

**Chapter 14**  
**PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES\***

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**ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

**Sec. 14-1. Definition of "public parks."**

Wherever the words "public parks" occur in this chapter, they shall be construed to refer to all municipally owned or municipally maintained parks and malls of the city, whether located wholly within, wholly without, or partly within or partly without, the corporate limits of the city.

**Sec. 14-2. Fishing, wading, swimming or other activities in Duncan Park Lake.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish in or from the banks of Duncan Park Lake or to wade, swim, skate, sled or operate a boat in or on the lake.
- (b) The city manager may grant a temporary permit for the use of the lake by the emergency medical service, American Red Cross or rescue units for the purpose of conducting training exercises.

**Sec. 14-3. Injury to shrubbery, flowers, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to break, pluck, walk, step on or in any way injure or destroy any shrub, flower or bush, or to dig, uproot, tear up or injure or destroy any shrub, flower or bush, or to dig, uproot, tear up or injure any sod or grass in any of the public parks, or to walk, drive, sit or go upon any space or area in any of the public parks where a "keep off" sign has been posted.

**Sec. 14-4. Injury to buildings, grandstands, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to write on, cut, deface, injure or break any part of any building, grandstand or other structure, or any chair, seat, bench or fence in any of the

public parks, or to upset any benches, chairs, seats, etc., in any public park.

**Sec. 14-5. Leaving trash, etc., in parks.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or leave, or permit to be deposited or left in any public park any trash, paper, box, can, bottle, food fragments or other unsightly substance, except in receptacles provided especially for that purpose, or to dump or throw any trash, stones, bottles, food fragments or refuse of any kind in any lake, stream, swimming pool or fountain in any of the public parks.

**Sec. 14-6. Motor vehicles regulated.**

It shall be unlawful for any motor vehicle to be driven in any of the driveways in any public park at a greater rate of speed than twenty (20) miles per hour, nor shall any such vehicle be parked in any of the driveways without being drawn well to the right, so as not to impede, obstruct or interfere with the free passage on the driveway of other vehicles and traffic, and, at night, both moving and parked motor vehicles must be provided with adequate lights, front and rear.

**Sec. 14-7. Intoxicating liquors; disorderly conduct, etc.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry into any public park any intoxicating liquors, or to drink the same therein, or to be therein under the influence of intoxicants, or to use any profane, vulgar or indecent language, or to commit any nuisance, or to engage in any unseemly, obnoxious or disorderly conduct, or to engage in any game of chance, or in betting or wagering in any public park.

**Sec. 14-8. Profane, vulgar or obscene language.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to stand, congregate upon or be upon any public property or roadway and while so standing or congregating to utter or use any profane, vulgar or obscene language in the hearing of or against persons in, upon or using public parks or playgrounds so as to interfere with or disturb or interrupt activities being carried on in such public parks or playgrounds or to interfere with or disturb persons using such parks or playgrounds.

**Sec. 14-9. Advertising matter.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to erect any billposters or to post or tack up or otherwise display any bills or advertising signs, or to distribute handbills in any public park.

**Sec. 14-10. Sale of merchandise prohibited; exceptions.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, except such as may have a permit or concession from the city council, to sell, or offer for sale, within any public park any cold drinks, fruits, eatables, cigars, tobacco or other merchandise.

**Sec. 14-11. Duties of chief administrative officer.**

The administration, improvement, development, conduct and supervision of parks, park areas, street and highway planting, playgrounds, recreational centers and other recreational facilities and activities shall be vested in the chief administrative officer of the city government, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by city council.

**Secs. 14-12--14-30. Reserved.**

**ARTICLE II. PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE\***

**Sec. 14-31. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Governing body* means the mayor and city council.

*Municipality* means the City of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**Sec. 14-32. Created; composition; compensation; terms of members; vacancies.**

- (a) The planning of a parks and recreation system and the development of its programs shall be vested in the governing body of the municipality. The governing body shall appoint an advisory committee composed of five (5) members and will

serve with five (5) members appointed by the county council to form a city-county parks and recreation advisory committee to advise the governing bodies of needed facilities and programs to meet the needs and interest of the community.

- (b) The members of such committee shall serve without compensation and shall be chosen solely because of their interest in the areas of parks and recreation.
- (c) The term of office of each member of such committee shall be five (5) years, except the members of such committee first chosen by the governing body of the municipality shall be appointed for such terms as may be required so that the term of one (1) member shall expire annually after the date of appointment, and the governing body of the municipality shall, in making such appointment, designate the term of which each member of such committee is appointed, and which shall be shown in the minutes of the meeting at which the appointments are made.
- (d) Thereafter, as vacancies occur in the membership of such committee, such vacancy shall be filled by the governing body. Members of the present committee shall serve the remainder of their respective terms. The director of parks and recreation shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the committee.

**Sec. 14-33. Organization; meetings; reports.**

The members of the parks and recreation advisory committee, after such committee is constituted, shall at the first combined city-county committee meeting select one (1) of the combined committee members to serve as chairperson, who shall hold office for one (1) year or until a successor is elected and qualified. Such committee shall hold regular meetings on at least a quarterly basis and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws for the performance of its duties. The committee shall file with the governing body of the municipality, through its chief administrative officer, minutes of such committee meetings and recommendations or reports.