



City of Revere  
City Council

City Council Order No. 18-233

Date: March 11, 2019

Offered by Revere City Council

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ALL PUBLIC PARKS AS "DRUG, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND WEAPON FREE ZONES"

*Be it ordained by the City of Revere as follows:*

**Title 9, Chapter 9.08 of The Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by the following new sections:**

**Section 9.08.110 Promotion of Clean and Healthy Parks**

Whereas, there is no known safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and secondhand smoke exposure in certain outdoor areas have been found to pose a significant health risk; and

Whereas, protecting Revere's public parks as places for residents and visitors to be outside and active is critical to promotion of a healthier city; and

Whereas, it is critical to prevent the use of drugs, alcohol and weapons in our areas of recreation; and

Whereas, it is the goal of the City of Revere, through the Parks and Recreation Department and the Revere Police Department, to ensure that our places of recreation are safe, clean and healthy for all residents, particularly our children;

**Section 9.08.112 Smoking Prohibited in Public Parks**

**A.** No person shall smoke in any public park, or other public place under the control of the City of Revere.

**B.** For the purposes of this subsection, the term smoking shall include inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other lighted or vaporized substance in any manner or form, including marijuana used for medical or recreational purposes.

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**Section 9.08.114 Alcohol and Controlled Substances Prohibited in Public Parks**

A. No person shall sell, possess or consume any alcoholic beverage in any park, except under a license issued by the Revere License Commission subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 138, Sections 14 & 15F. Such license may include any conditions imposed by the License Commission and the discretionary judgment of the Revere Police Department in order to promote the preservation of public parks.

B. No person shall commit any of the following acts in a public park:

1. Sell, distribute, make available or offer to provide a controlled substance or prescription drug to another;
2. Package, possess or store a controlled substance;
3. Transport a controlled substance or materials intended to be used in the packaging of a controlled substance;
4. Solicit another to provide, make available, sell or distribute a controlled substance or prescription drug to any person
5. With the intent to engage in any act prohibited by this Section, seek, meet, approach or encounter another.

C. Nothing in Sub-Section B of this Section shall prohibit the possession of medications prescribed to the person or to a person under that person's care, if and under such conditions as possession of such substance is otherwise lawful.

D. For purposes of this Section, "controlled substance" and "prescription drug" shall have the meaning as provided for in M.G.L. c. 94C § 1 (The Controlled Substances Act).

**Section 9.08.116 Possession of Weapons**

A. No person shall possess in any public park anything specifically designed for and presently capable of causing, or carried with the intent to threaten or cause, bodily harm to another. Items prohibited under this Section include, but are not limited to: any firearm, pellet gun, spring-loaded weapon, stun gun or taser, any knife having a blade that projects or swings into position by force of a spring or by centrifugal force, any knife with a blade longer than 2-½ inches, any dirk, dagger, ice-pick, sling shot, metal knuckles, nunchaku, studded hand coverings, swords, straight razors, tear gas containers, saps, sap gloves, hatchets or axes. The prohibitions of this Section do not apply to individuals who are duly licensed under local, state, and/or federal guidelines to carry a firearm.

B. Any person to be in violation of this section shall be fined three-hundred (\$300.00) dollars per offense. Enforcement of this section shall be by noncriminal disposition as provided for in M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D or by filing a criminal complaint at the appropriate venue.

**Section 9.08.118 Public Park Hours and Designation**

A. 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

B. All public parks shall be designated as “Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco, and Weapon Free Zones” and appropriate signage shall be installed at each park indicating such.

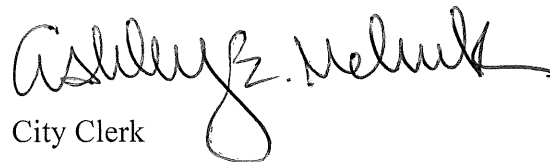
- August 27, 2018      Ordered to a first reading
- March 11, 2019      Ordered to a second reading
- March 11, 2019      Ordered on a second reading.
- March 11, 2019      Ordered on a third and final reading
- March 11, 2019      Ordered Engrossed and Ordained on a Roll Call: Councillors Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, and Council President Guinasso voting “YES”. Councillor Patch was absent. Attest: Ashley E. Melnik, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
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Mayor Brian M. Arrigo

3.12.19  
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Date

Attest:

  
City Clerk