

CITY OF HARTFORD
Department of Public Works
Athletic Field Use Policy and Fees

Requests for the use of athletic fields on City of Hartford parks should be directed to the Hartford Department of Public Works, 50 Jennings Road, Hartford, CT 06120. Phone (860) 757-4951.

SECTION 1 - FIELD USERS

A. First Priority Users

City of Hartford athletic fields may be made available without rental charge to the following organizations, in accordance with this Athletic Field Use Policy:

- Department of Families, Youth, Children and Recreation
- Hartford Public and Charter Schools
- Hartford-based Youth Athletic Leagues*

B. Second Priority Users and Third Priority Users

Athletic fields may also be made available to the types of organizations listed below in accordance with the regulations and rental fees approved by the City. A "City of Hartford Field Use Application" must be filled out and submitted. If approved, a "City of Hartford Field Use Contract" must then be executed. Second priority and third priority user categories are:

Second Priority Users

1. Hartford-based Adult Athletic Leagues*
2. Locally-organized non-profit groups whose membership is composed entirely of Hartford residents.
3. Other non-profit organizations and/or individuals that have been approved by the Parks Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.
4. Hartford-based businesses.

*All teams and leagues admissible in Sections 1A and 1B must belong to an affiliated regional, state or national organization that is responsible for the administration of their sport (e.g., Little League, Youth Football, Lacrosse, CJSA), unless this requirement is waived by the Parks Superintendent. All Adult/Youth League team rosters must have **80%** or more of participation of Hartford residents.

Third Priority Users

1. For-profit clubs, groups, businesses and associations.
2. Non-residents.
3. Others.

SECTION 2 - ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS

Hyland Park, Quirk and Annie Fisher Schools have artificial turf surfaces. There are specific restrictions pertaining to the use of the City’s artificial turf fields as follows:

A. Designated Footwear

Molded plastic or rubber cleats are acceptable
NO METAL CLEATS OR SPIKES ARE ALLOWED
No high-heeled shoes
Limited use of flat-soled sneakers

B. Designated Uses:

1. Baseball
2. Football
3. Soccer
4. Physical Education activities
5. Lacrosse
6. Field Hockey
7. Rugby
8. Marching Band
9. Pedestrian and other similar uses
10. Other uses approved by the Parks Superintendent

C. Other Restrictions:

No food allowed on the field
No chewing gum, sunflower seeds etc.
No alcohol or illegal drugs
No tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco
No littering
Only drinking water allowed on field- (i.e.-no soda or Gatorade)
No Pets

SECTION 3 - CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS

Due to factors including but not limited to inclement weather and poor field conditions, the Hartford Parks Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee reserves the right to deny a proposed use of a town athletic field.

- A. Closed area** -- At the discretion of the Parks Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee, any section or part of any athletic field may be declared closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regularly

scheduled, stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and either entirely or just to exclude certain proposed uses.

B. Guidelines for Cancellation of Activity on City Athletic Fields - The Parks
Superintendent may consult the Director of the Department of Families, Youth, Children and Recreation or Board of Education designee, if available, and also may conduct an on-site inspection of any City athletic field to review conditions, evaluate potential hazards or risks to users. The Parks Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee may deny the use of an athletic field and/or require an activity to stop and the participants to vacate the area.

C. Examples of conditions that may require the alteration or the cancellation of an activity:

1. Standing puddles of water on a playing surface or athletic field
2. Footing that is unsure, slippery or otherwise unsafe
3. Ground is water logged and squishy
4. Grass that can be easily dislodged from the ground
5. Lightning
6. Severe weather storms
7. Unsafe facility conditions
8. A use that may prove to be destructive or detrimental to the site

Teams, leagues, individuals and/or organizations that do not precisely follow the policy will be subject to revocation of their field use privileges. See Section 7 for cancellation and refund procedures.

SECTION 4 - CONDITIONS OF USE

A. Concussion Awareness

All teams and leagues agree that they have educated all team participants about the risks and symptoms of brain concussion and have taken all reasonable steps to prevent concussions.

B. Right to Decline

The City of Hartford Department of Public Works in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to decline rental of an athletic field(s) or to cancel rental of an athletic field(s).

C. Responsible Adult Designee

Athletic fields can be reserved only in the name of an adult who represents an approved organization and who executes a Hartford Athletic Field Contract.

D. Prohibited Acts

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The City of Hartford Municipal Code, Section 26-31 through 26-47 “Conduct and Use Regulated” shall apply (see Attachment A).

The consumption of alcoholic beverages and use of tobacco products or illegal drugs are not permitted in City parks and school facilities/fields.

Permit holders and those using City athletic fields that abut private properties must respect those private properties. User action such as trespassing, littering, urinating, harassing, and destruction of public or private property will not only cause the permit to be revoked but will also subject the offending user to further administrative action by the Hartford Police Department, and any offending user may be subject to penalties.

E. Reservations Mandatory

Organized athletic activities on City athletic fields are permitted only on a reservation basis, and permit holders must be in possession of such permit at the time of athletic field use. Persons not having a permit for the use of athletic fields must give way at all times to permit holders.

F. Permit Time Restrictions

Permits for use will be issued by the Hartford Department of Public Works (1) for municipal fields (throughout the day), and (2) for school fields (only after school programs have been completed, usually 3:30 p.m. each weekday. This specifically applies to Annie Fisher and Quirk artificial turf fields). On school fields, priority will be given at all times to school-sponsored programs.

There will be strict adherence to the published or posted closing times of all town parks and schools.

G. Transfer of Permits; Sub-letting of Fields

A holder of a permit to use any City athletic field may not transfer said permit to another user, or sublet any athletic field, without the prior written approval of the Parks Superintendent.

H. Failure to Utilize Reserved Fields

A holder of a permit(s) to use any City athletic field who has an established pattern of failing to use a field(s) at the date and time specified in said permit(s) may forfeit other approved reserved dates and times for use of City athletic fields or may have restrictions applied by the Parks Superintendent to other approved reserved dates and times.

SECTION 5 - RENTAL REQUIREMENTS

All interested parties wishing to rent an athletic field(s) must fill out the “Field Use Application”. If approval of use is granted, applicants must then fill out the “Hartford Field Use Contract” and

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submit said executed contract with full payment of any required rental fee. A permit for usage of an athletic field will not be issued until the fee is paid in full.

A. Fees

First Priority Users - are exempt from paying fees.

Second Priority Users - shall pay \$25 for each scheduled use of up to but not exceeding four hours, per field, not including artificial turf fields. For uses exceeding four hours, there shall be a fee of \$25 for each additional hour. Artificial turf field rental shall be \$50 for each scheduled use of up to but not exceeding four hours. For uses of artificial turf fields exceeding four hours, there shall be a fee of \$25 for each additional hour.

Third Priority Users - shall pay \$300 for each scheduled use of up to but not exceeding four hours, per field, not including artificial turf fields. For uses exceeding four hours, there shall be a fee of \$100 for each additional hour. Artificial turf field rental shall be \$500 for each scheduled use of up to but not exceeding four hours. For uses of artificial turf fields exceeding four hours, there shall be a fee of \$200 for each additional hour.

All user groups (First, Second, and Third Priority) will be responsible for additional fees associated with the mandatory presence of police, fire, custodial, maintenance or other City personnel.

B. Utility Charges

Utility charges for any athletic field for which an electronic scoreboard is used are:

First Priority Users are exempt from Utility Charges. Second and Third Priority Users shall pay \$25 per scheduled four hour usage; plus a refundable \$100 deposit on scoreboard electronics. For uses exceeding four hours, there shall be a fee of \$25 for each additional hour.

SECTION 6 - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Second and Third Priority users must provide the City of Hartford with a certificate of insurance submitted to the Department of Public Works at least one week prior to park, facility or field usage.

The Certificate of Insurance shall name the City of Hartford as an Additional Insured on a primary and non-contributory basis. Their General Liability coverage and the policies should include a Waiver of Subrogation. Insurance shall be written with Carriers approved in the State of Connecticut with a minimum AM Best's rating of A-VIII. In addition, all Carriers are subject to approval by the City of Hartford Risk Manager. Required limits are as follows:

		<u>Minimum Limits</u>
General Liability	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000.
	General Aggregate	\$2,000,000.
	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000.

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A current participation roster is also required at least one week prior to the scheduled usage. The roster must include each participant's name, address (no p.o. boxes), and phone number. The roster must also include the name of the person responsible for the team, listing name, address, phone number, and email address.

SECTION 7 - CANCELLATION AND REFUND PROCEDURES

The City of Hartford in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to cancel permission for any group to use an athletic field if the purpose of such use is not considered to be in the best interest of the City, the community, or the neighborhood in which the park is located.

If the City cancels a permit due to weather or field conditions, all fees will be refunded. Please allow up to 10-15 business days for refunds to be issued.

If police coverage is required, all fees in connection with police coverage will be in accordance with the City's collective bargaining agreement with the Hartford Police Department.

No refunds of rental fees will be made for failure to show on the reserved rental date. If a permit is revoked or cancelled due to a violation of City policies or ordinances, all user fees paid to the City will be automatically forfeited.

SECTION 8 - ADDITIONAL SUPERVISION

The City of Hartford Department of Public Works reserves the right to require any lessee or user to provide police protection when deemed necessary. Additional attendants or park personnel will be assigned, if deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Parks or the Superintendent's designee; any resulting expenses or costs will be billed to the lessee or user.

SECTION 9 - APPEALS PROCESS

All appeals are to be directed to the Director of the Department of Public Works. The next level of escalation is a written appeal of the Director's decision to the City's Chief Operating Official.

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Department of Public Works
Field Use Application

50 Jennings Road, Hartford, CT 06120
Phone: (860) 757-4951 Fax: (860) 722-6215

Applicant/Organization _____

Address _____ **Telephone** _____ **Fax** _____

Primary Contact _____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **Telephone** _____ **Fax** _____

Field/Facility Requested _____ **Time Start** _____ **Time End** _____

Dates to be used _____ **Expected Attendance** _____

Attach a separate sheet for rentals for long term field use with dates, times, fields/facilities requested. (i.e. leagues).

It is understood that the use of the fields/facilities by the applicant is subject to any and all of the conditions listed in the Athletic Field Use Policy.

Applicant Name (please print) _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Office Use Only:

Contract _____

Insurance _____

Other _____

Fee	Amount	Paid/Received
Deposit		
Rental		
Lights		
Parks		
Police		
Other		
Total		

CITY OF HARTFORD
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Athletic Field Use Contract

50 Jennings Road, Hartford, CT 06120
Phone: (860) 757-4951 Fax: (860) 722-6215

This agreement between the City of Hartford Department of Public Works and

_____ is effective from _____
to _____.

User Group Responsibilities:

1. Agree to abide by the Athletic Field Use Policy.
2. Provide on-sight supervision during all practices, games, meets and special events. Site supervisor will enforce all park rules and take all necessary action to cease inappropriate behaviors that may be displayed by any team member, visitor, or coach.
3. Contact the Parks Superintendent immediately (within 24 hours) in the event of any serious injury, mishap, or inappropriate behavior. Please call (860) 757-4951.
4. Contact the Parks Superintendent with any maintenance issues or aspects of the facility or field that could be considered harmful to users.
5. Provide the City of Hartford with a current copy of a Certificate of Insurance written by an Insurance Carrier approved in the State of Connecticut and meeting the requirements of Section 6 of this field Use Policy. Those requirements include General Liability (Each Occurrence minimum limit \$1,000,000. General Aggregate minimum limit \$2,000,000. Products/Completed Operations Aggregate minimum limit \$2,000,000.) A copy of this certificate must be on file with the Department of Public Works before a group may have access to any field.
6. Keep the facility clean. All equipment will be returned to its designated area, and at no time will equipment be left on the playing areas.
7. All areas shall be free from litter before leaving the facility.
8. In the case of inclement weather, the user will call (860) 757-4951 for cancellation information.

City of Hartford Responsibilities:

1. The City of Hartford will provide access to the facility/field described in this agreement and will maintain said fields in generally good, playable condition.
2. The City will notify the group contact person at least 24 hours prior to any facility/field closing for maintenance or other purpose unless weather conditions or emergency situations force an unforeseen closure.

Liability Release Form:

As a representative of the group listed above, the group recognizes that there are risks of injury involved in participating in recreational activities. Therefore, the group does hereby release the City of Hartford and its employees and agents from all liability with respect to an injury received by a member within the group listed above arising from such activities. The organization supervisor, president, or person whose signature appears on the request form assumes full responsibility for following the City of Hartford Athletic Field Use Policy. By signing this form, I agree that the rental payment will be made on time or field reservation will be revoked.

Organization	Contact Person, Title	Signature	Date
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Parks Superintendent	Signature	Date
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ATTACHMENT A

ARTICLE II. - CONDUCT AND USE REGULATED

Sec. 26-31. - Unlawful conduct generally.

It shall be unlawful for any person to annoy other persons or to disturb the animals, birds or fish, or commit any act of nuisance in any park, except that fishing is permitted at Batterson Lake and at Waltermere Pond in Keney Park during the fishing season as established by the State of Connecticut for such lake and pond, and subject to the applicable hours of operation for the respective parks in which such lake and pond are situated.

(Code 1977, § 25-20; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 10-07, 6-11-07)

Ord. No. 10-07, adopted June 11, 2007, shall be retroactive to, and effective as of April 21, 2007.

Sec. 26-32. - Injuring property or plants.

It shall be unlawful for any person to misuse or abuse park property, or to injure or gather trees, shrubs or plants in any park.

(Code 1977, § 25-21; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

Sec. 26-33. - Injuring official signs and notices.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or injure any sign or notice placed in any park by the City.

(Code 1977, § 25-22; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

Sec. 26-34. - Litter and rubbish.

No person shall throw or deposit or leave any litter or rubbish in any park.

(Code 1977, § 25-23; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

Sec. 26-35. - Games.

It shall be unlawful for any person to throw balls or play active games in parks where prohibited.

(Code 1977, § 25-24; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

Sec. 26-36. - Wading and swimming.

It shall be unlawful for any person to wade or swim in any pond or lake in the parks of the City, except Batterson Park Lake, where wading and swimming shall be limited to the public beach area as designated by the Director of Parks and Recreation, and only when lifeguards are on duty.

(Code 1977, § 25-25; Ord. No. 15-84, 4-9-84; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No 33-91, 6-10-91)

Sec. 26-37. - Dogs.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take any dog into any park except on a leash, except that no dogs, other than guide dogs for the blind, deaf or mobility impaired pursuant to G.S. § 23-346a, are allowed in the Batterson Park swimming and picnic area.

(Code 1977, § 25-26; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

Sec. 26-38. - Sales, solicitations and advertising.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any article in any park, or to advertise or solicit for any purpose, other than a noncommercial purpose, or display any sign unless prior approval is obtained from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Code 1977, § 25-27; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 33-91, 6-10-91)

Sec. 26-39. - Firearms and fireworks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or have any firearms or fireworks in any park. This section shall not apply to fireworks displays by municipal authorities.

(Code 1977, § 25-28; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

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Sec. 26-40. - Fires.

Except where cooking facilities are provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to make a fire in any park except by permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Code 1977, § 25-29; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 33-91, 6-10-91)

Sec. 26-41. - Alcoholic beverages prohibited generally; exceptions.

(a) *Definitions:*

"*Alcoholic beverage*" or "*alcoholic liquor*" includes all varieties of liquor defined in this section including alcohol, beer, spirits and wine and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes.

"*Beer*" means a beverage obtained by alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or concoction of barley or other grain, malt and hops in water, and includes among other things beer, ale, stout, lager beer, porter and the like.

"*Bring your own beverage*" is a term which means that the owner of an establishment or host of an event will not be providing alcoholic beverages but that guests are welcome to bring their own if they choose.

"*Events*", for purposes of this section, shall mean any public or private function held on the grounds of a park, which may include the lawn area, clubhouse, pond house, recreational facility, pavilion, carousel or other amusement area of the park.

"*Golf course*" includes the area designated for play of the game of golf as well as the property adjoining and used in conjunction with said area, including the driving range area, practice green, club house, pro shop, restaurant, lounge, snack shop and any areas adjacent thereto, all of which make up the golf course.

"*Spirits*" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation, and includes brandy, rum, whiskey, gin or other spirituous liquors when rectified, blended or otherwise mixed with alcohol or other substances.

"*Wine*" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of natural contents of fruit or vegetables, containing sugar, including such beverages when fortified by the addition of alcohol, or other spirits, as above defined.

(b) *General prohibitions and exceptions:*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have alcoholic beverages or to be intoxicated in any park, except that alcoholic beverages may be consumed under the following circumstances:

- a. Beer and wine only may be sold and consumed at any event held at Bushnell Park, excluding the Pump House Gallery and the Carousel Pavillion, provided that prior to the event, the proper permission has been obtained from the City to hold the event, the Council adopts a resolution approving such sale and consumption and the location where said sale can take place within Bushnell Park, beverages are sold by a vendor licensed by the Bureau of Licenses and Inspections under a permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, and proper proof of liquor liability insurance is provided to the Risk Manager for the City of Hartford, in an amount to be determined by said risk manager;
- b. Alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed at the Carousel Pavilion in Bushnell Park, and adjacent secured areas within one hundred fifty (150) feet of the pavilion, at private functions during which the carousel is closed to the public, provided that prior to the event, the proper permission has been obtained from the City to hold the event, the Council adopts a resolution approving such sale and consumption and the location where said sale can take place within the pavilion, beverages are sold by a vendor licensed by the Bureau of Licenses and Inspections under a permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, and proper proof of liquor liability insurance is provided to the Risk Manager for the City of Hartford, in an amount to be determined by said risk manager;

- c. Alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed in connection with restaurant or bar services at the Pump House Gallery in Bushnell Park or other events held at the Pump House Gallery provided that the operator or manager of said facility obtains proper liquor liability insurance and a state liquor license;
 - d. Service of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in the Elizabeth Park Pond House Restaurant, which includes the outside patio area and auditorium, provided that the operator or manager of said facility obtains proper liquor liability insurance and state liquor licenses. For purposes of this subsection, "service of alcoholic beverages" shall mean the service of alcoholic beverages on a "bring your own beverage" basis in the restaurant for personal consumption with meals, and the service of wine and beer provided by the sponsoring person or entity at events in the auditorium;
 - e. Beer and wine may be sold and consumed at an event held at the Keney and Goodwin Parks, not including the golf courses, Metzner Center, Willie Ware Center, Hyland Center, Blue Hills Community Center, Pope Park Recreation Center, Kevin D. Anderson Center and any other park in the City of Hartford not mentioned herein provided that prior to the event, the proper permission has been obtained from the City to hold the event, the Council adopts a resolution approving such sale and consumption and the location where said sale can take place within said park or location, beverages are sold by a vendor licensed by the Bureau of Licenses and Inspections under a permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, and proper proof of liquor liability insurance is provided to the Risk Manager for the City of Hartford, in an amount to be determined by said risk manager;
 - f. Alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed at the Keney and Goodwin Park golf courses pursuant to any applicable provisions of this section and all provisions of section 26-42 of this chapter.
- (2) If a private individual sponsors an event at any of the locations specified in (b)(1)a. of this section, but not including Keney and Goodwin Park golf courses, the Pump House Gallery and the Elizabeth Park Pond House Restaurant and Auditorium, and intends to serve alcoholic beverages, free of cost, the sponsor shall not be required to obtain a permit from the state liquor control commission. Prior to the event, however, the sponsor must obtain (1) approval from the Council by way of resolution for the service of such beverages; and (2) proper liquor liability insurance approved by the City of Hartford Risk Manager. The service of such beverages may also be subject to any special and further requirements of the City;
 - (3) The sale or service of alcoholic beverages at the Elizabeth Park Pond House Restaurant and Auditorium, the Pump House Gallery, and the Keney and Goodwin Park golf courses is contingent upon the operator or manager of these facilities obtaining proper liquor liability insurance and a state liquor license.
 - (4) The provisions of Chapter 35 of the Code shall not apply to the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages under the provisions of this section or section 26-42 of this chapter.
 - (5) The sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at events held in city parks pursuant to this and any other applicable section shall be subject to any further conditions and regulations required by the Mayor or the Council to promote public safety and welfare.

(Code 1977, § 25-30; Ord. No. 13-82, 6-14-82; Ord. No. 19-84, 5-29-84; Ord. No. 26-85, 5-13-85; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 33-91, 6-10-91; Ord. No. 4-01, 4-23-01; Ord. No. 02-07, 3-26-07)

Sec. 26-42. - Conditions for sale of alcoholic beverages at golf courses.

(a) Definitions:

Alcoholic beverage or *alcoholic liquor* includes all varieties of liquor defined in section 26-41 including alcohol, beer, spirits and wine and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes.

Events, for purposes of this section, shall mean any public or private function held on the grounds of Keney or Goodwin Park golf courses.

Golf course includes the area designated for play of the game of golf as well as the property adjoining and used in conjunction with said area, including the driving range area, practice green, club house, pro shop, restaurant, lounge, snack shop and any areas adjacent thereto, all of which make up the golf course.

(b) *General conditions of sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at golf courses:*

- (1) Pursuant to G.S. § 30-91, as amended, the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Goodwin and Keney Park golf courses is hereby allowed subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in all areas defined as part of the "golf course" under this section, including sale from beverage carts located on the golf courses;
 - b. Alcoholic beverages may be sold daily at the golf courses from 9:00 a.m. until one hour after sunset, but in any case not later than 10:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, and from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday;
 - c. Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1)b. above, if an event such as a wedding, birthday party, golf tournament or other function is being held at a golf course, the sale or service of alcoholic beverages shall cease thirty (30) minutes before the end of the event;
 - d. It shall be unlawful to possess any alcoholic beverages at any golf course, park, or playground except where proper licenses to serve and sell alcoholic beverages have been obtained;
 - e. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any of the golf courses hereunder to continue the sale of alcoholic beverages until the closing hours established by this section;
 - f. As authorized under the provisions of this section, the lawful right to sell and serve alcoholic beverages at the golf courses located in Keney and Goodwin Parks shall be subject to an annual review and approval by the Mayor by way of resolution.

(Code 1977, § 25-30.1; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 33-91, 6-10-91; Ord. No. 02-07, 3-26-07)

Sec. 26-43. - Vehicles and traffic.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any commercial vehicle into any park except on business of the City of Hartford, or to give instruction to any person in driving an automobile or to learn to drive an automobile in any park, or to drive any automobile at a rate of speed exceeding twenty-five (25) miles per hour, or to drive or propel any automobile or other vehicle except on regular park roads, or to park any car off any park road, except in areas designated for public parking.

(Code 1977, § 25-31; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 33-91, 6-10-91; Ord. No. 08-10, 4-12-10)

Sec. 26-44. - Horseback riding.

Persons riding horses in any park shall:

- (1) Ride on bridle trails only, keeping off the roads, meadows and woodland;
- (2) Ride at a walk at intersecting roads and trails;
- (3) Keep horses under control at all times and refrain from yelling, reckless riding, racing, stunt riding, or beating or tormenting their horses;
- (4) Be courteous and considerate, especially on passing or overtaking other riders;
- (5) Not tie horses to trees or shrubs or cut or break shrubs for whips.

(Code 1977, § 25-32; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90)

Sec. 26-45. - Opening and closing hours for parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities.

- (a) No person or vehicle shall enter or remain in any park, playground or other recreation facility under the direction or control of the Director of Public Works or the Director of Human Services, before dawn or after dusk except as provided in subsections (b) and (d) of this section. For purposes of this section, dawn shall mean a half-hour before sunrise and dusk shall mean a half-hour after sunset.

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- (b) Any person or entity who wishes to enter or remain in any park, playground or other such recreation facility before dawn or after dusk, respectively, must obtain a special event permit pursuant to the provisions of the City of Hartford Special Events Policy and Procedures Manual. In the event of exigent circumstances, the Director of Public Works or the Director of Human Services may designate other opening or closing times for any park, playground or other recreation facility under his/her direction and control if in his/her opinion such other opening or closing time is in the best interest of the City.
- (c) The opening and closing time for each park, playground and recreation facility under the direction and control of the Director of Public Works or the Director of Human Services shall be prominently displayed at each such facility and the chief of police shall be notified of such opening and closing times and any exceptions thereto.
- (d) The Director of Public Works in coordination with the Director of Human Services shall establish rules and regulations pertaining to the opening and closing times of pond houses, recreational facilities/centers, lighted areas and any other structures located in any park or playground.
- (e) Subsections (a), (b) and (d) of this section shall not apply to any park, playground or other such recreation facility that is subject to an agreement with the City that contains any provision regarding opening and closing times or that is subject to rules or regulations regarding opening and closing times that are promulgated by appropriate entities.

(Code 1977, § 25-33; Ord. No. 19-79, 6-25-79; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 33-91, 6-10-91; Ord. No. 61-02, 11-25-02)

Sec. 26-46. - Boating at Batterson Lake Park.

- (a) Boating at Batterson Lake Park is restricted to rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats and other watercrafts not powered by combustion engines. Small electric motors are allowable. All watercrafts shall contain proper flotation devices and all other safety devices as prescribed by state boating regulations, which shall be in use by the occupants at all times. Watercrafts shall be launched and removed only at the state launching ramp.
- (b) Use of any watercraft other than those referred to in subsection (a) shall be unlawful.

(Code 1977, § 25-34; Ord. No. 16-84, 4-9-84; Ord. No. 39-90, 6-25-90; Ord. No. 14-99, 6-28-99)

Sec. 26-47. - Penalty.

A person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be summoned or brought to community court pursuant to P.A. 97-199. A person who is summoned or brought before the community court cannot invoke any of the appeal rights provided by section 1-5 of the Hartford Municipal Code. The superior court judge assigned to the community court may impose a penalty of community service, a fine up to ninety dollars (\$90.00) or a jail sentence up to twenty-five (25) days to any person who is convicted of violating any provision of this chapter.