

ARTICLE III. GENERAL USE OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Section 3-14. Purpose

The Purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations for the public health, safety, and welfare in respect to the recreational activities, programs and facilities of the Town of Holly Ridge. This ordinance is designed to maximize the enjoyment of recreation in Holly Ridge's recreation facilities and programs and offer protection from conditions which could harm, injure or offend any group or individual.

Section 3-15. General

It shall be unlawful for any person in any park, recreation area, playground, ball field, picnic shelter, or any other recreation facility and the parking facilities thereof, owned or controlled by the Town of Holly Ridge to:

1. Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, display or remove any structure, equipment, facilities or other property, either real or personal.
2. Damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree or plant, injure the bark, pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant, to dig or otherwise disturb grass areas in any other way, or injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
3. Dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, charcoal, gas, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, wastes, garbage or refuse, or other trash.
4. Fail to obey all police officers and recreational personnel or volunteers, as appointed by the town manager or his designee.
5. Park any motor vehicle in areas other than established or designated parking areas.
6. Drive any motor vehicle on any area except the parking areas or such other areas as may be specifically designated by the Town Manager, or his designee. No motorcycles, mini-bikes, trail-bikes, dirt-bikes, go-carts, all terrain vehicles, or like motorized vehicles are allowed on park property or any other recreational facilities, except for parking in designated parking areas only.
7. Allow or permit any dogs or other animals to run at large or to leave any excrement from such animal on any area of the park or recreational facility.
8. Violate the regulation that use of the individual gazebo, picnic shelter, together with tables and benches, follows generally the rule of first come, first serve, unless a reservation has been issued according to regulations as adopted by the

governing body.

9. Leave a picnic area or shelter before the grill is completely extinguished and before all trash in the nature of boxes, papers, cans, bottles, garbage and other refuse is placed in the receptacles provided. If no such receptacles are available, then refuse and trash shall be carried away from the park area by the user to be properly disposed of elsewhere.
10. No person shall set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in any park after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purpose, such as a camper, house trailer, or the like, without permission from the Town.
11. Bring or have in his/her possession, set off or otherwise cause to explode, discharge or burn any firecrackers, other fireworks, explosives, or non-explosives, such as sparklers or discharge them or throw them into any such area from land or highway adjacent thereto.
12. Build or attempt to build a fire except when using the grill to cook. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, or other flammable material within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or continuous thereto.
13. Sleep or protractedly lounge on the seats, benches, floors or other area, or engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to be a breach of the public peace.
14. Disturb or interfere unreasonably with any other person or party occupying any area, or participating in any unauthorized activity.
15. Sell food, beverages, or merchandise or solicit donations for any individual, group, club company or corporation without prior permission of the Town.
16. Carry, use or possess firearms or dangerous weapons of any nature within any park, provided; however, this section shall not apply to law enforcement officers when engaged in the discharge of their duties.
17. Enter, use or remain within any park between the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am unless a town sponsored event is delayed or a written permit therefore has been obtained from the town manager or his designee.
18. Bring upon, possess, consume or display any beer, wine, whiskey or other intoxicating liquor or beverage or controlled substances or the containers thereof within the confines of any park and recreation areas. It shall be prohibited for a person under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance to enter or

remain in a recreation facility or program and such person or persons shall immediately leave upon the request of a police officer, recreation personnel, designated volunteers or other town officials.

Section 3-16. Facility Regulations

1. No open fires are allowed. All fires must be contained in a grill provided by the Town.
2. Flagrant misuse of parks and recreational facilities will result in forfeiture of future use and reservation privileges.
3. The town manager has the responsibility to recommend rules and regulations governing the use and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities to the governing board for their consideration.
4. Any requests for special events or use of the parks and recreational facilities shall be presented to and approved by the town manager or his designees. If these requests are approved, a permit will be issued and any fees will be assessed by the town manager or his designee.

Section 3-17. Closure of areas

Any section or part of any park, recreation area or facility may be declared closed to the public by the Town of Holly Ridge at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and closed to certain uses.

ARTICLE III. MORRIS LANDING PARK

Section 3-18. Regulations

It shall be unlawful for any person in the park and the facilities thereof, owned or controlled by the town to:

1. Dive or jump off pier
2. Litter
3. Possess alcoholic beverages
4. Park in "No Parking" areas
5. Possess food or drink containers beyond posted signs
6. Camp (exemption by permit from Town Manager)

7. Start a fire
8. Possess firearms
9. Remove or cut vegetation
10. Have vehicles or bicycles on pier (exception handicapped conveyance)
11. To cause damage to real property
12. To drive any motor vehicle on any area except the parking areas or such other areas as may be specifically designated
13. To allow or permit any dogs or other animals to run at large or to leave any excrement from such animal on any area of the park or facility.

ARTICLE IV. SEVERABILITY

Section 3-18. Adherence to rules and enforcement

1. Users of all parks and recreation facilities shall adhere to this ordinance, and also to all rules and regulations set by the governing board.
2. The town manager or his designee and any authorized town employee and any law enforcement agency shall have the authority to eject from any recreation facility, any person acting in violation of other rules and regulations enacted pursuant to this ordinance as adopted by the governing board

Section 3-19. Penalty

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine or not more than \$150.00, or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, or both, in the discretion of the court provided by G.S. 14-4.