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CHAPTER 27a
PUBLIC PARKS AND GROUNDS

SECTION 27a-1. General Purpose.

The provisions of this Chapter are to preserve the public parks and grounds for the enjoyment of all, to insure that all individuals shall be able to enjoy public parks and grounds, to encourage compatible activities in appropriate areas, and to promote the safety and welfare of the public.

SECTION 27a-2. General Provisions.

The provisions of this Chapter shall govern all public parks and grounds within the municipal limits of Cedar City, Utah, and shall regulate all conduct therein.

SECTION 27a-3. Definitions.

For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given therein. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

(A) **City:** Cedar City, Utah.

(B) **Director:** Person designated as Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head, or person immediately in charge of any park area and its activities, and to whom all park attendants of such area are responsible. If the text clearly indicates, Director may also refer to the Leisure Services Director.

(C) **Hills Recreational Complex:** shall mean the +/- 50 acres of City owned land used for a recreational complex and located in the vicinity of 2000 West and Royal Hunte Drive and containing the Fields at the Hills, the Lake at the Hills (referred to at other places in this ordinance as the Leigh Hills Reservoir), the Aquatic Center at the Hills, associated parking facilities, the beach facilities, and the adjoining vacant land.

(D) **Public Parks and Grounds:** Park, playground, recreation center, aquatic center, cemetery, monument, statue, memorial, pavilion, sports field, the Leigh Hill Reservoir, or any other area in the City.
owned or used by the City, and devoted to active or passive recreation, or designated as public grounds.

(E) **Person:** Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(F) **Vehicle:** Any device for carrying passengers, whether motor powered or self-propelled. The terms shall include any trailer in tow of any size, kind or description. Exception is made for baby carriages and vehicles in service of the City Parks.

Amended by Cedar City Ordinance no. 1013-10

**SECTION 27a-4. Park Property.**

(A) **Buildings and Other Property.**

1. **Disfiguration and Removal:** No person shall willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove any buildings, tables, benches, fire places, railing, paving material, memorials, monuments, statues, water lines or other public utilities, or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, survey monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers or other structures or equipment, facilities or park properties, or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

2. **Restrooms and Washrooms:** No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.

3. **Removal of Natural Resources:** No person shall dig or remove any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down-timber or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means.

4. **Erection of Structures:** No person shall construct or erect any structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except on special permits issued hereunder.

(B) **Trees, Shrubbery, Lawns**
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(1) **Injury and Removal:** No person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant, or injure any tree or plant; nor shall any person attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig or otherwise disturb grass area, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.

(2) **Climbing Trees, Etc.:** No person shall climb any tree, monument, fountain, railing, fence, or upon any property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.

(3) **Hitching of Animals:** No person shall tie or hitch an animal to any tree, plant, monument, or memorial.

(C) **Wild Animals, Birds, Etc.:**

(1) **Hunting:** No person shall hunt, molest, harm, frighten, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal; nor shall anyone remove or have in their possession the young of any wild bird or the eggs or nest or young of any reptile or bird.

Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit fishing in the Leigh Hill Reservoir.

**SECTION 27a-5. Sanitation.**

(A) **Pollution of Waters:** No person shall throw, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any park, any substance, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

(B) **Refuse and Trash:** No person shall dump, deposit or leave any rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof, but shall be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.

**SECTION 27a-6. Traffic.**

(A) **State Motor Vehicle Laws Apply:** No person shall fail to comply with all applicable provisions of the State Motor Vehicle Traffic Laws,
together with such regulations as are contained in this and other ordinances.

(B) **Enforcement of Traffic Regulations.** No person shall fail to obey all traffic officers and park employees, such persons being hereby authorized and instructed to direct traffic whenever needed in the park and on the highways, streets or roads immediately adjacent thereto.

(C) **Obey Traffic Signs.** No person shall fail to observe all traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping or parking, and all others posted for proper control.

(D) **Speed of Vehicles.** No person shall ride or drive a vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour, except upon such roads as the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director, or his designee, may designate by posted signs for speedier travel.

(E) **Operation Confined to Road.** No person shall drive any vehicle on any area except the paved park road or parking areas, or such other areas as may on occasion be specifically designated by the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director, or his designee.

(F) **Parking.**

   1) **Designated Areas.** No person shall park a vehicle in other than a designated parking area, and such use shall be in accordance with the posted directions there and with the instructions of any attendant who may be present.

   2) **Immovable Vehicles.** No person shall leave any vehicle anywhere in the park overnight or in any manner fixed or arranged so such vehicle cannot readily be moved by hand.

   3) **Emergency Procedure.** No person shall fail to immediately notify an attendant of an emergency in the nature of a break-down requiring the assistance of a tow-truck, mechanic or other person.

   4) **Double-Parking.** No person shall double-park any vehicle on any road or parkway unless directed by a park official.

(G) **Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Blades, and Scooters.**
(1) **Confined to Roads.** No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard, roller blades, or scooters on other than a paved vehicular road or path designated for that purpose. Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, and scooters shall not be ridden across walk ways, pavers, or hard surface areas incorporated within a monument or memorial. A bicyclist, skateboarder, rollerblader, or scooter operator shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail.

(2) **Operation.** No person shall ride a bicycle other than on the right-hand side of the road paving as close to the edge as conditions permit, and bicycles shall be kept in single file when two or more are operating as a group. Bicyclists shall at all times operate with reasonable regard to the safety of others, signal all turns, and pass in a safe manner given the existing circumstances.

(3) **Exit 59 Skate Park.** The use of bicycles and skateboards within the confines of the Exit 59 Skate Park is permitted.

**SECTION 27a-7. Recreational Activities.**

(A) **Hunting and Firearms.**

(1) Within the City’s parks or on the City’s public grounds:

(a) no person shall hunt, trap, or pursue wildlife at any time;

(b) except as provided herein, no person shall use, carry or possess air rifles, spring guns, bow-and-arrows, slings or any other forms of weapons potentially dangerous to wildlife or human safety, or any instruments that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device;

(c) subject to applicable State Law defenses or justifications, use of a firearm is prohibited;

(d) if under State Law a person is permitted to carry a firearm that person may carry the firearm while in the City’s parks or on the City’s public grounds; and

(e) this section shall not be interpreted to prohibit fishing at the Lake at the Hills.
(2) Special Event Exception. The sponsor of an event in a City park wanting to use items prohibited above must be issued a special event permit. The special event permit is issued by the City’s Director of Leisure Services after submitting a copy of the permit and application to the Chief of Police, the Director of Parks and Outdoor Facilities, and the City Recorder.

(3) At a minimum the application and permit shall include a management plan. The management plan shall include the following:

(a) the name of the sponsor, the date of the event, and a short description of the event and what items the sponsor is proposing to use that would otherwise be prohibited by the terms of this ordinance;

(b) a statement indicating level of adult supervision. No special event permit will be issued absent supervision by responsible adults;

(c) the event sponsor shall, prior to the issuance of the permit, provide a certificate of liability insurance naming Cedar City as an additional insured. The liability insurance shall include coverage in excess of $2,000,000.00 and be issued by a reputable insurance agency;

(d) A description of the area where the event is to be staged and a description of the security measures. The area where the activity is to take place shall be arranged so that the target area has a back stop reasonably sufficient to in size and material to prevent wayward projectiles from impacting individuals or property other than the intended target. As an alternative to a backstop the sponsor shall provide an adequate safe zone around the target so that wayward projectiles will not impact individuals or property other than the intended target. The adequacy of the safe zone shall be determined in relation to the projectile being used;

(e) Except as may otherwise be required for the event such as paint ball or other similar event, there shall be a prohibition included and enforced by the sponsor restricting
participants from aiming or shooting the projectile at any individual. If the event is intended to shoot a projectile at an individual the sponsor shall include a description of the safety equipment that will be required;

(f) there shall be a prohibition included and enforced by the sponsor restricting people from shooting any projectile at any tree, shrub, structure, or other City owned property; and

(g) a statement providing a detailed description of all other measures the event sponsor intends on taking to protect public safety and property.

This ordinance was amended by Cedar City Ordinance No. 0711-12 and 0309-16-1.

(B) Picnic Areas.

(1) Reservations. It is the policy of Cedar City Corporation to restrict the use of certain facilities in areas of its public parks by means of reservation.

(a) Reservations may be made on a "first-come, first-served basis." Only one reservation may be made in advance without approval of City Council. A subsequent reservation may be made after the initial reservation date has expired.

(b) The maximum allowed reservation shall be established by the Director of Leisure Services in consultation with the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director. In no event shall the maximum allowed reservation time be established based on: promoting or restricting free speech; race; gender; national origin; religion; age; color; sex; or disability. All reservations shall be made at the parks and recreation office.

(c) Parks and Recreation shall post the facility with a sign identifying the reserving party and the reservation’s duration.
(d) **Liability of Permittee.** Any person or entity to whom a permit is issued shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by any person whatever by reason of the negligence of the person or persons to whom such permit shall have been issued.

(2) **Proper Use of Facilities.**

(a) No dangerous horse play or use of the facilities for purposes other than the designed use will be allowed.

(b) All persons shall leave area clean and picked-up on departure.

(c) All persons shall respect the rights of others, the reservation signs, and any specifically posted rules and regulations at the facilities.

(d) Any damage done to the facilities, intentionally or as a result of violation of posted rules, will be charged to the entity responsible, and that entity will be held liable for damage.

(3) **Duty of Picnicker.** No person shall leave a picnic area before a fire is completely extinguished and before all trash is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are available, refuse and trash shall be carried away by the picnicker to be properly disposed of elsewhere.

(C) **Camping:** No person shall set up tents, any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping; nor shall any person after closing hours leave in a park any movable structure or vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purpose. As an exception, camping may be allowed at the Main Street park when a nonprofit charitable organization is holding a multi-day event. The purpose of the camping must be to protect vendor’s merchandise. This exception will be granted upon obtaining written permission from the Leisure Services Department Head, Chief of Police and City Manager. As a condition to this exception, the nonprofit charitable organization will be required, at their own cost, to provide adequate sanitation facilities. No person shall park a motorhome or recreational vehicle overnight on a public street while using it for sleeping or living purposes. Violations of 27a-7(C) are punishable as an infraction.
SECTION 27a-8 Prohibited Behavior.

(A) Intoxicating Beverages.

(1) Prohibition. No person shall bring alcoholic beverages nor drink alcoholic beverages at any time in a City park.

   a) For purposes of this section only, City Park means and includes city-owned parks, public squares, ball diamonds, soccer fields, the Leigh Hill Reservoir, the aquatic center, the Cedar City Library in the Park, and other recreational areas, city-owned cemeteries, trails, and parking lots. This prohibition does not include lawfully sold alcoholic beverages by Cedar City at its golf course, or lawfully sold alcoholic beverages at a beer garden as authorized by the City Council and in compliance with State law.

(2) Drunkenness. No person shall be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor in the park to such a degree that the person would violate State Public Intoxication law (see the current provisions UCA §76-9-701, or applicable provisions as the state legislature may from time to time amend UCA §76-9-701).

(B) Domestic Animals. No person shall be responsible for the entry of a dog or domestic animal into areas other than automobile parking and walks immediately adjacent thereto, and in such other areas as may be clearly marked by signs bearing the words "Domestic Animals Permitted in This Area." Nothing herein shall be construed as permitting the running of dogs at large. All dogs in those areas where animals are permitted shall be restrained at all times with adequate leashes. No person shall be permitted to allow a domestic animal to urinate or defecate on any monument or portion thereof, statute, or field that may be used to host sporting events. With the exception of service animals as defined in UCA §62-5b-102, no person may bring a dog onto the Hills Recreational Complex.

(C) Fires. No person shall build or attempt to build a fire except in such areas and under such regulations as may be designated by the Director. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or other flammable
material within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto.

(D) **Interference with Permittees.** No person shall disturb or interfere unreasonably with any person or party occupying any area, or participating in any activity under the authority of a permit.

(E) **Smoking Prohibitions.** Smoking is hereby prohibited in city parks, within twenty-five (25) feet of bus stops, and within fifty (50) feet of mass gatherings. A violation of this ordinance is an infraction punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars ($25.00). The following definitions apply only to the prohibition of smoking in City Parks:

1. “Smoke” or “smoking” means and includes: possession, carrying, or holding a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or electronic cigarette of any kind, or any other lighted smoking equipment, or the lighting or emitting or exhaling of smoke or a pipe, cigar, or cigarette of any kind, or of any other lighted smoking equipment or an electronic device used to deliver or capable of delivering vapor containing nicotine or other substance into an individual’s respiratory system.

2. “City Park” means and includes city-owned parks, public squares, ball diamonds, soccer fields, the Leigh Hill Reservoir, the aquatic center, the Cedar City Library in the Park, the outdoor grand stands at the Cross Hollows Arena and fifty (50) foot radius from the grand stands, and other recreational areas, city-owned cemeteries and trails. “City Park” does not include golf courses and areas outside of a fifty (50) foot radius from the grand stands at the Cross Hollows Arena.

**Amended by Cedar City Ordinance No.** 1013-10, 0612-19-3, and 0414-21.

**SECTION 27a-9. Merchandising, Advertising and Signs.**

(A) **Vending and Peddling.** No person shall offer for sale any article or thing; nor shall any person place any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing. Exception is made to any regularly licensed concession acting by and under the authority and regulation of the Leisure Services Director.
(B) **Advertising.** No person shall announce, advertise, or call the public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire without prior approval of the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director, and in areas designated for such purpose.

(C) **Signs.** No person shall paste or otherwise post any sign, advertisement or inscription whatsoever without prior approval of the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director, and in areas designated for such purpose; nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatever on any public lands or highways or roads adjacent to a park.

**SECTION 27a-10. Park Operating Policy.**

(A) **Hours.** Except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies, parks shall be open to the public every day of the year during designated hours. Opening and closing hours for each individual park shall be posted.

(B) **Closed Areas.** Any section or any part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Director at any time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals, as the Director shall find reasonably necessary.

(C) **Penalty.** The penalty for violating this section of the parks and public grounds ordinance shall be an infraction and punishable by a fine not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars ($250.00).

**SECTION 27a-11. Regulations for the Leigh Hill Reservoir.**

(A) **Purpose.** The Leigh Hill Reservoir is a 99 acre foot multi use reservoir located in the vicinity of 2000 West and Royal Hunte Drive. The City has constructed the facility to serve as a secondary irrigation storage facility, urban fishery, adjacent picnic areas, and a general recreational facility. The regulations in this section are intended to be in addition to the rest of Section 27a of the Cedar City Ordinance.

(B) **Access.** The following shall regulate access to the Leigh Hill Reservoir:

1. The Reservoir shall be closed for the winter season as posted by City Staff. During the winter the reservoir may be used for City sponsored special events as determined by City staff. During the time of year when the facility is open
it shall be unlocked and open for such hours as are posted by staff.

2. The Reservoir shall be open to the public seven (7) days a week.

3. The Reservoir shall have one (1) public vehicle access located in the Southeast corner. Staff shall designate by a fence an area around the reservoir where no public vehicle access will be allowed, hereinafter referred to as the fenced perimeter.

4. The City shall establish and mark a separate access for authorized City maintenance vehicles and emergency service vehicles (i.e. ambulance, fire, and police). The authorized maintenance and emergency service vehicles shall have access to all areas including the fenced perimeter. The City shall also provide a turnaround area outside the fenced perimeter in the vicinity of 1950 West so the Police Department may perform security checks.

(C) Use. The following regulate use of the Leigh Hill Reservoir.

1. Swimming will be allowed in areas designated by staff. Swimming shall be at the patron’s own risk. There will be no lifeguards on duty. In order to swim, children under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

2. Only non-motorized boats will be allowed to be used at the reservoir. Motorized remote controlled and un-manned water craft will be allowed in designated areas only. All non-motorized boats shall comply with the safety equipment pursuant to the State of Utah Boating Act (see UCA Title 73, chapter 18).

3. Pursuant to an agreement with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources to stock the reservoir with fish, fishing shall be allowed in accordance with Title 23 of the Utah code. Fish cleaning shall only be allowed at designated fish cleaning stations.

4. Cedar City reserves the right to close the reservoir to public use without advance notice.
(D) Prohibited activities. The following shall be prohibited at the reservoir facility.

1. The possession and use of glass containers.

2. Operation of a vehicle, other than an authorized maintenance or public safety vehicle, within the fenced perimeter.

3. Cleaning of fish other than at a designated fish cleaning station.

4. The use of motorized water craft except un-manned remote controlled water craft in designated areas.

5. The use of stakes, shovels, spikes, umbrellas, or any other item that might puncture the reservoir lining system will be prohibited within the fenced perimeter. Such items may be used in the park and picnic area east of the beach area.

6. No pits or holes deeper than six inches (6”) shall be dug in the beach area. The rocks lining the reservoir shall not be disturbed.

7. With the exception of service animals as defined in UCA §62A-5b-102, dogs are prohibited.

8. The public shall not access manholes, pipes, vaults, or other structures used for the operation of the reservoir. The public is prohibited from tampering with any fence, pipe, manhole, vault, or other City equipment on the site.

Amended by Cedar City Ordinance Nos. 1209-09-2 & 1013-10

SECTION 27a-12. Enforcement and Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed guilty of an infraction, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed $750.00. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or a portion of this Chapter is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 27a-14. Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

AMENDED BY CEDAR CITY ORDINANCE Nos. 1029-08-1 & 0408-09.

SECTION 27a-15. LEISURE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

(A) CREATION AND PURPOSE. There is hereby created the Cedar City Leisure Services Advisory Board. The purpose of said Board shall be to provide citizen input and advice to the City Council, on matters related to the promotion of health, wellness, quality of life for all residents of the City. The Committee shall also make recommendations to the City Council related to both short range and long range planning for the City’s parks, recreation facilities, leisure services, and trails system.

(B) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members. The members of this Board shall be selected from the residents of Cedar City. Board members shall be nominated by the Mayor and approved by a majority vote of the Cedar City Council. One member of the board may be appointed from the Cedar City Council and that member’s term shall be the same as their elected term of office. Each of the remaining member’s terms of office shall be for four (4) years, all terms shall be adjusted so that they shall expire on June 30 in the year they are currently set to expire. Excluding the Council representative, in order to stagger the terms of office the Mayor shall designate two (2) initial members shall serve a two (2) year term; two (2) initial members shall serve a three (3) year term; and three members shall serve a four (4) year term. Once the initial term is completed each reappointed or new member shall serve a four (4) year term. If a member resigns from the board during his/her term, the Mayor shall appoint a Cedar City resident to serve the remainder of the term. This appointment is also subject to the approval of a majority of the Cedar City Council. The Mayor may remove board members for the following reasons, to wit: (1) Misconduct including, but not limited to, commission of a criminal act
other than minor traffic violations, and (2) Excessive absenteeism including, but not limited to, missing three (3) consecutive meetings.

(C) ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD AND MEETINGS.

(1) The members of the Cedar City Leisure Services Advisory Board shall select one of their members to serve as the chair of the board. The chair of the board shall conduct the meetings. The chair of the board shall be a voting member on all matters. In the absence of the duly elected chair, the Board shall select from the members present a chair pro tempore, who shall serve with the same powers and duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

(2) (In order to conduct any business there must be a majority of the voting members present. All meetings shall comply with the Open and Public Meetings Act. All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to Robert’s Rules of Order as administered by the Chairperson. In applying Robert’s Rules of Order the Chair is encouraged to reject overly formal applications, and adopt the application that favors the following goals: (1) allow the Chair the ability to facilitate or direct the discussion and keep order; (2) protect the ability of all board members to bring up their ideas, discuss them, receive input from the public and staff, and come to their individual opinions and conclusions on each issue; (3) allow all members the opportunity to express their individual opinions and conclusions on each issue through their vote; and (4) assure the majority vote of the board is the opinion of the board while at the same time protecting the minority of board members’ ability to speak, express ideas, and vote.

(3) The Board shall meet at least once a month. The Board may meet more frequently if deemed necessary by the Chairperson. The Board shall comply with the Open and Public Meetings Act. In order to call a meeting, the Chair must notify all members of the Board at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. The notice from the Chair must contain the time, location, and date of the meeting. The Chair shall inform the members of the general subject matter of the meeting. The notice may be sent by mail, email, text, personal contact, or by phone.

(4) If a committee member is unable to attend a meeting they shall notify the board secretary in advance of the meeting.

(D) COMPENSATION and ETHICS. Service on the Leisure Services Advisory Board is voluntary and without pay. The appointed members of the Board are subject to the provisions of the Public Employees Ethics Act.

(E) EMPLOYEES and EXPENDITURES. One member of the Leisure Services Advisory Board shall serve as the secretary for the Leisure Services Advisory Board. The secretary shall be responsible for advertising meetings; recording meetings; keeping the minutes of the meetings; and keeping the general records and documents for the board. The department heads for the
leisure services department and the parks department shall be required to attend the meetings. Other City staff shall be available as a resource to the board, but shall not be required to attend the meetings. The Board shall have such budget as the City Council may from time to time appropriate. The Leisure Services Department Staff shall be responsible to provide new members of the board such training as is reasonably necessary. Leisure Services may solicit other city staff as necessary to aid in such training.

(F) POWERS AND DUTIES. In order to fulfill its primary purpose of providing citizen input and advice to the City Council, on matters related to the promotion of health, wellness, quality of life for all residents of the City; and making recommendations to the City Council related to both short range and long range planning for the City’s parks, recreation facilities, leisure services, and trails system, the Board shall have the following powers and duties:

1. provide recommendations to the Council related to naming of, hours of operation for, fees to be charged by, and types of operations allowed in new and/or existing public parks and grounds facilities;

2. provide a forum to evaluate public complaints and provide the City Council with recommended resolutions;

3. evaluate park, trail, and general recreation facilities and make prioritized recommendations to the City Council as to types of improvements in the parks and areas for expansion;

4. consistent with the City’s General Land Use Plan and the Water Wise Plants for Utah Landscapes as produced by the Utah State University Cooperative Extension (Water Wise Plants Plan), provide the City Council with recommendations as to future locations for parks and trail expansion;

5. provide the City Council with recommendations for leisure activities and programing that would benefit the public;

6. survey City residents in order to provide recommendations as to future priorities for trail and recreational facilities and programing;

7. provide recommendations as to the design of future city public parks and grounds;

8. establish reasonably necessary advisory sub-committees, including but not limited to the following; cross hollows events center advisory sub-committee, veteran’s park steering committee, trails committee, golf course advisory committee, and shade tree sub-committee. These subcommittees shall at a minimum make quarterly reports to the Leisure Services Advisory Board. The sub-committees may make more frequent reports if necessary;

9. provide recommendations for both long range and short range planning related to parks, recreational facilities, trails, and public grounds;

10. make recommendations to the parks department and leisure services department for annual RAP tax funding requests; and
(11) coordinate efforts with and receive regular updates from the City’s events coordinator on matters related to the City’s public parks and grounds.

SECTION 27a-16 SHADE TREE ORDINANCE

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CEDAR CITY SHADE TREE ORDINANCE

A. PURPOSE
This chapter is hereby declared to be enacted for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the inhabitants of Cedar City, Utah, and:

i. to recognize the importance of green space and urban forestry;
ii. to enhance the natural beauty of the area;
iii. to encourage beautification through proper and effective landscaping and maintenance;
iv. to provide for a street environment and pedestrian walkways which are hospitable through landscaping; and
v. to identify when Cedar City will be responsible to plant and maintain trees, and when it is the responsibility of the property owner to plant and maintain trees.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. Street Trees.
"Street Trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation planted and maintained by the City on land lying adjacent to Main Street and Center Street.

2. Park Trees.
"Park Trees" are herein defined as trees, shrubs, bushes, and all other woody vegetation located in public parks and public grounds.

"Public Right-of-Way" means a portion of property reserved for public use and accepted for such use by the City to provide circulation and travel to abutting properties, including, but not limited to, streets, alleys, sidewalks, provisions for public utilities, cut and fill slopes, parking/planting strips, and open public spaces.

4. Parking/Planting Strips.
"Parking/planting strips" means the area between the curb and sidewalk and the area between sidewalk and private property line that is City-owned property; unpaved streetside City property;
5. Public Nuisance.

"Public Nuisances" are herein defined as any tree or shrub located on private property having a destructive or communicable disease or other pestilence which endangers the growth, health, life or well-being of trees, shrubs or plants in the City or which is capable of causing an epidemic spread of a communicable disease or insect infestation; the roots of any tree or shrub, located on private property, which cause the surface of the public street, curb or sidewalk to be upheaved or otherwise disturbed or which may inhibit the provision of utilities or other public services; any tree, shrub or portion thereof located on private property which, by reason of location or condition, constitutes an imminent danger to the health, safety or well-being of the general public on City property.

C. URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

1. Purpose.

The Urban Forestry Program is established to encourage and perpetuate awareness of the many benefits derived from proper landscaping on public and private property in Cedar City. The Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head shall be responsible for management of the Urban Forestry Program.

2. Duties.

In carrying out the Urban Forestry Program, the City may: plant, prune, remove, fertilize, spray, brace and provide all necessary maintenance on Street Trees and Park Trees; provide an annual work plan, street inventories, tree list, and develop and implement goals and objectives associated with the Urban Forestry Program.


The City shall pursue consent or legal authorization by the Courts to enter onto private property whereon there is located a tree, shrub, or plant that is suspected to be a public nuisance as defined herein and may direct the necessary treatment or removal; to alleviate interference with the provision of essential services; and to preserve the aesthetics of public places. The City shall have the power to proclaim and enforce rules, regulations, and specifications concerning the trimming, spraying, removal, planting, pruning and protection of trees, shrubs, vines, hedges and other plants upon the rights-of-way of any street, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the City and trees, plants, shrubs, etc. located on private property that constitute a hazard or threat as described herein.
D. PLANTING, MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

1. Planting.

Street Trees or Park Trees must conform in species, spacing and locations with the Water Wise Plants Plan. No species other than those included in the Water Wise Plants Plan may be planted as Street Trees or Park Trees without written permission from the City and trees may only be selected from the tree list that corresponds with the specific proposed tree location as designated in the Water Wise Plants Plan.

2. Distance from Curb and Sidewalk.

The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curblines and sidewalks will be in accordance with the species size classes listed in the Water Wise Plants Plan and no trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: Small Trees, 2 feet; Medium Trees, 3 feet; and Large Trees, 4 feet.

3. Distance from Street Corners and Fireplugs.

No Street Tree shall be planted closer than 30 feet of any street corner, measured the point of nearest intersecting curbs or curblines. No Street Tree shall be planted closer than 10 feet of any fireplug.

4. Utilities.

No Street Trees other than those species listed as Small Trees in the Water Wise Plants Plan of this ordinance may be planted under or within 15 lateral feet of any overhead utility wire, or over or within 5 lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission line or other utility.

5. Street Tree Care.

The City shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds, as may be necessary to ensure public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The City may remove or cause to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest. Individuals and/or organizations may donate and plant Street Trees and Park Trees when authorized by the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head.
6. Private Tree Care.
Within the provisions of this ordinance, the members of the public are encouraged to plant, prune, maintain, and remove trees, plants, and shrubs within their private property so as to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of such private property.

Any tree located on City property in the immediate vicinity of any excavation, demolition or construction site of any building, structure, street, or utilities work, which has potential for injury, shall be protected from such injury, as directed by the City. Should a tree become injured beyond the point of recovery as a result of construction activities, the responsible party shall replace the injured tree.

8. Tree Topping.
It shall be unlawful as a normal practice for any person, firm, or City department to top any Street Tree, Park Tree, or other tree on public property. Topping is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical may be exempted from this ordinance with the prior written approval of the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head.

E. ADJACENT PRIVATE LANDOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Pruning, Corner Clearance.
Every owner of any tree overhanging any street or right-of-way within the City shall prune the branches so that such branches do not obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of nine feet (9’) above the surface of the street or sidewalk. The Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head or his/her authorized representative will notify, in writing the owners of such trees. Said owners shall remove all dead, diseased, or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public or creates a nuisance as defined in this chapter. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the City shall have the right to prune any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a streetlight, interferes with visibility of any traffic control device or sign, or interferes with first responders’ ability to navigate emergency vehicles at the expense of the owner.
2. Dead or Diseased Tree Removal on Private Property.

Should any dead or diseased trees be identified on private property within the City, and should such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the City, the City, will notify, in writing, the owners of such trees. The notice will include alternative remedies to the situation. Should removal be the only remedy, removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within the time specified in said notice, after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the City shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice as defined in this ordinance.

3. Permission Required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to plant, prune, or remove any Street or Park Tree, other than those identified in the Water Wise Plants Plan, without first obtaining permission from the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove any Street Tree, without first obtaining a permission from the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head.

F. PENALTIES, CLAIMS AND APPEALS

1. Proper Notice.

In the event that a violation of the provisions of this chapter exists, the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head, or his/her authorized representative, shall ascertain the name of the property owner or occupant who caused the violation, and he/she shall serve notice in writing, either personally or by mailing notice, registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the property owner or, occupant at the last known post office address as disclosed by the records of the County Assessor, requiring such property owner or occupant, as the case may be, to correct or remedy the violation within time specified in notice, from the date of service of such notice, except in the event of an emergency.

2. Assessment of Claim.

In the event of failure to effect replacement or otherwise remedy the violation in accordance with such notice, the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head is authorized to employ necessary assistance and cause such correction or remedy to be accomplished. He/she shall prepare an itemized statement of all expenses incurred in accomplishing the correction or remedy of such violation and shall mail a copy thereof to the owner demanding payment within 20 days of the date of mailing. Such statement shall be deemed delivered when mailed by registered mail and addressed to the last known address of the property owner involved.
3. Payment.

If the property owner or occupant fails to make payment within said 20-day period, the City may cause a sworn statement to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder showing the cost and expense incurred for the work, the date the work was done, and the location of the property on which the work was done. Such recordation of sworn statement shall constitute a lien on the property and shall remain in full force and effect for the amount due with interest thereon as determined by the City until final payment has been made. A sworn statement recorded in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be prima facie evidence that all legal formalities have been complied with and that the work has been done properly and satisfactorily and shall be full notice to every person concerned that the amount of the statement, plus interest, constitutes a charge against the property designated or described in the statement and that the same is due and collectible as provided by law.

4. Appeals.

Any person may appeal a ruling or order of the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head to the City Council who may afford a hearing in a proper case and make a final decision. Appeals must be made in writing within 10 days of the ruling or order in question. The Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head and Parties appealing shall be notified of the appeal hearing at least 48 hours in advance to enable their attendance. Following such notice of intent to appeal, no action on the problem shall be taken by the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head pending the outcome of the appeal. The City Council shall hear all parties wishing to be heard on the matter during the appeal proceedings and shall make a decision. The City Council shall notify in writing all parties concerned of decisions and shall order the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head to take such actions as are necessary to execute the decision.

G. INTERFERENCE UNLAWFUL

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head, or any of its agents, or Cedar City personnel while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying, or removing of any Street Trees, Park Trees, or trees on private grounds as authorized in this ordinance.

H. SEVERABILITY

If any section of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining sections.
ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 1013-10-1
Amended by Cedar City Ordinance No. 0612-13-6, 0921-16, 0728-21-11 and 22-0622.