

CHAPTER 9.68

PRESERVATION OF PARKS

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9.68.010 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

It is the purpose and intent of this chapter to regulate the activities in public parks: (A) to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of park users; and (B) to protect the natural resources and the public improvements of City parks.

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017)

9.68.020 DEFINITIONS.

ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE (EPAMD). A self-balancing, nontandem, 2-wheeled vehicle with a low-powered electric motor.

SEGWAY AND SEGWAY-LIKE EPAMD. A self-balancing, nontandem, 2-wheeled EPAMD with handlebars, that can turn in place, is designed to transport only 1 person, with an electric propulsion system averaging less than 750 watts (1 horsepower), and a maximum speed of no more than 12 miles per hour.

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017)

9.68.030 PARKS – GENERALLY.

In order to promote and protect public health and welfare and provide for the general safety of the users of City parks, the following rules shall apply:

- A. Motorized vehicles of any kind or nature shall be prohibited from accessing any portion of a park (other than parking lots and/or access roads), except for the following: emergency vehicles; vehicles of the City and its duly authorized representatives or agents; strollers and similar children's carriages; wheelchairs; and vehicles whose owners have first obtained a permit from the Director of Public Works for temporary access for activities as may be approved by the City.
- B. Notwithstanding the above, Segways and Segway-like vehicles (a type of electric personal assistive mobility device or EPAMD) are permitted on developed trails within City parks. All Segway use in City parks shall comply with California Vehicle Code §§ [21281](#) and [21281.5](#). Commercial group tours of EPAMDs shall be allowed only through a concessionaire agreement between the tour operator and the City of Fort Bragg that, at a minimum, shall limit tours to 9 people or fewer, require the use of safety equipment, and require a tour leader. Failure to adhere to any concessionaire agreement requirements shall be grounds for termination of the concessionaire agreement and/or associated business license.
- C. Vehicles shall not stop, stand, park, or be left standing in any of the designated parking lots during park closure hours listed in § [9.68.040](#), except that the City Manager may issue night use permits for parking in connection with organized activities.
- D. Alcoholic beverages, as defined in California Business and Professions Code § [23004](#) (as the same may be amended from time to time) or controlled substances, as defined in California Health and Safety Code § [11007](#) (as the same may be amended from time to time), are not allowed within City parks except that the consumption of alcoholic beverages may be allowed when a limited term permit is secured by an applicant for a special event to be held within a City park and all other necessary permits are obtained.
- E. Dogs must be kept on leash at all times. The City Council may, by resolution, designate "off leash" areas of any City park. Areas designated by City Council resolution to be "off leash" shall not be subject to this leash requirement.
- F. Dog owners are required to clean up and properly dispose of excrement of their animals.
- G. Overnight camping is not allowed in City parks.
- H. Firearms are not allowed in City parks.
- I. Barbecues and fires are not allowed in City parks except in designated areas.
- J. Bicycles may only be ridden on designated bicycle trails.

- K. Motorized bicycles and scooters are prohibited in all City parks.
- L. Horses are not allowed in City parks.
- M. Littering or disposal of household refuse is not allowed in City parks.
- N. Destruction or removal of any park property is prohibited.
- O. Rollerblades are permitted only on the bicycle and pedestrian trail at Pomo Bluffs Park and Noyo Headlands Park.
- P. Entry into habitat protective areas is prohibited (as designated by habitat protective fencing and/or signage).
- Q. Removal of beach glass is prohibited at Noyo Headlands Park.
- R. The use of ropes and/or other equipment to scale the bluffs is prohibited in Pomo Bluffs Park and Noyo Headlands Park.
- S. Digging and scavenging (use of metal detectors) are prohibited in parks, unless expressly authorized by the Director of Public Works.
- T. Fireworks are not permitted in City parks, unless authorized as part of City-approved pyrotechnic display.
- U. Smoking is prohibited in City parks.

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017; Am. Ord. 932, § 2, passed 07-24-2017)

9.68.040 PARK HOURS – GENERALLY.

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, traverse, or be present in City parks from dusk to dawn the following day, except that the prohibited hours at Bainbridge Park tennis court shall be 10:00 p.m. to dawn the following day. The City Manager may issue night use permits for organized activities. For purposes of this chapter, “dusk” is defined as 1 hour after sunset and “dawn” is defined as 1 hour preceding sunrise.

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017)

9.68.050 WIGGLY GIGGLY PLAYGROUND RULES.

- A. No glass containers shall be allowed within the playground area.

B. No skateboards, scooters (electric, motorized, or “push”), bicycles, rollerblades, roller skates, big wheels, unicycles, tricycles, or other wheeled forms of transportation (other than wheelchairs, strollers, and the like) shall be utilized within the playground boundaries.

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017)

9.68.060 EXCEPTIONS.

The provisions of this chapter shall not be applicable to the Skate Park located at the C.V. Starr Community Center, 300 S. Lincoln Street, Fort Bragg, which is separately governed and regulated by the provisions of Chapter [9.69](#).

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017)

9.68.070 PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as provided in Chapter [1.12](#).

(Ord. 929, § 2, passed 05-08-2017)

The Fort Bragg Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 1020, passed December 8, 2025.

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