

City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Signature Copy

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Ordinance: TMP 22-375

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Chapter 54 - Parks and Recreation Article III. - Conduct In Public Parks

WHEREAS, the City of Blaine has an immediate need to address ongoing disorderly, abusive, and disrespectful behavior by individuals in its public parks and beach;

WHEREAS, the City's ordinances do not address sufficiently prohibited conduct in the public parks or beach;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that individuals acting in a disorderly, abusive, and disrespectful manner should be expelled from the public parks and beach in order to maintain these amenities as safe, clean, peaceful, and fun places of recreation for all City residents and guests;

WHEREAS, the City has an immediate need to enact a mechanism to permit its police officers and parks and recreation employees to expel disruptive individuals from the public parks and beach;

WHEREAS, the City requires an emergency ordinance, pursuant to City Charter Section 3.06, to immediately preserve public peace, health, morals, safety and welfare of those persons using the city parks and beach;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN: (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown in brackets with overstrike)

Sec. 54-77. - General Conduct.

It is unlawful for any person in a public park or beach to:

- 1) <u>Use threatening, abusive, insulting, obscene or indecent language; or to act in an indecent, lascivious or improper manner; commit any nuisance; appear nude; or do any act that constitutes a breach of the public peace;</u>
- 2) Engage in fighting or brawling;
- 3) Misuse park property in one or more of the following ways: in a manner that it was not designed or intended for; in a manner that would likely cause damage or injury to the person using the property, the property itself or others on or near the property; or in a manner that is disruptive or offensive to other park users or person:
- 4) Prevent or hinder usage of park equipment by children and their chaperones;
- 5) <u>Disturb, harass or interfere with any park visitor or park visitor's property;</u>

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Secs. 54-7[7]8.-54-88[9]. - Reserved.

Sec. 54-89. - Enforcement.

<u>Enforcement. Police Department and Department of Parks and Recreation employees may diligently enforce the provisions of this Chapter and eject park and/or beach visitors acting in violation of this article from any park or beach.</u>

A person may be expelled from a park or beach for a period of 24 hours or longer if there is reasonable cause to believe that person violated the following rules of general conduct by intentionally disrupting the orderly operation of a park, beach, or any program or event occurring within a park or beach. A person may also be expelled for an extended period (in no case longer than 6 months) and be reinstated when there is evidence that the person's presence will no longer threaten the orderly operation of the park or beach.

In addition, the City Manager may declare any park facility or beach or any portion thereof closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time, as the City Manager may find reasonably necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of a park visitor or the park facility.

Sec. 54-95 - Enforcement.

This article may be enforced by any duly authorized law enforcement officer, as well as ether individuals designated by the City of Blaine. This article may be enforced in accordance with Section 54-89 of this Ordinance.

INTRODUCED AND READ in full the 6th day of July, 2022 and pursuant to City Charter Section 3.06, emergency ordinances, is hereby adopted.

Signed by	Tim Sanders, Mayor	Date	
Attest by	Catherine Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk	Date	