



HIGH POINT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Executive Summary:

The City of High Point strives to provide passive and active recreation services, parks and facilities that enrich the lives of all residents and promote opportunities for healthy lifestyles. In order to ensure a safe and positive experience for all citizens, park visitors, and guests, there are a number of general park rules and regulations that shall apply to all parks and recreation facilities.

Authority:

High Point, North Carolina - Code of Ordinances Sec. 7-1-2

Rules and Regulations for the Operation of Municipal Public Parks and Recreation Areas.

- a) The city council shall establish rules and regulations for the operation of municipal public parks and recreation areas. It shall be unlawful for a person to violate any rule or regulation upon establishment by the city council. Changes in the rules and regulations shall become effective 10 days succeeding approval by the city council. A copy of the rules and regulations shall be filed with the city clerk.
- b) The city council shall establish all rules and regulations pertaining to the use of High Point Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake and Oak Hollow Lake and all city property adjacent thereto. Upon establishment it shall be unlawful for any person to use said lakes or adjacent city property not in accordance with the Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake management plan or as set forth in the rules and regulations concerning the use of city-operated lakes. A copy of the lake management plan shall be filed with the city clerk.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL PARKS

USE OF PARK AFTER HOURS

Entrance and/or use of park premises or facilities after posted park hours of operation will be considered trespassing and offenders may be prosecuted. Parks and Recreation facilities shall be posted in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders with notice. Exceptions are limited in the case of Parks and Recreation programs, special events approved Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official, and the private rental of facilities.

BEER, WINE, ALE, AND OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No beer, wine, ale or other alcoholic beverages shall be displayed or consumed on the premise of any posted Parks & Recreation Department area or facility. Beer, wine, or ale only may be dispensed subsequent to the issuance of an "on premises" beer permit as required by law. All standards relative to this regulation shall be subject to the recommendations of the High Point Parks and Recreation Commission and approval of the City of High Point City Council. See FEES AND CHARGES.

No person under the influence of alcoholic beverages is allowed to enter or remain in any park or waterway, or on any greenway or trail.

GUNS, FIREARMS, OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPONS, AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or display any handgun (except in accordance with Article 54B the person has a concealed handgun permit considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24), rifle, shotgun, BB gun, air gun, bow and arrow, crossbow, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slung shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shurikin, stun gun, or other deadly weapon of like kind.

In accordance with N.C. G. S. 14-415.11(c) and N.C. G. S. 14-415.23, carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited in all City buildings and their appurtenant premises. Carrying a concealed handgun is also prohibited at all swimming pools and their appurtenant facilities and City athletic fields and their appurtenant facilities during organized athletic events for which a person or organization scheduled the athletic field for use with the Parks and Recreation Department. The term "during" shall be construed to mean the period of time in which such athletic field is used for the organized athletic event and a one-hour period before and after that athletic event. This prohibition shall apply to all posted athletic fields at High Point Park as defined in H.P.C.O. 12-1-5.

Carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited at any City facility during use for athletic events, meetings, curricular or extracurricular activity by any board of education or school board of trustees, or directors for the administration of any school.

Fireworks of any type are expressly prohibited except at those events approved and permitted by the City of High Point. The approved use of a fire or fireworks must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the High Point Fire Marshall, Guilford County Fire Marshall, the National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards, and Chapter 33 of the International Fire Code. Animal control devices may be used by park staff and/or professional animal control experts with the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official.

PRESERVATION OF PARK PROPERTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

It shall be prohibited for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any City structure, monument, planter, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, trees, plants, or any other property in any park. Any persons committing any prohibited action above will be subject to fines and/or arrest.

It shall be prohibited for any person to dig, cut, bruise, mutilate or cause to be transplanted, cut, bruised, debarked or mutilated any plant material of all and any description within any park land.

It shall be prohibited for any person to trap, catch, wound or kill, or cause to be injured, treat cruelly, tease, or attempt to trap, catch, wound, kill, injure, or tease any bird, animal or insect, or molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any park property. The feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.

No animal may be released or placed onto park property unless said release or placement is in connection with animal control devices used by park staff or professional animal control experts with the prior approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official.

Areas designated as wildlife refuge and plant reserve shall be conspicuously posted.

THIS LAND IS A WILDLIFE REFUGE AND A PLANT PRESERVE. NO HUNTING, TRAPPING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS. NO CUTTING, REMOVAL OR BURNING OF TREES AND PLANTS. MOTORIZED VEHICLES PROHIBITED. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED. PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH. NO SWIMMING OR FISHING OR LAUNCHING OF ANY TYPE OF WATERCRAFT. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED BY LAW.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on any trails or walking paths. It shall be prohibited for any person to drive any vehicle anywhere in any park, except upon the regularly established roadways; it shall be prohibited for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle anywhere except upon designated parking areas authorized by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official. Persons operating a licensed vehicle must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit (and be accompanied by required licensed operator) to operate a vehicle on park property. An Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device is allowed in parks and on paths, sidewalks and trails as prescribed by North Carolina law; however the Director of Parks and Recreation reserves the authority to regulate the time, place and manner of use.

Motor vehicle is hereby defined to include cars, trucks, mini-bikes, go-carts, motorbikes, mopeds, motor scooters, golf carts, ATVs and any other self-propelled motorized vehicle.

BICYCLES, ROLLER SKATES, ROLLERBLADES, SKATEBOARDS, AND OTHER SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLES

Bicycles use is prohibited on designated natural trails and paths. Trails and paths where bicycles are prohibited will be conspicuously posted with notice.

Cyclists must comply with all NC Bicycle Statutes when riding on public bicycle paths or other public right-of-way. A person below the age of 16 must wear a protective bicycle helmet of good fit fastened securely upon the head with the straps of the helmet operate or be a passenger on a bicycle.

The use of roller skates, rollerblades, and skateboards is prohibited on playgrounds, running tracks, park roads, walkways, and parking lots where the general safety of motorists or pedestrians is endangered by their use. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of roller skates, rollerblades, and skateboards on Greenways.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Pets are prohibited from athletic surfaces (fields, tracks, courts).

The hitting of golf balls is strictly prohibited in all areas of any park except those areas established as driving ranges or golf courses.

CAMPING

It is unlawful for any person to camp in or upon any property under control of the High Point Parks and Recreation Department, unless the property specifically designated for use as a campground or otherwise designated by Park Use Policy.

FIRES AND GRILLS

It shall be prohibited for any person to make or kindle a fire in any park, trail, or greenway, except in a stationary charcoal grill as provided at the park, or a gas grill approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official, or in an area specifically designated by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official. It shall be prohibited for any person to leave any fire unattended, or to fail to completely extinguish a fire and all the embers thereof before leaving such fire.

ANIMALS

It shall be prohibited for any person to allow or permit any animals to run at large in a park and it shall be prohibited to ride horses in any park except at a special event or activity approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official. Pet owners are required to clean up pet excrement prior to leaving the area.

No domestic pets are allowed to enter any part of Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold Koontz Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake while on or off a leash (SEE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL LAKES Section A-13)

All pets are prohibited from athletic surfaces (ball fields, tracks, courts) and playgrounds.

The City of High Point Leash Law is enforced in all parks, trails, and greenways. (Ordinance for City of High Point with Respect to the Control of Animals, specifically sections 12-2-1 and 12-2-5)

Nothing in this section shall prohibit or impede an individually trained service animal to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.

VENDORS AND COMMERCE

The sale or other distribution of food and drink products, clothing, and any and all other items is strictly prohibited without the prior consent and written permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official.

SHOWS, MARKETS AND EXHIBITIONS

Flea market operations or rummage sales are prohibited.

GAMBLING

All activities at which any money, property or other thing of value is wagered, are prohibited on park property.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited within all park buildings, swimming pools. "Tobacco Free Zones" have been established in areas of youth activity (playgrounds and athletic fields and their appurtenant facilities during organized athletic events) which are owned or operated by the City of High Point and tobacco use is prohibited in the areas where "Tobacco Free Zones" signs are posted.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

No boisterous, insulting language, rude or riotous noise, is allowed in any park or park facility. Disorderly conduct including any nuisance behavior of any kind is not allowed in any park or park facility.

Manner of dress at each facility must conform to standards established by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official.

AMPLIFIED MUSIC

Musical devices that produce a sound that carries more than 25 feet or is loud enough to disturb other patrons using any park are prohibited. The judgment of the level of disturbance is up to the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official. Special Events approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation or designated official may not be subject to this rule.

USE OF LAKES

All recreational activity at Oak Hollow Lake and Arnold J. Koonce, Jr., Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake is regulated by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Specific regulations regarding the use of lakes are defined in RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL LAKES

Fishing and swimming is prohibited in all lakes except as designated in specific regulations found in RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL LAKES

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HIGH POINT MUNICIPAL LAKES

A. GENERAL

1. **Use of the Lake** Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake and Oak Hollow Lake are primary water supplies for the City of High Point. No person shall fish, launch a boat or have any contact whatsoever with High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake) except at the designated entry points provide by the City. Bank fishing is allowed at approved locations only. The Park Supervisor, Park Rangers and/or Marina Operator have been delegated the authority to remove any boat, and to restrict or halt any and all boat launching due to hazardous conditions on the lake. Examples of hazardous conditions include high winds, electrical storms and extreme cold. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish, dive, swim or participate in any activity whatsoever from any bridge or other structure on or adjacent to the lakes, however, this shall not prohibit pedestrian or vehicular traffic from crossing said bridges.
2. **Permits Required for Use of Lake** All persons using High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake) for any purpose whatsoever must have a valid permit issued by the proper authority. All persons using the Lake shall sign in at the designated control point. A permit shall be valid only when used by the person whom it was issued, and only for the same day it is issued.
3. **Launching of Boats** Launching of boats shall be restricted to the entry points as they are provided and opened for use by the City. Boats may be launched only during days and hours when the Lake is open to the public and only when an authorized City agent is present and on duty.
4. **Protection of Buoys and Signs** Buoys and signs shall be used to designate restricted areas of the Lake. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage, tamper with, tie up to, or disregard any sign or buoy designating a restricted area. Anchoring the main channel of the Lake is not permitted.
5. **Inspection and Approval of Boats** No boat may be placed on a High Point Municipal Lake (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake) unless the same has been approved and specifically authorized by the Lake Warden or Marina Operator. Boats and motors may be inspected to insure that the water supply will not be polluted. This inspection will be made to insure that motors are operating properly. The grease, oil, gasoline and exhaust will not unnecessarily pollute the water supply. Boats and motors not meeting this requirement will not be allowed access to the Lake.
6. **Boats not Allowed on Lake Overnight** No privately owned boat shall be allowed to remain overnight on the Lake. This provision may be lifted for special programs by approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation.
7. **Noise Control** Unreasonable noises are prohibited. Un-muffled exhausts are expressly prohibited. The Director of Parks and Recreation may lift this provision for special programs.
8. **Life Preservers** Life preservers must be Coast Guard approved wearable life jackets. For vessels 16' or longer they must have at least one throw cushion. Anyone under 13 must wear an approved life jacket at all times except when tied to the dock or at the anchor. There must be one life jacket per person on board.

9. **Dumping Trash** No person shall deposit rubbish, garbage or refuse of any kind within the confines of the High Point Municipal Lakes, except in proper receptacles provided for such a purpose.
10. **Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances** Consumption of Controlled Substances (Drugs) is forbidden on any Parks and Recreation property. Consumption of beer, wine, ale or alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any Parks and Recreation property, unless special exceptions are approved by the City Manager.
11. **Exclusion of Certain Persons** It shall be the duty of the Park Supervisor, Park Rangers and/or Marina Operator to deny admission to and use of the Lake to any person known by him to have violated the rules and regulations pertaining to the use of the Lake and other facilities at the High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake), or of any person having intoxicating drink in his possession or who shows evidence of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs of any kinds. Possession of openly, displayed or concealed weapons, including handguns is prohibited.
12. **Boats not Allowed Near Spillway and Intake Structure** No boat shall be operated inside the buoy line at the spillway and intake structure (a minimum of 50 yards from the intake structure and from the spillway), nor shall any boat be allowed to tie up to one of the buoys designating these restricted areas.
13. **Animals in Reservoir** Domestic animals shall not be permitted to have any contact whatsoever with the drinking water at the City of High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake). Pets must be kept on leash and under control of their owners at all times.
14. **Water Supply Regulations Relative to Buffers** No person shall maintain or alter City property in the buffer zone of the City Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake). This includes, but is not limited to, the following: distribution of chemicals, cutting, trimming, mowing and other modification of City property. City buffer property may not be used as a storage area for dog lots, playground equipment, lawn furniture and yard waste disposal.
15. **Boating Regulations** All boats must comply with State and Federal boating regulations as to safety equipment and navigational right-of-way rules.
16. **Possession, Display, or Discharge of Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons** It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, display, or discharge any handgun (except in accordance with Article 54B the person has a concealed handgun permit considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24), rifle, shotgun, BB gun, air gun, bow and arrow, crossbow, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slung shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shurikin, stun gun, or other deadly weapon of like kind.
17. **Picnicking is allowed at both Oak Hollow and Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake in designated areas.**

B. FISHING

1. **Hours of Operation** The regular hours of operation for High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake) shall be from sunrise to sunset daily. The Parks and Recreation Director may designate extended hours of operation for special programs. For approved programs after sunset, running lights are required for all operating boats. The official hours of operation are posted at designated access areas.

2. **Fishing Regulations to Conform to Regulations Set Forth by the Wildlife Resources Commission** The regulations of the regarding licenses, the kinds and sizes of fish, number of fish to be taken, seasons when fishing is allowed and methods of catching fish shall be adopted as the fishing regulations for High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake).
3. **Inspection of Catch** Each person may be required to submit his catch for the inspection of the Park Rangers/Marina Operator upon request at any time. Each person taking fish from the Lake may be required to enter his/her name, address, the type of fish and the number of fish caught into the Marina Operator's register.
4. **Bank Fishing** Fishing from the bank will be allowed only at areas designated for bank fishing. All bank fishermen are required to have the appropriate City and State fishing permits.
5. **Certain Areas Designated for Fishing** Although fishing will be allowed on the entire lake, except for restricted areas, certain areas of the Lake will be designated specifically for fishing. These areas will be marked by signs with "**Only Fishing Beyond This Point**". Canoes and other man-powered watercraft are permitted to operate in these fishing only areas.
6. **Fishing Downstream from Dam** Persons are prohibited from fishing between Oak Hollow Dam and Highway 68 at Oak Hollow Lake and from between Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake Dam and Greensboro Road.
7. **Trot Lines, Set Hooks, Fishing Traps** These and like structures are prohibited.

C. BOATING AND SAILING

1. **General** Any action or conduct on High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake) that endangers life or property, or compromises the quality of the drinking water, shall be deemed unlawful and shall be cause for immediate expulsion from the Lake, possible suspension, or legal prosecution. No person under 16 years of age may operate a powerboat and no person under twelve years of age may operate a non-powered boat.
2. **No Wake Areas** The maximum speed limit for all boats operating within the no wake areas around the launching ramps will be five miles per hour.
3. **Boats not to be Beached** At no time will boats be allowed to touch the shore except at launch ramps. Boats shall not come closer than 200 feet from shore in areas designated for bank fishing.
4. **Swimming** There will be no swimming at High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake).
5. **Inflatable Boats** must be approved by the NMMA (National Marine Manufacturer's Association). They must be approved by Marina staff before launching.

D. SANITATION

1. **Pollution** It shall be unlawful for any person to commit any act that will pollute the waters at High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake). Furthermore, it shall be unlawful for any person to dump trash, garbage or refuse of any kind into the waters or buffer areas of High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake), either from a boat, the shore, or by any means whatsoever.
2. **Sewage Discharge System** No boat will be allow on High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow Lake or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake) that is equipped with a direct sewage discharge system. Furthermore, no person shall be allowed to remain on a boat, either on the Lake or at the launching area after the Lake has been closed for the day. The Director of Parks and Recreation may make an exception to this restriction for special programs or activities.

E. OAK HOLLOW LAKE

1. **Special Features** Oak Hollow Lake provides an environment for bank fishing, boat fishing, sailing, man powered watercraft and water skiing. This facility promotes fishing, sailing, camping and general boating. Oak Hollow Campground is located within the area as well and provides camping opportunities along with such amenities as a bath house, pool, shelters and playgrounds.
2. **Water Skiing** Water skiing is permitted on a limited basis, 10 boats at any one time. All water ski boats must have an observer at least eight years of age in addition to the operator. Water skis and kneeboards are permitted with only one skier in the water at a time. Coast Guard approved PFD's are required for all water skiers.
3. **Boating Limits** The boating speed limit at Oak Hollow Lake is 35 miles per hour. The purpose of this restriction is to reduce boat wakes, thus reducing bank erosion. The Parks and Recreation Director may make all exception to length and weigh restrictions for special situations.
4. **Stand Up Paddle Boarding** Stand up paddle boards may be launched from designated areas only. Bodily contact with the water is prohibited.

F. ARNOLD J. KOONCE, JR. CITY LAKE

1. **Special Features** Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake provides an environment for bank fishing, boat rentals, paddle boarding and man powered watercraft. This facility promotes fishing and general boating.
2. **Boating Limits** The horsepower limit for powerboats at Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake is ten (10) horsepower. Water skiing is not permitted on Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake.
3. **Stand Up Paddle Boarding** Stand up paddle boards may be launched from designated areas only. Bodily contact with the water is prohibited.

G. AUTHORITY

1. Director of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the recreational programming of the High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake). The Director of Parks and Recreation may temporarily ban for a period of thirty (30) days any activity that may adversely affect this recreational area. The City Manager and/or the High Point City Council may extend this ban.
2. Director of Public Services is responsible for protecting water quality at High Point Municipal Lakes (Oak Hollow or Arnold J. Koonce, Jr. City Lake). The Director of Public Services may temporarily ban, for a period of thirty (30) days, any activity that may adversely affect the water supply. The City Manager and/or the High Point City Council may extend this ban.

Noncompliance with these rules and regulations is in violation of the Code of Ordinance of the City of High Point under Title 7, Section 7-1-2(A) and 7-1-2(B).