77 and is convicted, shall be punishable in accordance to the established fines set in the Code of the County of King William, Virginia and/or the Code of Virginia.

Attendance by a responsible person

A responsible person shall be at all functions held on Parks and Recreation property. Such a person shall work cooperatively with Department personnel to ensure proper care of property and enforcement of regulations. Applicant accepts responsibility for any damages, which might occur during the period of use. The applicant agrees to hold the County harmless from any and all claims for injuries of persons incurred while using department facilities.

Crowd Limitation

Attendance shall be limited to the maximum number that the given facility is designed to accommodate.

Grounds and Property

The organization using the facility shall keep all areas cleared of trash, litter and debris at all times during the period of time that the facility is being used. County property shall not be removed from the premises except by prior permission of the Department Director. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to inspect the premises during any activity.

Group Responsibilities

The organization using the facility shall be responsible for the care of the property and the proper conduct of persons in attendance.

Staging or Decorations

Decorations must be installed so as not to deface or damage the facility. Special equipment such as lights, amplifiers, tents, mechanical rides, etc. are not permitted without a "Special Event Permit".