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CHAPTER 31

RECREATION

ARTICLE I – SWIMMING POOL BOARD

31-1-1 **CREATION.** A Swimming Pool Board for the City, to be known and designated as “Gibson City Swimming Pool Board” is hereby established. The Board shall consist of **five (5) persons** to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. The term of each member shall be **three (3) years**. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any board member, the Mayor shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term. The Mayor may, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council, remove any board member for misconduct or neglect of duty. **(See Section 1-2-41)**

31-1-2 **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Board shall have the power to maintain, equip and operate the swimming pool and the buildings thereon and for that purpose may employ leaders, directors, supervisors, superintendents or such other officers or employees as it shall deem proper. The Board shall have to power to provide, maintain, equip, and operate swimming pools in any public park or land or building dedicated or set apart therefor. Such Board shall have the power to provide for the sanitation for the swimming pool and shall provide proper protection for the public in the use thereof. It may charge and collect reasonable fees for the use of the swimming pool to cover the cost of operation thereof. **(Ord. No. 437; 04-27-71)**

31-1-3 **ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY.** The Board shall have the power to accept any grant or devise of real estate or any gift or bequest of money or other personal property or any donation, the principal or income of which is to be applied, for either temporary or permanent use of swimming pool purposes, on the condition, however, that if the acceptance thereof for swimming pool purposes will subject the City to expense for improvements, maintenance or renewal, the acceptance shall be subject to the approval of the City Council.

31-1-4 **DEPOSIT OF MONIES.** All monies received for swimming pool purposes, unless otherwise provided for by the terms of the gift or bequest, and all monies received for such purposes from levies made by the City for swimming pool purposes shall be deposited to the account of the Swimming Pool Board.

31-1-5 **LEVY OF SPECIAL TAX.** There shall hereafter be levied and collected a tax of not less than **.025 percent** and not more than **.09 percent** of the full, fair cash value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City, which tax shall be designated as a playground and recreation tax for swimming pool purposes and shall be levied and collected in like manner as the general tax of the City is levied and collected.

31-1-6 **PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.** The expenses of the Swimming Pool Board in and about the establishment, maintenance and conduct of swimming pool centers shall be paid out of the taxes or out of the money received as, or realized from, gifts received for swimming pool purposes; and expenditures shall be made under the direction of the Swimming Pool Board upon warrants drawn upon the Treasury of the Swimming Pool Board.

(Ord. No. 98-0-08; 04-27-98)

ARTICLE II - PARKS

31-2-1 **PARK COMMITTEE.** The standing committee on Parks and Buildings shall supervise and administer the City park activities.

31-2-2 **DUTIES.** The Committee shall recommend to the City Council whatever is necessary to staff, maintain, and equip the park programs and grounds.

31-2-3 **ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY.** The Committee may recommend to the City Council to accept any grant or devise of real estate or any gift or bequest of money or other personal property or any donation, the principal or income of which is to be applied, for either temporary or permanent use of park purposes, on the condition, however, that if the acceptance thereof for park purposes will subject the City to expense for improvements, maintenance or renewal, the acceptance shall be subject to the approval for the City Council.

31-2-4 **DEPOSIT OF MONEYS.** All moneys received for park purposes, unless otherwise provided for by the terms of the gift or bequest, and all moneys received for such purposes from tax levies made by the City for park purposes shall be deposited to the park and park maintenance account.

31-2-5 **LEVY OF SPECIAL TAX.** There shall hereafter be levied and collected a tax of not more than .075 percent of the full, fair cash value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, all taxable property within the City.

31-2-6 **DESTRUCTION OF PARK PROPERTY.** Within the municipal parks, no person except park personnel on official business shall:

- (A) cut, break, injure, destroy, take, or remove any tree, shrub, timber, plant, or natural object;
- (B) kill, cause to be killed, or pursue with intent to kill any bird or animal except in areas where the City has authorized hunting;
- (C) willfully mutilate, injure or destroy any building, bridge, table, bench, fireplace, guidepost, notice, tablet, fence, monument, or other park property or appurtenances.

31-2-7 **LITTERING – WATER POLLUTION.**

(A) No person shall deposit any trash within the municipal parks except in proper receptacles where these are provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all trash shall be carried away from the parks by the person responsible for its presence and shall be properly disposed of elsewhere.

(B) No person shall discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or in any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into such waters any substance or thing, liquid or solid which will or may result in the pollution of the waters.

31-2-8 **FIRES IN PARKS.**

(A) No person shall light or use any unenclosed picnic fire within the municipal parks. Fires may be built only in fireplaces or on grills constructed for that purpose in designated areas.

(B) In camping areas, no person shall leave any campfire unattended by a competent person.

(C) Every person who has lighted or used any fire in a municipal park shall extinguish such fire before leaving the park.

31-2-9 PICNICS. No person shall picnic in the municipal parks except in areas designated for that purpose. Park personnel are hereby authorized to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion or to secure the maximum use, comfort, and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end.

31-2-10 ERECTION OF STRUCTURES. No person shall build or place any tent, building, booth, stand, or other structure in or upon any municipal park or other recreational facility unless he has obtained a permit to do so from the City.

31-2-11 SIGNS. No person shall place within any municipal park or affix to any object therein any sign or device designated to advertise any business, profession, exhibition, event or thing unless he has obtained a permit to do so from the City.

31-2-12 ANIMALS.

(A) Dog owners assume full responsibility for any injuries, damages or loss associated with use of the dog park.

(B) Owners must clean up and properly dispose of feces left by their dog in any City Park.

(C) While plastic bags and garbage cans may be provided in the parks, if bag dispenser is empty or there is no dispenser it shall remain the responsibility of the owner to provide a bag and clean up after their dog after it defecates or makes any other mess in the park.

(D) Dogs must be leashed at all times except when located inside a designated “dog park” but shall always be leashed when entering and leaving the dog park.

(E) The gates of any dog park must be kept closed.

(F) Dogs on public property must have current dog tags and up to date vaccinations.

(G) Dogs showing any signs of aggressive behavior must be immediately leashed and removed from the dog park.

(H) Dogs in heat are not allowed in the dog park.

(I) The dog park may be closed by order of the Mayor, his/her designee, the City Superintendent and/or the Police Department.

(J) Individuals should not give any treats to animals which are not their own.

(K) No dangerous animal is allowed in the dog park or any municipal park.

(L) There shall be no riding or leading of any horse in any municipal park or recreational area except upon paths or other ways expressly provided and posted for that purpose.

(Ord. No. 18-12; 09-24-18)

31-2-13 MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED. No person other than municipal personnel on official business shall drive or park any motor vehicle, including snowmobiles, in any municipal park except on a roadway or parking lot.

31-2-14 SALES; AMUSEMENTS FOR GAIN. Within the parks of this Municipality, no person shall, without having first obtained a permit from the City:

(A) sell or offer for sale any goods or services; or

(B) conduct any amusement for gain or for which a charge is made.

31-2-15 **GROUP ACTIVITIES.** Whenever any group or organization desires to use municipal park facilities for a particular purpose such as picnics, parties, exhibitions or performances, a representative of the group shall first apply for and obtain a permit for such activity from the Mayor with Council approval.

31-2-16 **APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.** Applications for all permits required by this Chapter shall be made in writing to the Mayor not less than **seven (7) days** before the proposed date of the activity for which the permit is sought. Each application shall include the following information:

- (A) A statement briefly describing the nature of the proposed activity;
- (B) name, address and telephone number of the person or organization wishing to conduct such activity;
- (C) the date when such activity is to be conducted;
- (D) the hour when such activity will start and terminate;
- (E) the park or portion thereof for which such permit is desired; and
- (F) an estimate of the anticipated attendance.

(See Application at end of Chapter)

31-2-17 **DECISION ON PERMIT APPLICATION.** After due consideration of the information contained in the permit application, but not later than **seven (7) days** after the application has been filed, the Mayor shall determine whether the application is satisfactory. An application shall be deemed satisfactory is:

- (A) the proposed activity or use of the park will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the general public enjoyment of the park;
- (B) the facilities desired have not been reserved for other use at the day and hour requested in the application;
- (C) the conduct of such activity will not substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of traffic;
- (D) the proper policing of such activity will not require the diversion of so great a number of police officers as to prevent normal protection of the remainder of this Municipality;
- (E) the conduct of such activity is not reasonably likely to cause injury to persons or property or to incite violence, crime or disorderly conduct; and
- (F) such activity is not to be held for the sole purpose of advertising for private profit.
- (G) the festivals and events shall be reviewed by the City to assess any charges required for clean up costs.

31-2-18 **ISSUANCE OR DENIAL OF PERMIT.**

- (A) Notification by regular mail or by telephone shall be made promptly by the Mayor to every permit applicant of the decision on his application.
- (B) If such decision is favorable, the Mayor shall issue the permit. As a condition of the issuance of any permit, the Mayor may require that an indemnity bond be obtained if, in their opinion, such bond is necessary to protect this Municipality from liability or to protect municipal property from damage.
- (C) The Mayor shall inform each applicant who has been denied a permit regarding the reasons for the denial and the procedure for appeals.

31-2-19 **PARK HOURS.** All parks and recreation areas (except as allowed by permit) under the ownership or jurisdiction of the City shall be closed to all persons after dusk and before dawn each day. **(Ord. No. 13-10; 06-24-13)**

31-2-20 **EXEMPTION.** Persons who are camping in areas designated for camping and persons who are merely traversing through such park or recreation area from one point to another shall be exempt from the provisions of **Section 31-2-20**. **(Ord. No. 93-0-10; 07-12-93)**

ARTICLE III – JORDAN POND PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

31-3-1 FISHING. Any person taking or attempting to take any fish, including minnows and crayfish, by any means whatever at the Jordan Pond Park, or otherwise in any waters or adjacent lands wholly or in part within the jurisdiction of the City of Gibson City, shall first obtain and have in his/her possession a valid State of Illinois fishing license.

31-3-2 FISHING REGULATIONS. All State of Illinois regulations apply when fishing at the Jordan Pond Park. The taking of frogs, turtles and mussels is prohibited. Each angler is restricted to **two (2) poles** with fishing line. No seines or nets are allowed. There shall be no ice fishing.

Catch and release is encouraged. It shall be prohibited for any person to carry away or keep fish not in accordance with the following species and minimum size limits:

Fish Species	Daily Limit	Minimum Size Requirement
Bluegill/Sunfish/Green Sunfish	15	None
Largemouth Bass	Catch and Release Only	
Channel Catfish	3	None
White/Black Crappie	5	None

31-3-3 BOATING PROHIBITED. There shall be no boats of any kind permitted on the waters of Jordan Pond Park. Fishing, under the terms of this Article, shall be allowed from the shoreline.

31-3-4 SWIMMING IN JORDAN POND PARK. No person shall knowingly wade, swim, float or otherwise immerse all or any part of his or her body on or in the water of Jordan Pond Park.

31-3-5 GENERAL RULES. The following rules shall be followed in the Jordan Pond Park:

- (A) Children under **twelve (12) years** of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- (B) Any pets must be on a leash and owners shall clean up after their pets.
- (C) Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed in nor shall be permitted in the Jordan Pond Park.
- (D) Motorized vehicles shall be permitted only in the parking area.
- (E) Fires shall only be allowed in proper receptacles and must be constantly attended to by an adult.
- (F) The Park shall open only from dawn to dusk.
- (G) No swimming is allowed.
- (H) There shall be no entry on to any ice for any purpose.
- (I) There shall be no fish cleaning in the Park.

31-3-6 PENALTY. Any person who violates this Section shall upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine as provided under the Revised Code of Ordinances.

(Ord. No. 16-05; 04-11-16)

ARTICLE IV – ARROWSMITH PARK CAMPING

31-4-1 REGULATIONS.

(A) Commencing **June 27, 2006** and continuing thereafter any person utilizing Arrowsmith Park for purposes of camping shall first secure a permit as provided for under this Article. It shall be illegal to camp at Arrowsmith Park without first securing a permit.

(B) Permits may be issued by the Police Department. Each person applying for a permit shall submit their name, address, vehicle plate identification number, and provide a valid and current passport or photo identification card issued by a United States of America state or federal government.

(C) There shall be a separate permit required for each tent and/or each motor home and/or each trailer.

(D) All permit applicants must be at least **eighteen (18) years** of age.

(E) The permit shall specify the date of arrival and the date of departure. No permit shall be issued for more than **seven (7) days** and no camper may utilize the park for more than **seven (7) days** in any given **thirty (30) day** period.

(F) As a condition of the permit, the permit holder shall comply with all rules posted in Arrowsmith Park. The Chief of Police shall be authorized to issue such rules as are reasonably necessary to provide for the safe use of Arrowsmith Park. Absolutely no alcohol shall be permitted in Arrowsmith Park. A violation of any rules posted at Arrowsmith Park or a violation of the prohibition of liquor shall constitute a basis for revocation of the permit and removal of the license holder's camping shelter, vehicle, and/or personality.

(G) The fee for a permit shall be **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** per day per permit payable upon the application for said permit. Permits shall expire at **3:00 P.M.** on the last day. In the event that a permit is revoked based upon a violation of the rules regulation of Arrowsmith Park and/or a violation of the prohibition against alcohol, there shall be no refund of the permit fee.

(H) A violation of this Article shall result in a fine of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** with each day of violation constituting a separate offense.

(Ord. No. 06-21; 06-26-06)

ARTICLE V - FIREARMS AND SAFETY TRAINING BOARD

31-5-1 **FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY BOARD.** A Board is hereby established called the “Firearms Training and Safety Board.”

31-5-2 **MEMBERS.** The Firearms Training and Safety Board shall be comprised of **three (3)** voting members all of whom shall reside in the City and **two (2)** non-voting members who shall not have a residency requirement. All Board Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council and shall each serve a **one (1) year** term commencing with appointment and concluding the last day in April, 2012 and the last day of April of each year thereafter.

(A) Board member’s terms shall also end upon their resignation or upon removal by the City Council and the Mayor.

31-5-3 **FUNCTION.** The function and purpose of the Firearms Training and Safety Board shall be to advise, oversee and help manage the City shooting range subject to the direction of the Mayor, Chief of Police and City Council. The Board shall annually propose a budget in advance of approval of the City Appropriation Ordinance and submit it for approval by the City Council and Mayor. Upon its approval, the Board shall have the authority to make such expenditures and enter into such contracts as are contemplated under the approved budget. The Board and its members shall not have the authority to exceed the approved budget and enter into contracts not contemplated by the approved budget without approval of the City Council and Mayor.

31-5-4 **BYLAWS.** The Board shall proceed under the “Firearms Training and Safety Board Bylaws” attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein. **(See Appendix “A”)**

31-5-5 **LAW.** The Board Members shall comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act and other applicable laws.

(Ord. No. 11-02; 02-28-11)

APPENDIX "A"

FIREARMS TRAINING AND SAFETY BOARD BYLAWS

- I. **Purpose.** The Firearms Training and Safety Board, hereinafter "Board", exists to enhance the safety and quality of life in the City of Gibson City, Illinois as directed and authorized by the City of Gibson City Revised Code of Ordinances.
- II. **Membership.** Members of the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the full consent and advice of the City Council. The Board shall consist of **three (3)** voting members and **two (2)** non-voting members.
- III. **Officers.** The officers shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. The Chair shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval and consent of the City Council. The Vice-Chair and the Secretary shall be elected each year by and from among the members of the Board. Vacancies in these offices shall be filled promptly by election.
 - A. The Chair is responsible for the agendas of the Board meetings, presides over the meetings and promotes an orderly flow of business. The Chair represents the Board in an official capacity.
 - B. The Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair in the absence of the Chair.
 - C. The Secretary shall be responsible for the minutes of the Board meetings, the distribution of minutes and agendas, and maintaining the mailing list.
- IV. **Election of Officers and Terms of Office.** Officers shall be elected at the May meeting each year. They shall take office upon election and shall serve until their successors are elected and take office. Members shall serve until expiration of their respective terms, upon their resignation or when they are removed by affirmative vote of the City Council.
- V. **Meetings.** There shall be a meeting of the Board at such time and place as determined by the Board. Additional meetings may be called by and at the discretion of the Board Chair. All meetings shall comply with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
- VI. **Quorum.** A quorum shall consist of at least **two (2)** voting Board Members.
- VII. **Amendment.** Amendment of these Bylaws requires approval of the City Council.
- VIII. **Parliamentary Procedure.** The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Board unless otherwise stated in these Bylaws.

CITY OF GIBSON CITY
PARK INFORMATION REQUEST

ORGANIZATION: _____

CHAIRMAN OF EVENT: _____

PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATION: _____

DATE OF EVENT: _____

TYPE OF EVENT: _____

STATE CHARTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ISSUED: YES _____ NO _____

EXPLAIN NEEDS OF EVENT AND HOW THE PARK FACILITY WILL BE USED:

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE REQUIRED: YES _____ NO _____

LIQUOR LIABILITY REQUIRED: YES _____ NO _____

COPIES OF THESE CERTIFICATES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MUNICIPAL CLERK PRIOR TO THE EVENT (IF REQUIRED). THE EVENT WILL BE STOPPED IF THEY ARE NOT FILED PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE PARK

1. SHELTER AND AREA MUST BE CLEARED BEFORE YOU LEAVE OR CLEANUP CHARGES WILL BE ASSESSED.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

SIGNED: _____

ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN

APPROVED: _____

MAYOR

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

CITY OF GIBSON CITY

PARK RESERVATION APPLICATION

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
TELEPHONE NO: _____
DATE REQUESTED: _____
TYPE OF FUNCTION: _____
HOURS: _____
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE: _____

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

FEE: \$ _____

SIGNED:

APPROVED:

APPLICANT

PARK BOARD CHAIRMAN

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

REQUIREMENTS

1. THIS APPLICATION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.
2. A COPY OF THE APPLICATION WILL BE MAILED AFTER IT'S APPROVED.
3. APPLICANT SHALL DISPLAY THIS APPLICATION THE NIGHT BEFORE THE FUNCTION. SHELTER AND AREA SHALL BE CLEANED BEFORE YOU LEAVE OR CLEANUP CHARGES WILL BE ASSESSED.

CITY OF GIBSON CITY
101 E 8TH STREET
PO BOX 545, GIBSON CITY, IL 60936
PHONE 217-784-5872

SPECIAL EVENTS REQUEST

Must be submitted no less than 2 weeks prior to event

Specific Location _____

Type of Event _____

Applicant's Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone Number of Person in Charge throughout event _____

Estimated Attendance _____

Requesting Barricades # _____ Traffic Cones # _____ Picnic Tables # _____

Drop Off Location/Time _____

Please map out on reverse side of this form.

Is this a registered not-for-profit event? _____

Rules: Your group must provide your own extra trash containers if needed.

All trash must be in containers and picnic tables must be cleaned after the event.

Application will be reviewed by Superintendent and forwarded to Mayor for final approval/signature. Signed form will be mailed to you.

Signed Event Form must be displayed during your event.

The Superintendent reserves the right to assess a fee for damaged/unclean property or trash pick-up by his crew.

Approved: _____
Mayor