



# TOWER GROVE — PARK —

## ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TOWER GROVE PARK

By authority of an Act of the Missouri Legislature on March 9, 1867, carried forward as Chapter 145, Article V, R. S. Mo. 1939, Section 15718, The Board of Commissioners of Tower Grove Park passed and duly adopted the following Ordinances, Rules and Regulations on this 2nd day of December, 1989. The Board of Commissioners of Tower Grove Park has revised, passed, and duly adopted the following Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations on this 24th day of March, 2020.

**1.00 Executive Director.** (formerly designated “Park Superintendent”).

**1.01 Executive Director’s Authority.** The Board of Commissioners established the office of Executive Director to manage the affairs and activities of the park. The Executive Director shall have the authority to grant all permits and to establish schedules of fees regulating the use of athletic fields, tennis courts, picnic areas, shelters, historic structures, the Stupp Memorial Garden and any other areas in the park. The Executive Director shall establish such rules and regulations deemed desirable governing the issuance of permits and the conditions for the use of all public recreational facilities.

**1.02 Employees.** The Executive Director shall have full power and authority to hire, supervise, direct, discipline and terminate all subordinate employees.

### **2.00 Prohibited Acts and Restrictions.**

**2.01 Vandalism.** No person shall break, cut, mutilate, deface, injure, dig, stake, pull, tear, remove, climb upon, or carry away any tree, shrub, plant, bulb or root, fruit, sculpture, stone or stonework, bench, chair seat, bower, stand, structure, fence or property, or thing whatsoever in or upon the park grounds.

**2.02 Harassing animals or their nests.** No person shall harass, disturb, feed, release, or collect any bird, bird’s nest, fish, or any other wild animal in the park without the written consent of the Executive Director or their designee.

**2.03 Posters.** No person shall paste or affix or inscribe any handbill, poster, card, device, decoration, or inscription to or upon or against any fence, tree, structure, or property of or on the park premises.

**2.04 Lights.** No person shall injure, pull down or break any lamp post, bracket, lamp, light, globe, pole, wire, tube or cable or shall screen or otherwise obscure any light, lamp or street sign.

**2.05 Advertisement.** No person shall parade, exhibit or distribute any advertisement, circular or handbill in the park.

**2.06 Speeches.** No person shall deliver any oration, address, speech, sermon or lecture therein except as authorized by permit, or with the written consent of the Executive Director or their designee.

**2.07 Disorderly Conduct.** All disorderly or indecent conduct, the use of threatening, obscene or profane language, and all games, acts or demeanor calculated or lending to mar or disturb the feelings or enjoyment of the visitors attending the park are prohibited.



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**2.08 Excessive noise – radios, etc.** No person shall use, operate, or permit to be used or operated any radio, instrument, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in such a manner as to disturb the reasonable peace, quiet and comfort of other park visitors. The operation of any radio, phonograph, instrument, loud speaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of more than fifty (50) feet from such machine or device shall normally be deemed excessive noise. Permits for amplified sound may be granted by the Executive Director or their designee.

**2.09 Animal control.** Dogs or pet animals of any kind shall not be permitted in any public park building, or other areas designated by the Executive Director except as such animal is a designated Service Animal. Such pets may however be in the park but only when fastened to or led by a handheld leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length.

**2.10 Curfew.** No person shall loiter, idle, wander, stroll, play or otherwise be in or upon the confines of the park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. throughout the year.

**2.11 Metal detectors.** No person shall use metal detectors in the park unless a written permit to do so is issued by the Executive Director or their designee.

**2.12 Glass containers.** No person shall use or possess with intent to use a glass container in the park, nor shall any person distribute or possess with intent to distribute a glass container in the park. This prohibition against glass containers shall not apply to any person with an infant in their custody with a container containing liquid prepared for consumption by the infant, or to any person carrying sealed glass containers on an uninterrupted trip through the park.

**2.13 Alcoholic beverages.** No person shall use, distribute, or possess alcoholic beverages in the park unless the Executive Director or their designee has authorized such activity and possession by means of permit.

**2.14 Ground fires.** Only charcoal fires in grills are permitted in the park. No ground fires are permitted without the written permission of the Executive Director or their designee. If grills additional to those provided at picnic sites are used, the ashes from such grills must be removed from the park or placed in park grills. Such ashes must not be placed in trash containers or on the ground. No fires are allowed under the park structure.

**2.15 Playing horseshoes.** Playing horseshoes is not allowed except at designated horseshoe pits without the written permission of the Executive Director or their designee.

**2.16 Vendors.** No vendors are permitted to sell refreshments or other articles or services to the public without the written permission of the Executive Director or their designee.

**2.17 Litter.** No person shall cause litter in the Park. All trash shall be deposited in the trash cans provided. The dumping of trash brought into the park is prohibited.



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### ***3.00 Vehicles and traffic control.***

**3.01 Speed limit.** The speed limit for all vehicles operating on the park drives is twenty (20) miles per hour unless otherwise posted. No person shall drive a vehicle in the park at a speed in excess of the speed limit or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and have regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

**3.02 One-way drives.** Northeast and Northwest Drives are one-way westbound, and Southeast and Southwest Drives are one-way eastbound unless traffic flow is amended in the case of a special event. The right-hand segment of the Tower Grove Avenue Circle is one-way; northbound on the eastern part and southbound on the western part. All vehicular traffic approaching the Tower Grove Avenue Circle from the east on the Main Drive shall yield the right of way to any northbound traffic on the Tower Grove Avenue. When such drives are closed to automotive traffic, as may be the case from time to time, bicycle traffic may travel in either direction on such closed drives.

**3.03 Motorized vehicles.** Other than park and police vehicles, no motorized vehicles are allowed to be operated upon any of the drives closed to automotive traffic or on any of the park's unpaved areas. No unlicensed driver shall operate any motor vehicle in the park.

**3.04 Stop signs.** Stop signs are authorized and are erected at the following locations in the park: on Tower Grove Avenue in both directions and on Northeast Drive at the intersection of the Tower Grove Avenue with Northeast Drive and the Northwest Drive; on Tower Grove Avenue in both directions and the Southwest Drive at the intersection of the Tower Grove Avenue with Southeast Drive and Southwest Drive; on the Main Drive at the Grand Boulevard Gate; and, on the western exits at the Kingshighway Gate. All vehicles must stop at these signs.

**3.05 Pedestrian right-of-way.** All vehicles must always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians throughout the park.

**3.06 Motorcycles.** Motorcycles, e-scooters, and power assist bicycles are permitted to operate in the park only over the drives open to automotive traffic when operated by licensed drivers. No motorcycle, e-scooter, or power assist bicycle shall be operated in such a manner as to create excessive noise.

**3.07 Commercial vehicles.** Commercial trucks and all other commercial vehicles are prohibited from operating in the park unless the Executive Director or their designee has expressly permitted such operation.

**3.08 Parking.** Parallel parking is generally permitted throughout the park except in areas posted for "no parking" either temporarily or otherwise. No vehicle shall be parked in an area designated "no parking". No person shall park a vehicle in the park when displaying such vehicle for sale, or when servicing or repairing such vehicle except when necessitated by an emergency.

**3.09 Soliciting.** Soliciting rides, and any other form of solicitation is prohibited.