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Parks and Places in the City of Grand Rapids," passed March 8, 1873;

Also an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Relative to the Protection, Preservation and Use of Bridges Across Grand River in the City of Grand Rapids, belong to said city," passed June 21, 1873;

Also an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Relative to the Preservation of Public Property of the City of Grand Rapids," passed March 1, 1873;

Also other ordinances and parts of ordinances in anywise contravening the provisions of this ordinance.

An Ordinance to Regulate the use of the Public Parks, Playgrounds and Boulevards of the City of Grand Rapids; and to Provide for the Preservation of Public Property Therein. Passed April 30, 1914.

The Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids doth ordain:

Destroying or Removing Public Property.

Sec. 555.(1). No person shall cut, mutilate, injure, overturn, remove or carry away any personal or real property of whatsoever nature, in, upon or belonging to any parks, playground, boulevard or public place in the City of Grand Rapids, or under its control, or in any street, avenue or highway, in or adjacent to, or around the same.

Dogs in Parks.

Sec. 556 (2). No person shall permit any domestic animal to go, be, or run at large within such public place; and no dogs shall be permitted in any City Park or Playground. Owners of dogs shall be held responsible for the presence of their dogs in any of the City Parks and Playgrounds. Any person owning or harboring a dog which is permitted to be at large in any City Park or Playground in said City of Grand Rapids or under its control, and which shall disturb any birds or animals within said public places shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance and subject to a penalty herein imposed, and further any dog so disturbing any bird or animals in any such public places shall be liable to be immediately shot or put to death by any park officer.

Disorderly Persons.

(b) No person shall use any threatening, obscene, profane or indecent language in any such public place; or be guilty of any disorderly or indecent conduct; nor shall any intoxicated person be allowed in any such public place.

Games.

(c) No person shall indulge in any games, acts or demeanor calculating or tending to disturb the people attending any such public places; nor shall any person bring any beer, liquor or intoxicants into any such public place; and no person shall engage in any games of chance or cards, or shall drink any wines, beer, liquors or malts in any such public place.

Rubbish.

(d) No person or persons shall deposit any rubbish or refuse in or upon any such public places except the same be deposited in waste baskets provided for the purpose by the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners.

Fire Arms.

(e) No person shall carry any rifle, gun, or other fire-arm of any kind within the parks and playgrounds of the City of Grand Rapids; nor shall any person fire, discharge or set off any rocket, cracker, torpedo, squib or other fireworks, or things containing any substance of an explosive nature.

Begging.

(f) No person shall publicly beg, or solicit any subscriptions, or take up collections for any purpose whatsoever in any of the public parks or playgrounds.

Advertising.

(g) No person shall post, exhibit or distribute any advertisement, circular or handbill therein; nor shall any peddler or petty dealer sell, or in any manner dispose of any article in public park or playground unless he shall first obtain express permission so to do from the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners.

Driving and Hitching.

(h) No person shall fasten or hitch any animal to any tree,

fence or structure in the parks unless the same shall be designated and set aside for that purpose; nor shall any person ride or drive any animal or vehicle therein except upon the proper roadways, avenues and drives, and shall not drive therein at a speed exceeding ten miles an hour.

No person shall be permitted to drive any vehicle used for the transportation of merchandise or refuse, such as farm products, wood, coal, manure, lumber, dirt gravel, stone, building material, and others of like nature (except wagons carrying material for building and improvement within such parks, playgrounds, boulevards or places) in or through said parks, places or squares; and no cattle, sheep or other animals excepting horses, shall be led or driven through the parks; and no funeral procession shall be permitted in any such public places.

Destroying Birds.

(i) No person shall kill, disturb or molest any birds or bird's nest, or any fish or animal within, belonging to, or being in the parks.

Picnics.

(j) Picnics and social parties may be allowed by notifying the Superintendent, in such portions of said parks as shall be designated and set apart by the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners from time to time.

Lecturing, Etc.

(k) No person shall deliver any oration, address, speech, sermon or lecture therein unless he shall first have received permission from the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners; nor shall any public meeting or concert be held therein unless such leave is first obtained.

Building or Place Marked "No Admission."

(l) No person shall enter any building, enclosure or place upon which the words "No Admittance" or similar sign is posted.

Pools, Lakes, Etc.

(m) No basin, pool, lake or fountain shall be fouled by stone, wood, or any other substance; nor shall they be bathed in or waded in unless specially set apart for that purpose; and any body of water

which is set aside and designated as a wading pool, tank or swimming pool within the aforesaid limits shall not be fouled by any person; and it shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate in such water or spit tobacco juice in the same, or blow his nose therein, or commit any nuisance therein, or within the bathhouse enclosures; and before any person shall bathe in any of the places within the limits aforesaid, the officers or attendants having charge of such swimming place are hereby empowered to cause said person or persons to thoroughly cleanse their bodies by the use of shower baths or such other methods as may be provided at such bathing places. The Park Commissioners shall regulate the hours of bathing, and make all rules and regulations necessary for the protection of the public.

Fires.

(n) No person except employes under instruction shall build, kindle or start any fires in any of the parks.

Open From Sunrise to 9:00 P. M.

Sec. 557. (3) The Public Parks and Playgrounds belonging to said city shall be open to the public only between the hours of sunrise and 9 o'clock p. m. of each and every day, and it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, except the persons or employes in charge of such park to enter therein before the hour above named for the opening of said park, or remain therein after the hour above fixed for the closing thereof. Provided, however, That the Board of Park and Cemetery Commissioners of said city shall have power in their discretion, whenever the occasion may require it, to especially provide for all or any of said parks, playgrounds or swimming pools being opened between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock a. m. and closed between the hours of 6 and 11 p. m.

Penalty.

Sec. 558 (4) Any person or persons who shall violate any of the provisions or requirements of this ordinance, on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar or more than one hundred dollars and the cost of prosecution, or by imprisonment at hard labor in the common jail of Kent County, in the discretion of the court or magistrate before whom the conviction may be had, for a period of not less than one day nor more than thirty days; and in case such court or magistrate shall impose

only a fine and costs of prosecution, the offender may be imprisoned in the common jail of Kent County until the payment of such fine and costs, or for a period of not more than thirty days.

Repealing Clause.

Sec. 559 (5). An Ordinance (230) entitled "An Ordinance to regulate the use of the Public Parks of the City of Grand Rapids and to provide for the preservation of public property therein," passed and approved by the Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in regular session held August 24, 1908, is hereby repealed.

An Ordinance Relative to Cemeteries and the Protection Thereof and the Burial of the Dead in the City of Grand Rapids. Passed January 26, 1914.

The Common Council of the City of Grand Rapids doth ordain as follows:

What Are Public Burial Grounds.

Sec. 560 (1). All Cemeteries now owned or which may hereafter be acquired by the City of Grand Rapids, wherever situated, and all Cemeteries within the limits of said city, whether owned by said city or not, are hereby declared to be public burial grounds, and no person or persons, corporation, society or congregation shall locate or establish any other Cemetery within the limits of said city.

No Interment in Any Place Other Than Cemetery.

Sec. 561 (2). No interment of the body of any person shall be made in any other place than within a Cemetery devoted to that purpose.

Trees, Shrubbery, Etc.

Sec. 562 (3). No person nor persons shall cut, injure or remove any trees, shrubbery, gate, fence, post or steps, standing, growing or being in and upon any Cemetery or Cemetery grounds belonging to said city.

Flowers, Etc.

Sec. 563 (4). No person shall cut, remove, injure or carry away any flowers, trees, shrubs, plants or vines being or growing in and upon any Cemetery lot, or grounds used for Cemetery pur-