

City Park Usage Policy

1. City parks are normally open to the public on a first-come first-serve basis. However, individuals or organizations desiring to use a park on a given day or to use a park at other than from dawn to dusk shall obtain a permit from the office of the City Clerk. (See Section 15-37, Code of Ordinance)
2. Overnight parking and camping are not permitted in city parks. Parking of vehicles at the park will be limited to the designated parking areas or on the curbside of the street. (See Section 15-39, Code of Ordinance)
3. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on city park property. (See Section 3-4 (a), Code of Ordinance).
4. Organized parties or “block parties” are permitted. (See Section 3-4 (b), Code of Ordinance).
5. Individuals or organized parties or groups reserving a park for a given day shall pay a \$100.00 cleaning deposit. This deposit will be refunded the next regular work day upon inspection by the City Manager or his designee.
6. Dogs are only allowed in city parks while on leashes. Park visitors with dogs are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Waste disposal bags are provided at the park entrance signs.
7. Cooking is permitted only in designated areas.
8. Littering is prohibited in city parks. Park visitors should use garbage bins provided or pack their trash out of the park. Glass containers are discouraged. Park visitors should take care to ensure glass containers do not pose a safety problem in the park and are properly disposed of.
9. Any activity done in a manner that would endanger others using the park is prohibited.
10. Cutting, picking or destruction of plants, animal life, or historic/cultural artifacts within park property is prohibited. Work projects to clean up parks, trim unwanted plant growth, etc. shall only be done with permission from the City of Mary Esther.
11. Disruptive, destructive, hazardous, lewd, or illegal activity is prohibited in city parks. Violators will be subject to warning and/or expulsion from the park, or arrest.