

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF WHITE ROCK  
BYLAW NO. 675**

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A Bylaw to regulate and govern the use of Parks.

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Consolidated as of: November 2024

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1019	June 9, 1986	1	Penalties
1025	June 23, 1986	2	Quiet Area
1119	May 9, 1988	3	Revision to "Eastern White Rock Beach Area"
1244	January 14, 1991	4	Revision to "Eastern White Rock Beach Area"
1428	May 8, 1995	5	Clause 2(w), authority
2258	July 23, 2018	6	Amendment to Beaches and Penalties
2315	December 2, 2019	7	Amendment to Sections 1 and 7
2502	April 15, 2024	8	Section 1 (Interpretation), Section 2 (no loitering in waterfront park areas 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.
2522	October 21, 2024	9	Replacing Schedule A Replacing Section 7.3 Adding Section 7.4

The CITY COUNCIL of the Corporation of the City of White Rock, in an open meeting assembled, ENACTS as follows:

1. **INTERPRETATION:**

“City” means The Corporation of the City of White Rock.

“Department” means the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of White Rock.

~~“Eastern White Rock Beach Area” means that portion of the incorporated area of the City of White Rock which is bounded (updated by Bylaw 1244):~~

~~a) — on the north, by the northerly boundary of the Burlington Northern Railroad Company right-of-way;~~

~~b) — on the south, by the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel; (Bylaw 2315)~~

Section A:

~~(i) — on the west, by a line extended south in a straight line, from the center line of Bay Street; and~~

~~(ii) — on the east, by a line extended north and south in a straight from the west boundary of the White Rock Pier;~~

Section B:

~~(i) — on the west, by a line extended south in a straight line, from the west boundary of Cypress Street; and~~

~~(ii) — on the east, by a line extended north and south in a straight from the east boundary of Finlay Street. (deleted by Bylaw 2502)~~

~~“Eastern White Rock Beach Area” means that portion of the incorporated area of the City of White Rock which is bounded (definition added by Bylaw 1119):~~

~~a) — On the north, by the northerly boundary of the Burlington Northern Railway Company right-of-way;~~

~~b) — On the west, by a line extended south in a straight line, from the center line of Bay Street;~~

~~c) — On the east, by a line extended north and south in a straight from the west boundary of the White Rock Pier; and~~

~~d) — On the south, by the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel.~~

“Promenade” means the walkway and adjacent grassy areas adjacent to the BNSF railways tracks and Semiahmoo Bay, owned and maintained by the City (added by Bylaw 2502)

“Pier” means the White Rock Pier located on District Lot 595 owned and maintained by the City (added by Bylaw 2502)

“Park” means and includes all parks, playgrounds, beaches, landscaped areas, ice arena, library, community centres, tennis courts, and all community recreational

facilities within the City of White Rock and administered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

“Vehicle” means and shall include all forms of conveyance for the carriage or transport of persons, passengers, goods or materials, whether drawn by animals or propelled by any mechanical device or other motive power whatsoever, and shall include bicycles, motorcycles and tricycles.

2. No person shall in any park:
  - a) Remove, destroy or damage any tree, shrub, plant, turf, or flower;
  - b) Cut or remove any tree;
  - c) Damage or deface any building structure, fence, sign, seat, bench or ornament of any kind;
  - d) Foul or pollute any area of water;
  - e) Climb, walk or sit upon any wall, fence or other structure;
  - f) Cross, travel on, use or walk upon any grassed plot or land where signs have been posted forbidding any such use;
  - g) Deposit any waste or offensive matter or other substance of any kind into or upon any such park, except in receptacles provided for such purposes;
  - h) Conduct himself in a disorderly or offensive manner;
  - i) Molest or injure any other person;
  - j) ~~Loiter or take up temporary abode overnight within any park;~~  
(removed by Bylaw 2502)
  - k) Obstruct the free use and enjoyment of any park or facility therein by any other person;
  - l) Hinder, deter or interrupt any person in the exercise of any of their duties in charge of any organized recreation authorized by the Department;
  - m) Let off, turn on, or discharge any water so that the water runs to waste out of any tap, pipe or other fixture within any park;
  - n) Drive any vehicle in such a manner as to disturb the enjoyment of the park by other persons;
  - o) Drive any vehicle at a greater speed than 24 kilometers per hour in any park;
  - p) Park any vehicle anywhere other than in a designated area in any other manner than that indicated by posted signs;
  - q) Drive any vehicle other than on the respective driveway or designated areas provided for such a purpose;
  - r) Post, paint or affix any advertisement, poster or bill of any kind whatsoever;
  - s) Ride, lead or drive a horse except on paths provided for that purpose;

- t) Permit any animal or fowl under their ownership or custody to run at large in any park area;
  - u) Operate, drive or propel in any park any advertising vehicle without the written permission of the Department;
  - v) Deposit or remove any material or debris of any kind, with the exception of seaweed, in to, from or within any park without permission of the Department;
  - w) Violate any bylaw, rule, regulation, notice or order of the City or the Department or any order or lawful direction of the Parks and Recreation Director or other person in charge of or in control of or superintending, or supervising any park area; *(updated by Bylaw 1428)*
- ~~Violate any bylaw, rule, regulation, notice or order of the City or the Department, or any order or lawful direction of the Parks and Recreation Director or other person in charge of or in control of or superintending, or supervising any park area;~~
- x) Molest, disturb, frighten, injure, trap or share any bird or animal or fish or angle in any lake or stream.
3. No person shall within any park, without the permission of the Department:
- a) Sell or expose for sale any refreshments or any article or thing;
  - b) Carry or discharge any firearm or any description or fire or explode any combustible or other explosive material;
  - c) Make or set a fire, except in areas provided for small cooking fires, or throw or place upon the ground any lighted match, cigar, cigarette or other burning substance;
  - d) Erect, construct or cause to be erected or constructed or placed in or on any boulevard, driveway, roadway, path or parking area or any other place within any park, any tent, trailer, mobile home, building, shelter, pavilion or other construction whatsoever.
  - e) Operate in any portion of a park designated as “quiet area” and posted as such, a radio, tape player, or other device capable of transmitting live or recorded sound, unless the sound is transmitted directly to a person’s ears though the use of headphones”. *(added by Bylaw 1025)*

And every person receiving such permission shall at all times be subject to the conditions imposed, and the onus shall, at all times, be on the person receiving such permission to duly carry out all conditions thereby imposed, and every such person shall save harmless and indemnify the City from and against any and all claims, demands, suites or compensation of whatsoever kind arising either directly or indirectly out of the permission thereby granted, and shall likewise be subject to such further conditions, regulations and orders as may be imposed by the Department.

4. The Department may designate that no persons shall play at any game whatsoever in or on any portion of any park as herein defined, except upon or in such portion or portions thereof as may be specially allocated, designated and provided respectively for any such purposes and under such rules, regulations, terms and conditions and at such times as shall be prescribed by the Department.
5. Subject to the provisions of this bylaw, the Manager of Leisure Services is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and to grant permits for the use of the parks as herein defined, and of facilities therein, and no procession, march, drill, performance, ceremony, concert, gathering or meeting shall be held in or on any such park without the permission of the Manager of Leisure Services. *(updated by Bylaw 1428)*

~~Subject to the provisions of this bylaw, the Parks and Recreation Director is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and to grant permits for the use of the parks as herein defined, and of facilities therein, and no procession, march, drill, performance, ceremony, concert, gathering or meeting shall be held in or on any such park without the permission of the Parks and Recreation Director.~~

#### **PLAYGROUNDS AND COURTS:**

6. The following regulations shall apply to all playgrounds and courts within the park:
  - a) No person shall play at any games on any tennis court unless wearing appropriate shoes for such games, and only at such times or during the seasons, and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Department;
  - b) The Department may restrict the playing of games on any court within any park at any time;
  - c) No person shall willfully, maliciously or carelessly damage or destroy the utility of any court, or in any way interfere with or obstruct the free use thereof by those lawfully entitled to the use of same.

Added by Bylaw 2315

- 7.1<sup>1</sup> The following regulations shall apply to the pier:

- a) No person having custody, care or control of any dog shall allow such a dog to be on the Pier.
- b) No person shall hang, cast, or dangle any item or thing from the pier or from a person, fixture or moveable object on the P<sup>2</sup>ier, at the north side of the float attached to the East side of the pier, where boats are permitted to moor or dock, including angling, setting nets or traps or otherwise fishing.

- 7.2 No person shall loiter or remain in the waterfront park areas shown outlined on Schedule A [Promenade, Pier, Bayview Park, Memorial Park and Grand Chief Bernard

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<sup>1</sup> Section 7 renumbered as subsection 7.1 by Bylaw 2502

<sup>2</sup> pier amended to Pier by Bylaw 2502

Robert Charles Memorial Plaza] between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 am on any night. *(added by Bylaw 2502)*

7.3 ~~Schedule A is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw. *(added by Bylaw 2502)* (deleted by Bylaw 2522)~~

7.3 No person shall park a vehicle, or allow a vehicle to remain parked, in any parking lot within or adjacent to the waterfront park areas shown outlined on Schedule A, except as specifically authorized in writing by the City Engineer. *(added by Bylaw 2522)*

7.4 Schedule A is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw. *(added by Bylaw 2522)*

Replaced by Bylaw 2315

**~~BEACHES:~~**

~~7. The following regulations shall apply to all beaches within the jurisdiction of the City:~~

~~a) No person owning or having custody, care or control of any dog shall permit such dog to be upon or within the Eastern White Rock Beach Area except in parking lots therein, at any time. *(Bylaw 1119)*~~

~~No person owning or having custody, care or control of any dog shall allow such a dog to be upon any beach in the City between the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of May and the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of September in each year;~~

~~b) No person shall play ball or any games so as to molest or interfere with or become a nuisance to the general public present at any beach;~~

~~c) No person shall loiter or conduct himself in such a manner as to be objectionable to other persons or the public in or immediately adjacent to any beach;~~

~~d) No person shall use any boat, motorboat, sea sled or other contrivance or thing in the immediate vicinity of any beach that will endanger, disturb or otherwise interfere with the free use of the water for bathing and swimming purposes;~~

~~e) No person shall interfere with, obstruct, impede, hinder or prevent the discharge of the duties of any employee in any beach area;~~

~~f) No person shall litter or deposit any matter or thing on any beach or in the waters adjacent thereto;~~

~~g) No person shall drive any vehicle on the beach area except with the permission from the Department or for the purposes of launching or removing a boat through designated access areas;~~

~~h) No person having custody, care, or control of any dog shall allow such a dog to be on the pier;~~

~~i) No person shall hang, cast or dangle any item or thing from the pier or from a person, fixture or moveable object on the pier, at the north side of the float~~

~~attached to the east side of the pier, where boats are permitted to moor or dock, including angling, setting nets or traps, or otherwise fishing. (Bylaw 2258)~~

**PENALTIES:**

8. a) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw commits an offence punishable by fine as set out in City of White Rock Ticketing for Bylaw Offences Bylaw 2011, No 1929. *(Bylaw 2258)*
- b) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw commits an offence punishable on summary conviction and shall be liable to a fine of not more than Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars or to imprisonment for not more than six months. *(Bylaw 2258)*

~~8. a) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this Bylaw or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be guilty of an infraction thereof and upon summary conviction therefore shall be liable to a fine and penalty not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or in default of payment thereof, or in the alternative, to imprisonment for any period of time not exceeding three (3) months. (Bylaw 1019)~~

~~b) Where a person is in violation of any provision of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer, Poundkeeper, Director of Permits & Licences and his Assistants, Building & Licence Inspector or Bylaw Enforcement Officer, may issue a violation notice to be served personally or by registered mail upon the person in violation; and such person shall be liable to pay the City of Whit Rock the respective sum or sums, indicated in the violation notice set out as follows:~~

~~\$35.00 for each violation of the Bylaw.~~

~~\$25.00 for each violation if paid within 48 hours of the issuance of the violation notice.~~

~~If the penalty indicated on the Violation Notice is not paid within seven (7) days of issuance, a Summons will be issued in respect of the violation. (added by Bylaw 1019)~~

~~8. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw or who does any act which violates any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be guilty of an infraction thereof and upon summary conviction therefore shall be liable to a fine and penalty not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars or in default of payment thereof, or in the alternative, to imprisonment for any period of time not exceeding three (3) months. (deleted by 1019)~~

9. This Bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the date of the final passing hereof by the City.
10. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “*White Rock Parks Regulations Bylaw, 1977, No. 675*”.

RECEIVED FIRST READING on the	12 <sup>th</sup>	day of	December, 1977
RECEIVED SECOND READING on the	12 <sup>th</sup>	day of	December, 1977
RECEIVED THIRD READING on the	12 <sup>th</sup>	day of	December, 1977
RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED on the	19 <sup>th</sup>	day of	December, 1977

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WAYNE BALDWIN, MAYOR

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TRACEY ARTHUR, CITY CLERK



# Schedule A - Waterfront Park

