

# **City of Garden City**

**Chatham County**

**Savannah MSA**

**2003 Population Estimate 10,942; -2.9% change from 2000 Census.**

**Not a Tree City USA.**

**No tree board established by ordinance.**

**Parks and Recreation, Section 60;**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Section 66; Section 70.**

**Year first adopted or last revised unknown.**

**Addresses public property.**

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PARKS AND RECREATION § 60-4

**Sec. 60-1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide rules and regulations for the use of and conduct in the parks and recreation areas of the city.  
(Ord. of 8-19-96(3), § 1)

**Sec. 60-2. Applicability.**

This chapter shall apply in all parks and recreation areas under the jurisdiction of the city, unless expressly exempted. For the issuance of permits, authorizations, granting of approvals, and other actions, the approving agency shall be the recreation commission.  
(Ord. of 8-19-96(3), § 2)

**Sec. 60-3. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

*Animals* means cats, dogs, horses, any fowl or birds and any living creatures within the jurisdiction of the parks or recreation areas.

*Approving agency* means the recreation commission.

*Permit* means any written license issued by or under the authority of the approving agency permitting a special event or activity on park facilities.

*Person* means any natural person, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, firm or co-partnership.  
(Ord. of 8-19-96(3), § 3)

**Sec. 60-4. Structures; plants; trees; earth; rubbish.**

It shall be unlawful for any person in a public park or recreation area to:

- (1) Mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any buildings, tables, benches, railings, pavings or paving materials, 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.
- (2) Fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. No person over the age of six years shall use the restrooms and washrooms designated for the opposite sex.
- (3) Dig or remove any soil, rock, sand, stones, trees, shrubs or plants or other wood or materials.
- (4) Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any public service utility into, upon, or across such lands, except on special written permit issued hereunder.

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- (5) Damage, cut, carve, mark, transplant or remove any plant, or injure the bark of any tree, dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.
- (6) Climb any tree, climb, stand or sit upon property not designated or customarily used for such purpose.
- (7) Attach any rope or cable or other contrivance to any tree, fence, railing, bench, or other structure.
- (8) Take into, carry through, or put into any park, any rubbish, refuse, garbage or other material. Such refuse and rubbish shall be deposited in receptacles so provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere. (Ord. of 8-19-96(3), § 4)

Sec. 60-5. Firearm; weapons; tools.

It shall be unlawful for any person to bring into or have in his possession in any park or recreation area:

- (1) Any pistol or revolver or objects upon which loaded or blank cartridges may be used. Official starters, at authorized track and field events, are excepted from this restriction.
- (2) Any burglar tools.
- (3) Any rifle, shotgun, BB gun, air gun, spring gun, slingshot, bow, or other weapon in which the propelling force is gunpowder, a spring or air. (Ord. of 8-19-96(3), § 5)

Sec. 60-6. Explosives and fireworks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession or set off any fireworks. Permits may be given for conducting properly supervised fireworks in designated park areas. (Ord. of 8-19-96(3), § 6)

Sec. 60-7. Advertising; assemblages; entertainment.

- (a) No person shall post, paint, affix, distribute, deliver, place, cast or leave about, any bill, billboard, placard, ticket, handbill, circular, or advertisement.
- (b) No person shall do any of the following without a permit, provided that no permit shall be required for any action or event sponsored by the city or the recreation commission:
  - (1) Display any advertising signs or other advertising matter, provided that a sign attached to a vehicle to identify the vehicle, or a sign lawfully on a taxi or bus, is not prohibited.
  - (2) Operate for advertising purposes any musical instrument, soundtrack or drum.

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(c) The person to whom said permit is granted shall pay to said public utility, or to said city, as the case may be, any and all costs or expense for the removal, rearrangement or replacement of any pole or structural support of wires, cables or equipment thereon or of any damage to such property.  
(Ord. of 2-3-97(2), § 1)

**Sec. 66-169. Trees, plants and shrubs.**

(a) In the event that the moving of any building for which a permit shall have been granted hereunder makes it necessary to trim, move, remove or replant any tree, plant or shrub belonging to or under the control of the city the person to whom such permit has been granted, or his authorized representative, shall notify the building inspector at least 48 hours prior to the time that the moving of such building will necessitate the removal of such obstructions.

(b) The person to whom said permit is granted shall not at the expiration of said time of notice or at any time trim, move, remove, replant or otherwise disturb such trees, plants or shrubs; and such work shall be done only by the authorized workmen of the city unless otherwise approved and so ordered by the building inspector.

(c) The person to whom said permit is granted shall pay to said city any and all costs or expense for the trimming, moving, removing or replanting of any trees, plants or shrubs or of any damage thereto.  
(Ord. of 2-3-97(2), § 1)

**Sec. 66-170. Repairs to public property.**

In the event that the moving of any building for which a permit shall have been granted hereunder causes damage to the public streets or other public property, in addition to any other remedies the city may have, the building inspector may cause such damage to be repaired and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the deposit required herein, or he may require the person to whom such a permit has been granted, or his authorized representative, upon written notification from the building inspector to make all necessary repairs to such streets or property; provided, however, that should said person to whom said permit has been granted, and to whom said notice has been given, or his authorized representative, fail to make said necessary repairs within the period of time designated in said written notice, said building inspector may cause such necessary repairs to be made and the cost thereof deducted from the deposit required herein.  
(Ord. of 2-3-97(2), § 1)

**Sec. 66-171. Refunding of deposits.**

When the moving of any building for which a permit has been granted is completed, and all damage to public streets or other public property has been repaired to the satisfaction of the building inspector and all costs of repairing damage or performing other work as provided herein, have been paid, and the deposit as required by section 66-165, or such portion thereof then remaining unused under the provisions of this article shall be refunded upon surrender

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Sec. 70-67. Monuments.

The subdivider shall provide stone or concrete monuments four inches in diameter or square, 30 inches long, with a flat top, which shall be set at each street corner and at all points of curvature in each street. The top of the monument shall contain a metal pin or be scored with an indented cross to properly identify the location. The subdivider shall also provide all interior lot corners of subdivisions with concrete monuments, iron pins or iron pipes. Iron pipes shall be at least one-half inch in diameter and 24 inches in length.  
(Ord. of 4-2-84, § 118-2105)

Sec. 70-68. Benchmarks.

At least two benchmarks shall be established within a subdivision. Such benchmarks shall be at opposite corners of the property being subdivided.  
(Ord. of 4-2-84, § 118-2107)

Sec. 70-69. Preservation of noteworthy features.

(a) *Generally.* In all subdivisions, to the maximum degree reasonably practicable, efforts shall be made to preserve historic sites, scenic points, large trees and other desirable natural growth, watercourses and other water areas, and other features worthy of preservation, either as portions of public sites and open spaces or in such other form as to provide amenity to the neighborhood.

(b) *Preservation of trees and other vegetation.* Large trees or other desirable natural growth located in public or private street rights-of-way or public or private easements shall not be removed unless such removal is necessary for the installation of utilities or drainage structures or for other purposes in the public interest and approved by the mayor and council. Such removal may be prohibited if the amenity of adjacent property or the amenity of the general neighborhood is adversely affected.  
(Ord. of 4-2-84, § 118-2108)