

## **[NAME OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT] PUBLIC PARKS BYELAWS, 2023**

1. **Short title and commencement.** – (1) These Byelaws shall be cited as [Name of the Local Government] Public Parks Byelaws, 2023.  
(2) These shall come into force at once and shall be applicable to the whole local area of [Name of the Local Government].
2. **Definitions –**
  - (1) The following words and expressions, wherever used in these Bye-laws, unless repugnant to the context, shall have the meaning assigned to them as defined hereunder:
    - (i) "**Act**" means the Punjab Local Government Act, 2022 (Act XXXIII of 2022);
    - (ii) "**authorized officer**" means any officer of the Local Government or its entity who has been authorized by it to administer, implement and enforce the provisions of these Bye-laws or the Act;
    - (iii) "**Bye-laws**" means the [Name of Local Government] Public Parks Bye-laws, 2023;
    - (iv) "**Local Government**" means a Metropolitan Corporation, a District Council, or a Union Council promulgating these Bye-laws;
    - (v) "**Park**" includes a public park declared so by the Local Government through notification;
    - (vi) "**Park Officials**" means officers or officials of Local Government designated to undertake the powers and functions under these Bye-laws;
    - (vii) "**Park Produce**" encompasses any product of a park, including vegetables, fruits, flowers, wood, rocks, and minerals.
3. **Terms not defined** – A word or term used in these Bye-laws, but not defined, shall have the same meaning as in the Act or the relevant rules or bye-laws made thereunder.
3. **Powers and Duties of Park Officials:** The following responsibilities are assigned to Park Officials:
  - (1) Park Officials must prevent and intervene, if necessary, to prevent the violation of any of the provisions of these Bye-laws or the Act.
  - (2) If a person is found to have committed any such act, the Park Official has the authority to immediately eject him from the park.
  - (3) If the Park Official has reason to believe that a person is a habitual violator in the park, he may exclude that individual from the park for a suitable period.

(4) If any animal poses a threat to the public, park residents, or zoo inhabitants and it becomes necessary to capture or destroy the animal, the Park Official must make arrangements for its capture or destruction as soon as possible.

(5) In the event of an animal's death, the Park Official may utilize the remains for park use or dispose of the same as directed prescribed by the Local Government.

(6) The Park Official shall deal with the Park Produce as directed by the Local Government.

(7) The Superintendent may reserve the entire park or a portion of it, including playgrounds or attached buildings, when necessary, and appropriate notices should be posted to inform the public.

5. **Prohibition of Trading by Park Officials:** Park Officials are prohibited from engaging in any trading activities involving park produce or becoming personally interested in the sale, purchase, exchange, or lease of park produce or park land, whether as principal or agent.

6. **Prohibition on Keeping Domestic Animals:** Park Officials are not allowed to keep any domestic animals within the park premises without written permission from the Local Government.

7. **Park Operating Hours:**

The Local Government shall determine the operating hours of the Parks and shall display the same at conspicuous places of the Park including entry and exit.

8. **Conditions of Entry and Residence:** No person shall:

- a) Render or perform any social or religious service on any day or special occasion without obtaining written permission from the Local Government.
- b) Enter or attempt to enter the park except through designated entrances.
- c) Climb over or onto any gates, poles, or barriers within or enclosing the park.
- d) Enter or attempt to enter any enclosed plantation, reserved corner, temporary enclosure, or restricted area, or access high towers.
- e) Willfully remain in the park when gates are closed or after the designated closing hours.
- f) Bring animals except as allowed by the Local Government.
- g) Provide any food to park animals that may cause harm to them.
- h) Tease or annoy park animals by offering or throwing any objects, such as sticks, bottles, mirrors, glass, drugs, scents, matches, or tobacco, other than food.

- i) Drive, ride, or wheel any animal, vehicle, or cycle, except on designated roads, and not leave or allow them to remain outside designated areas.
- j) Bring heavy vehicles, tractors, or other heavy machinery on wheels or belts into the park.
- k) Drive or ride vehicles or cycles.
- l) Remove or damage any statues, canopies, fountains, posts, chains, railings, fences, seats, barriers, gates, cages, notice boards, tables, play articles, scientific objects, or any other park-related items, or deface them by pasting bills, play-cards, notices, or by cutting, writing, stamping, printing, or drawing on them.
- m) Cultivate land, cut, pluck, injure, or remove any trees, shrubs, bushes, wood, flowers, plants, or vegetables.
- n) Chase, catch, trap, or snare animals or set nets, hooks, or traps for capturing animals.
- o) Launch boats or any other vessel on or in the water of rivers, tanks, ponds, or lakes.
- p) Fire any weapons, discharge fireworks, use catapults, air guns, or air pistols, or use explosives within or into the park.
- q) Sing, dance, play music, or beat drums except on special occasions or with prior permission.
- r) Disturb the public peace by quarreling, fighting, using abusive language, or creating a nuisance.
- s) Litter, spit, throw rubbish, discharge human waste, or leave garbage within the park, except in designated places.
- t) Bathe or wash clothes in park water bodies, fountains, ponds, tanks, rivers, or lakes.
- u) Swim or bathe in any park water bodies, fountains, ponds, tanks, rivers, or lakes.
- v) Commit any immoral act or do any obscene or indecent act within the park.
- w) Engage in photography, cinematography, or videography for commercial purposes without prior permission.
- x) Loiter, sleep, lie down, sit on the grass, or create obstacles or inconvenience to others on paths, roads, or open spaces.
- y) Solicit alms or donations or distribute any pamphlets, handbills, or notices without written permission.
- z) Cook, light fires, burn stoves, or set up hearths without permission from the Park Officials.

9. **Prohibition on Fishing:** Fishing within the Park premises is strictly prohibited without obtaining written permission from the Park Officials.

10. **Prohibition on Hunting:** Hunting, trapping, or killing of any wildlife within the park is strictly prohibited under all circumstances.
11. **Prohibition on Lighting Fires:** No person is allowed to light fires, burn stoves, set up hearths, or engage in any activity that involves open flames within the Park without obtaining written permission from the Park Officials.