

CHAPTER 48

USE OF CITY GREENBELT, OPEN SPACE AREAS AND RECREATION TRAILS

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48.01 DEFINITIONS. The following terms are defined as used in this chapter:

1. “Greenbelt and open space areas” are defined as land adjacent to trails, creeks, ponds, storm water corridors with drainage ditches and/or detention areas, as well as other lands owned by the City reserved for the public benefit of active and passive recreation and for the preservation of natural areas not designated as parks pursuant to Section 47.01 of this Code of Ordinances.
2. “Recreation trails” are defined as bicycle and pedestrian trails owned by the City for the public benefit of active and passive recreation and principally for bicycle and pedestrian activity and recreation.

The Public Works Department shall create and maintain lists of greenbelt and open space areas and recreation trails regulated under the provisions of this chapter.

48.02 VEHICLES PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS. Motor vehicles, motorcycles, motorized bicycles (regardless of the engine displacement and speed capability) , trucks, road tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, trailer coaches, specially constructed vehicles and implements of husbandry, snowmobiles, golf carts and any other device driven by electric or battery power; dune buggies and any other motorized power driven type of recreational vehicles or device regardless of the number of wheels; and any other vehicle or conveyance that is powered or driven by a source other than human effort shall not be allowed upon, driven upon, or ridden upon any greenbelt, open spaces areas or recreation trails. This does not include or apply to vehicles and equipment performing construction, maintenance or other work for the City, police patrol vehicles and emergency vehicles responding to an emergency situation, or other vehicles allowed on recreation trails as permitted by the City.

48.03 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED. Wine, beer, and any other alcoholic beverages or drinks shall not be brought, transported or otherwise carried upon or consumed upon any greenbelt, open space areas or recreation trails.

48.04 DUMPING PROHIBITED. No junk, refuse, garbage or any other items of tangible personal property shall be deposited upon or dumped upon any greenbelt, open space area or recreation trail.

48.05 DIGGING, DEFACEMENT PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. No person shall, while upon any greenbelt, open space area or recreation trail dig or remove any dirt, grass or sod or otherwise deface the same except while performing construction, maintenance or other work for the City.

48.06 OVERNIGHT CAMPING. No person shall set up an encampment for overnight camping in any greenbelt, open space area, or recreation trail. No person shall stay or remain in any greenbelt or open space area between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

48.07 ANIMALS OR PETS. The following shall apply to animals in any greenbelt, open space area or recreation trail:

1. No animals shall be allowed to run at large, but shall be controlled by a leash no longer than six feet.
2. The owners of animals shall remove all bodily excretions deposited by such animals.

48.08 RIDING OF ANIMALS. No person shall ride a horse, burro or any other animal in any greenbelt, open space area or recreation trail.

48.09 FLOOD CONTROL; ENTRY PROHIBITED. It is unlawful for any person to enter any lagoon, pond, creek or stream at any time. It is unlawful for any person to enter any drainage ditch, swale or detention basin or any other area used for temporary water storage when high water is present, or the depth of it is unknown, and poses a risk to human life.

48.10 DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY. No person shall behave in a disorderly or obscene manner, use any loud, violent, obscene or profane language, or commit any nuisance in any greenbelt, open space area or recreation trail that is disruptive to other users of said areas or to adjacent property owners.

48.11 SAFETY. It is unlawful for a person to do any of the following acts:

1. Violate any rules posted in any open space or along any recreation trail;
2. Place or throw or launch any stone, dirt, stick, golf ball, missile, debris or other object that may be a hazard to any person or animal.