

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION  
MUNICIPAL CODE**

**CHAPTER 3.  
GENERAL REGULATION OF PUBLIC PARKS**

**SECTION 301:**

All Village parks will be operated, maintained, and administered under the direct control and supervision of the Essex Junction Prudential Committee.

**SECTION 302. PERMITS:**

(a) Permits shall be acquired by any organized group or teams who desire to use the various areas of the Village parks. These requests must be received in advance through the Recreation and Parks Director and reasonable fees may be charged in accordance with the rules and regulations as established by the School Department.

(b) Application for permits must be signed by a responsible representative of the group, who will be accountable for any damage or loss of property arising from such use.

(c) Groups or teams may also be required to post a deposit in advance if the director of Recreation and Parks deems it advisable.

(d) Permits may be canceled by the Director of Recreation and Parks and/or the Superintendent of Schools if the permit's intent is violated or if the permit holders violate any of the rules and regulations of the School Department.

**SECTION 303. CONDUCT:**

(a) No alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances shall be permitted within the park boundaries.

(b) No glass bottles shall be permitted within the park boundaries.

(c) No unruly or uncooperative person will be permitted to remain within the parks and no person shall disturb the peace, endanger the public safety, use obscene or profane language, or prevent the use of the park by others.

(d) No group or team may impose charges on persons or parties using the park or recreation facilities.

(e) No products of any kind may be sold within the park boundaries without a special permit secured in advance.

(f) Alterations or changes of any kind to park land or properties must first be approved by the Village Trustees and the Prudential Committee.

(g) No area of the park may be roped off without prior approval from the Recreation and Parks Director.

**SECTION 304. SIGNS:**

- (a) Sponsorship signs, that have received the approval of the Essex Junction Recreation and Parks Director, will be the only private advertising signs permitted.
- (b) Approval to erect a sponsorship sign shall not exceed six months.
- (c) The maximum size of a sign shall be 4' x 8'.
- (d) A sign shall not advertise or promote any illegal activity or product, alcohol or tobacco related products.
- (e) A sign shall not use profanity in its message.

*New section 304 adopted by Trustees March 13, 2001.*

**SECTION 305. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:**

- (a) All parks shall be open from 7 AM to 9 PM., except for events in the administrative complex at the Maple Street Park and for camping as provided in (g). All parks shall be closed between the hours of 9 PM and 7 AM. Trespassing signs shall be posted at each park in accordance with state statutes. (Amended July 14, 1998 and January 8, 2002).
- (b) Motorized vehicles of any type are allowed only within the areas provided for public parking between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM. No vehicle shall be parked in any public park between 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM and may be towed away at the owner's expense. (Amended July 28, 1998)
- (c) Horses and other domestic animals shall not be allowed within the park boundaries. (Amended July 14, 1998 and July 28, 1998).
- (d) No hunting shall be allowed within the park boundaries.
- (e) Fires shall be built only in a properly cared for cooking unit or in grills provided in the picnic areas. Fires shall be permitted in conjunction with camping, as stipulated in Section 305, with the approval of the Essex Junction Fire Chief. No fire shall be left unattended.
- (f) Groups may use the parks for recreational purposes, including parking lots for recreational purposes, at times other than the posted hours if issued a permit by the Recreation and Parks Director and/or the Superintendent of Schools. (Amended July 28, 1998).
- (g) Camping shall not be allowed in public parks, except at the Maple Street Park, under the following conditions:
  1. The event must be approved by the Essex Junction Recreation and Parks Director.
  2. The event must be sponsored by a local non-profit organization.
  3. No more than fifty (50) individual campers shall be allowed at a time.
  4. No more than three nights of overnight camping shall be allowed in a calendar year.