

KINGWOOD SERVICE ASSOCIATION

PARK RULES



The following rules have been developed to help make visits to our Kingwood Service Association Parks an enjoyable experience for all Kingwood residents.

AUTHORITY

Kingwood Service Association, hereinafter referred to as KSA was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Texas on September 13, 1976 to contract with Community Associations to provide various services, including parks control and maintenance. KSA is the legal, deeded owner of all parks as follows: River Grove, Deer Ridge, Creekwood nature Area, North Park Recreation Area, and East End Park.

DEFINITIONS

As used in these rules and regulations:

- a. **Alcoholic Beverage** means any beverage containing moiré than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume, which is suitable for use as a beverage, either alone or diluted;
- b. **Kingwood Resident** means a person who resides in one of the communities whose community association is a member of the Kingwood Service Association;
- c. **KSA** means the Kingwood Service Association of Kingwood, Texas;
- d. **Explosives** means any chemical compound or mixture that is commonly used or intended for the purpose of producing an explosion;

- e. **Light Truck** means any truck with a manufacturers rated carrying capacity not to exceed two thousand (2,000) pounds and is intended to include those trucks commonly known as pickup trucks, panel delivery trucks, and carryall trucks;
- f. **Park** means parks owned, operated, or maintained by KSA for the recreation and enjoyment of the Kingwood residents;
- g. **Peace Officer** is defined in Article 2.12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas;
- h. **Pet** means a domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather than utility;
- i. **Road** is any road maintained or controlled by KSA for public passage of vehicles within a park;
- j. **Special Event** means any organized activity intended for more than 50 (50) persons to share a common purpose as a group;
- k. **Vehicle** means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a road except devices moved by human power;
- l. **Weapon** means a rifle, pistol, bow and arrow, shot gun, gas gun, or gas pistol, BB gun or BB pistol, pellet gun or pellet pistol, sling or sling shot;
- m. **Wildlife** means living things that are neither human nor domesticated.

AUTORIZED USE

- a. No person shall use any area or facility of a park or for any purpose other than for the purpose for which it was designed or designated.
- b. Only Kingwood residents and their guests are allowed to use the parks (and sports group participants from outside the Kingwood area.)
- c. Guests must be accompanied by a Kingwood resident at all times while in the park.
- d. Non-residents and unattended guests are subject to be prosecuted as trespassers.
- e. Vehicles must have a valid Kingwood resident decal ("K" sticker). Unoccupied vehicles not displaying a valid Kingwood resident decal are subject to being towed away at owner's expense.

HOURS OPEN

No person shall enter into or remain within a park at any time other than during such time as designated on the sign posted at or near the entrance of such park.

VEHICLES

- a. No person shall operate a vehicle within a park except on the roads or parking lots. Operation of a vehicle on the shoulder of a road will be limited to driving thereon for the purpose of parking on the shoulder of the road or driving a parked vehicle from the shoulder of the road to the paved portion of the road.
- b. No person shall operate a truck within a park. This provision does not apply to light trucks or trucks making deliveries of materials, supplies, and equipment.
- c. No person shall operate a vehicle in a park at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit.
- d. No person shall cause a vehicle to be parked within a park except in a designated parking area. Vehicles parked on the shoulder of a road in designated areas must be parallel to the road.
- e. No person shall cause a vehicle to remain within a park after hours, unless authorization is received in advance from the KSA Parks Committee and provided, however, that in no event shall any person cause a vehicle to remain within a park in excess of twenty-four (24) hours at any given time. Vehicles remaining within a park for which notification has not been received by KSA or vehicles within a park which are not displaying a valid Kingwood "K" sticker will be towed and placed in storage at the owners expense.

SWIMMING/DIVING

No person is allowed to swim in or dive into any body of water under the care, custody, or control of the Kingwood Service Association.

WILDLIFE

No person shall willfully harm, harass, trap, confine, catch, or possess any wildlife within a park.

FIREARMS

No weapons, rifles, pistols, or other firearms are permitted in KSA parks, with the exception of those carried by certified police officers.

“K” STICKERS

“K” stickers can be obtained at the offices of Kingwood Association Management, Suite 100, 1075 Kingwood Drive, Kingwood, TX 77339. The telephone number is 281-359-1102.

EXPLOSIVES

No person shall possess gunpowder, or other combustibles, explosives, or fireworks within a park, provided, however, that this provision does not apply to gasoline and other petroleum products for fuel for cooking, or fuel for boats and other water recreation vehicles.

ANIMALS

No person may bring into or possess in a park any animal other than a dog or domestic cat. Any person bringing a dog or domestic cat into a park shall keep such dog or domestic cat confined to a vehicle or secured by a leash not exceeding fifteen (15) feet in length. (The City of Houston enacted an ordinance on December 22, 2003 that requires “each person in control of a dog or cat to promptly remove and dispose, in a sanitary manner, feces left by such dog or cat.” You should carry and use materials to pick up and dispose of droppings. If you are convicted of a violation, the fine can range from \$75 to more than \$500.)

No person shall bring into or keep a horse in a park except in areas or trails specifically designated for horses.

GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

No person shall use any glass beverage containers in a park.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No open containers of alcoholic beverages are allowed in Kingwood Service Area owned parks.

FIRES

No person may light, build, or maintain a fire within a park, without a written permit from the KSA office. This rule does not apply to fires built in designated barbeque grills nor to the lighting, burning, or smoking of tobacco in a cigar, cigarette, or pipe.

USE OF LOUDSPEAKERS

No person shall use any loudspeaker, public address system, or amplifier within a park without prior written permission from the KSA Parks Committee.

DUMPING AND LITTERING

All person shall dispose of trash only in the receptacles provided thereof. No person shall bring into a park any trash, refuse, or waste material.

SOLICITING

No person shall solicit funds or donations, or sell or offer to sell services or goods or distribute circulars in a park. This rule does not apply to the following:

- a. Persons soliciting donations or conducting fund raising events for and on behalf of non-profit organizations, who have secured prior written permission from the KSA Parks Committee;
- b. Concessionaires or lessees and persons employed by concessionaires or lessees when selling goods or services, or charging for amusements pursuant to an agreement authorized by the KSA Parks Committee;
- c. Fees for the specific use of specific park facilities may be established by the KSA Parks Committee.

CAMPING

No person shall engage in overnight camping in a park except when authorized by the KSA Parks Committee in an area specifically designed for camping.

SPECIAL EVENTS

No person shall solicit for, hold, or sponsor a special event in a park without the prior written permission of the KSA Parks Committee. All groups over fifty (50) individuals are governed by KSA Parks Special Events Policy, a copy of which is available at the KSA office.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

The following special provisions apply to particular parks:

DEER RIDGE PARK

Specific rules for the use of tennis and basketball courts are posted at such courts.

NORTH PARK RECREATION AREA, DEER RIDGE PARK, AND RIVER GROVE PARK

Approval for the use of sports fields must be obtained from the leasing sports groups

CREEKWOOD NATURE AREA AND East End PARK

No person shall camp in the nature areas except as authorized by permit, which can be obtained at the KSA office.

EFFECT ON EXISTING LAW

These rules and regulations are in addition to and not in lieu of all federal and state laws, rules, and regulations applicable within a park.

SEVERAILITY

The provisions of these rules and regulations are severable. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, provision, or part of these rules and regulations should be held invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, and it is hereby declared to be the intent of the KSA that these rules and regulations would have been adopted as to the remaining portions, regardless of the invalidity of any part.

AMENDMENTS

These rules and regulations may be reviewed and amended from time to time by the Kingwood Service Association.