

# Clayton County, Georgia

## ORDINANCE NO. 93-99

The following excerpts are selected key provisions of the Clayton County Ordinance Code, which governs all activities at public parks and facilities.

1. **Prohibited acts.** It shall be unlawful for any person using such parks, grounds, or facilities to either perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts:

a. Willfully mar, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove, any buildings, bridges, tables and benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices, or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal;

b. Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to a park or tributary stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such water, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters;

c. Damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree or plant or any part thereof;

d. Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot, or throw missiles at any animal, or remove or have in one's possession the eggs, nest, or young of any wild animals;

e. Bring in, dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse, or other trash or debris in a park or waters in or contiguous to a park;

f. Disturb the peace, or use any profane, obscene or inflammatory language;

g. Commit any assault or battery, engage in fighting, or commit any other offense in violation of Federal, State or County law;

h. Endanger the safety of any person by any conduct or act;

2. **Sales.** It shall be unlawful for any person to vend, sell, peddle, or offer for sale any commodity or article within a park, unless the Department authorizes such activity in writing.

3. **Alcoholic beverages.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, possess or consume alcoholic beverages within a park unless the Department has issued a special permit for alcoholic consumption of beer and/or wine.

4. **Penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined such amount and/or imprisoned for a term as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. Each day wherein a violation has occurred shall constitute a separate offense and be punishable as such hereunder.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter may be barred or suspended by the Department from using any or all parks, if in the Department's sole discretion, such action is necessary to protect a park, the facilities located therein, or the public's health, safety or welfare.