

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-22

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS,
PROVIDING RULES FOR USE OF CITY PARKS AND RECREATION
FACILITIES; PROVIDING A FINE OF UP TO \$500 PER DAY PER
VIOLATION; AND RELATED PROVISIONS.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS:

1. The City of Iowa Colony, Texas (“the City”) hereby adopts and ordains the following, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein in full:

Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities (“the Park Rules” or “the Policy”).

2. No person shall participate in using a facility in violation of the Policy.

3. Any violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$500. Each day or portion of a day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

4. a. Ordinance 2021-14 adopted an earlier version of the Rules and Regulations for Parks and Recreation Facilities, and the attached version replaces that earlier version, except as to violations occurring before the effective date of this ordinance.

b. Ordinance 2021-14 also adopted the Policy and Procedures on Athletic Facility and Field Usage (“the Field Use Rules), and this ordinance does not change the Field Use Rules.

5. If any part of this ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage, approval, and adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE FIRST READING ON THIS 21st day of JUNE, 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND READING ON THIS 19th day of JULY, 2021.

CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

BY: Michael Byrum-Bratsen
MICHAEL BYRUM-BRATSEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Kayleen Rosser
KAYLEEN ROSSER, CITY SECRETARY



ATTACHMENT

CITY OF IOWA COLONY

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

ATHLETIC FACILITY AND FIELD USAGE



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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Amended and Approved July 19, 2021

Declaration of Policy:

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the city to acquire, maintain and facilitate the use of properties to be utilized as public parks, squares and ways and other appropriate public facilities, giving due recognition to the social ideals of sports, recreation, the arts and the appreciation of beauty and ability.

Definitions:

Park: Any property dedicated or used as a park or for public park purposes or that may be dedicated or used as a park or for public park purposes within the city, and which park includes land, the title to which is in the City.

Permits:

A permit shall be obtained for the following activities:

1. Use of any park or recreation facility of the city for functions or gatherings of a group of persons numbering more than twenty-five (25).
2. Use of any park or recreation facility after posted hours.
3. Any over night usage of any park or recreation facility.
4. Building of fire in areas not designated for such activity or not in receptacles designated for fires (must be approved by Fire Marshall).
5. Any erection of signs at a park or recreation facility.
6. Solicitation or peddling of any nature (except for political campaign literature).

Application:

The following information shall be provided on the application for a permit:

1. The purpose of the event.
2. The date, time and place where the function or event is scheduled.
3. The estimated number of persons attending the event.
4. The person responsible for the event.

Approval:

All permits must be approved and signed by the Mayor or designated representation and reviewed by City officials as deemed necessary.

The rules and regulations for parks and recreation facilities are designed to provide safe and fun recreational activities for the entire family. All rules and regulations shall adhere to all City of Iowa Colony Ordinances and Resolutions.

Exceptions:

Any exceptions to the Policies and Procedures may only be granted by the Mayor or his/her designated representative and must meet with the approval of the Iowa Colony Police Department, any other City Departments that might be impacted by such exceptions.

IOWA COLONY CITY PARK AT MERIDIANA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Iowa Colony City Park at Meridiana contains over 100 acres of parkland that includes the playground equipment, rest rooms, basketball courts, volleyball courts, multi-purpose fields, four regulation ball fields, wooded area and open space for the entire family.

1. Glass containers are prohibited.
2. Any group with twenty-five or more persons and/or any group that possesses alcohol must secure a permit to utilize the park.
3. Any event with 75 or more people and/or any group that possesses alcohol must secure the services of two (2) City of Iowa Colony Police Officers to provide security for the event. Call City Hall to schedule security.
4. Any facility may be secured for use by permit through the City.
5. Permit holders for any facility are required to pick up all trash and debris following their event and deposit the remains in the dumpster located on-site.
6. The basketball and volleyball courts are to be used for appropriate play only. Non-players and persons waiting to play must wait outside the court areas.
7. Use of the basketball and volleyball courts will be on a first-come, first serve basis.
8. No individual may be on the basketball and volleyball courts for more than one hour if people are waiting.
9. Throwing metal objects, or other items manufactured of hard material in the park is prohibited.
10. All persons entering the basketball and volleyball areas must wear appropriate shoes. Leather soles, cleated footwear, will damage the surface and therefore are not allowed.
11. Roller blades and skateboards will damage the hard surfaces and are not allowed.
12. Unauthorized motorized vehicles are prohibited within the park.
13. Domestic animals are allowed however, strict adherence to the leash laws will be enforced. Owners are required to pick up animal waste on park properties.
14. Bicycles are prohibited on the trails and sidewalks.
15. Park hours are dawn to dusk everyday.

16.
 - a. Effective Until September 1, 2021: Firearms are strictly prohibited on park property, except for handguns lawfully carried by a person licensed to carry a handgun under Texas Government Code subchapter 411H.
 - b. Effective Beginning September 1, 2021: Firearms are strictly prohibited on park property, except for handguns lawfully carried by a person not otherwise prohibited by law from carrying a handgun.
17. Discharge of firearms on, onto, or over park property is strictly prohibited.

LIONS CLUB BALL FIELDS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Lions Club Ball Fields are located on the grounds of Iowa Colony City Park at Meridiana. It is comprised of four (4) fields utilized for baseball and softball.

1. Use of the athletic fields shall be primarily restricted to the sport and to the age for which the field was constructed.
2. Use of the fields is intended for group activity. Group activity shall take precedence over individual use; use of fields for games shall take precedence over team or individual practice. When lighted, nighttime use of lighted fields shall be reserved for group activity only.
3. Groups qualifying for field use can be either organized league teams or groups who are not organized for league play.
4. Any group utilizing Lions Club Ballfields must pay the appropriate fee approved by the Iowa Colony City Council.
5. Any profits derived by the use of the athletic fields, such as the sponsorship of tournaments, shall be used for the maintenance and operation of the fields.
6. Scheduling of the athletic fields shall be the responsibility of the City. When fields are used for league play, the City may delegate the scheduling responsibility to a designated league official for each field and/or the entire complex for the duration of the permitted use.
7. Each league or organization requesting scheduling privileges for a field shall so notify the City by letter. The letter shall contain the following:
 - a. Name, address and phone number of proposed scheduler.
 - b. Names, addresses and phone numbers of league officials.
 - c. A statement of proposed field usage.
 - d. Beginning and end of season dates.
 - e. Statement of overall program offered.
 - f. An Estimate of current participation.
 - g. A statement of any special field use rules to be imposed by the governing league.
 - h. A statement of proposed field maintenance, modifications and additions.
 - i. A copy of the organization insurance identifying the City of Iowa Colony as **an additional insured**.
8. Access to the athletic fields will be limited to dawn to dusk each day. If the fields have lights, all lights at the park must be turned off before 11:00 p.m. The League President is responsible for ensuring this policy is adhered to.

9. No motorized vehicles are allowed in the park beyond the parking lot; exceptions include vehicles used for field maintenance or delivery of supplies to fields or concession stand. Authorized vehicles will be issued a permit to enter beyond the entry gate.
10. Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed in the ballfields while attending any event or other activity that is specifically designed for the participation of minors. This includes games and practices. Violators will be removed from the park and/or banned from league play.
11. Glass containers are prohibited.
12. Fire Arms are strictly prohibited on park property.

LEAGUE AGREEMENTS

1. Any League wishing to utilize the ballfields shall secure an agreement with the City

LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responsible for all field maintenance and ground improvements.
2. Responsible for the clean up of all interior fields.
3. League President is responsible for adhering to the field lights, schedule.
4. Responsible for upkeep and maintenance of all batting cages.

CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Maintenance of lights.
2. Existing fences.
3. Plumbing of city buildings (does not include sprinkler systems).
4. Parking lot.
5. Roadways.
6. Mowing of outfield not more than every two weeks.
7. Trash pick-up and cleaning of restrooms twice per week.
8. Existing city buildings.

*****ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS/ALTERATIONS TO THE PARK
(Electrical, plumbing, fencing, lighting, etc...,) MUST BE APPROVED BY THE
CITY OF IOWA COLONY PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY
PROJECT*****