

Subject:
Expulsion

Number: 13-13

Approved:

Purpose:

The Vashon Park District operates public places where each patron is responsible for his/her safety; the safety of children in their care; and the security of personal belongings. This policy defines prohibited behaviors that could result in patron expulsion from any or all parks and facilities.

Policy:

The Executive Director or his/her designee may order the expulsion of any person from any or all parks and facilities for a period of one to seven days if he or she receives reports about or observes such person:

- 1) Using abusive or disruptive language or engaging in conduct which disrupts a park facility or program;
- 2) Directing ethnic or offensive remarks at another person based on such person's actual or perceived race or ethnic group, nationality, religion, disability, sex or sexual orientation;
- 3) Using tobacco products in an unauthorized area or facility;
- 4) Causing injury or risk of injury to another person or persons;
- 5) Causing damage or risk of damage to city property; or
- 6) Violating any provision of this chapter.

The Executive Director or his/her designee may order the expulsion of any persons from any or all parks and facilities for a period of seven days to one year if such person:

- 1) Has been expelled from a park two or more times in any 30-day period;
- 2) Caused injury to another person;
- 3) Engages in sexual misconduct or sexual harassment (e.g. stalking, exposure, offensive touching, or inappropriate flirtation that creates a hostile environment).
- 4) Sells, possesses or uses illegal drugs or alcohol;
- 5) Possesses or uses any weapon; or
- 6) Commits more than one violation of this policy in any 12-consecutive-month period.

Any order of expulsion under this section shall be in writing and shall be personally served or sent by certified mail to the person expelled at his or her last known address.

The Executive Director or designee may forward the written notice of expulsion along with the certified mail receipt to the department of public safety.

- 1) The written notice of expulsion shall be a notice of trespass.
- 2) Any person on park property, in violation of the written notice of expulsion, is in violation of this policy and any knowing violation constitutes trespass.
- 3) The notice of trespass and expulsion will expire on the date indicated in the written notice of expulsion.

Any person who is expelled from any park or other facilities by any District employee other than the Executive Director shall have the right to have the expulsion reviewed by the Executive Director. If the expulsion is by the Executive Director, the person so expelled shall have the right to request that the Executive Director reconsider the expulsion. In either case, the request for review or reconsideration must be made within 24 hours of the expulsion. The review or reconsideration shall not take place in a formal hearing, but the Executive Director shall meet informally with the person so expelled in order to hear that person's side of the story to ensure that the correct decision has been made.

Vashon Pool is a public place where each person is responsible for his/her safety, the safety of children in their care and the security of personal belongings. This policy defines prohibited behaviors that could be expected to interfere with the safe, secure and respectful use of Vashon Pool.

Please inform a lifeguard or manager if you feel another's behavior is unreasonably interfering with your enjoyment of the pool.

The following behaviors and activities are not allowed at the Vashon Pool

Any behavior that is prohibited by law or Vashon Park District policy, including but not limited to: unlawful possession of weapons, smoking within 25 feet of the pool, sexual misconduct or harassment (e.g. stalking, exposure, offensive touching), theft of pool equipment or items belonging to pool users, unapproved entry into non-public areas of the pool.

Any activity that unreasonably interferes with others' use and enjoyment of the pool, including but no limited to: Use of abusive or threatening language or gestures, excessively loud or boisterous behavior, interfering with the free passage of staff or patrons in or on pool premises, soliciting and other commercial activities.

Using pool equipment, materials, fixtures, furniture, buildings or grounds in any manner that: is inconsistent with normal pool use, can be expected to damage pool property or the property of others, is likely to cause personal injury to one's self or others, involves locating signs, posters, bills or other advertising devises on pool property.

Disobeying the direction of a lifeguard or pool staff member or security officer and/or remaining on pool property when requested to leave for violations of law and/or VPD policies.

Pool staff and /or law enforcement officers will intervene to stop prohibited activities and behaviors. Failure to comply with these and any other established pool rules or policies could result in restriction of pool privileges, immediate removal from the premises or expulsion from the pool for a period of one day to one year, or in arrest or prosecution.
