

Title 12

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**12.04.010 Street names affirmed—Changes
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The several streets in the City shall continue to be called by the names heretofore given to them, until such names are altered by the City Council. The City Council, subject to any provisions of law relative thereto, shall give names to all streets hereafter laid out and may change the name of a

street at any time, except that no street shall be given the designation of any existing street, and no street shall be accepted so long as the name thereof is the same as that of any existing street. (Prior code § 17-6)

**12.04.020 Street numbers established—
Posting on premises.**

The Council may order numbers in regular series, at the expense of the owner or occupant, of such form, size and material, and in such mode, place, succession and order, as it may determine, to be affixed to or inscribed upon, all building on any street. Any person having the control of any such building, refusing or neglecting to affix or inscribe it, the number designated by the Council, or allowing any other number to remain thereon more than one week after notice so to affix or inscribe, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars. (Prior code § 17-7)

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- 12.08.020 Display of merchandise—
Permit—Fee.**
- A. No merchandise shall be displayed within the limits of any public highway in the City without a permit granted by the City Council and issued by the Superintendent of Streets. The fee for the permit shall be five dollars annually.

B. No counter, platform or other apparatus or structure for the purpose of selling merchandise shall be placed on any public highway in the City without a permit granted by the City Council, and issued by the Superintendent of Streets. The fee for the permit shall be five dollars and for any permits granted for periods of more than one year the fee shall be five dollars annually.

C. No permit shall be granted for encroachment of such merchandise, counter, platform or other apparatus or structure to exceed more than twenty-five percent of the width of the sidewalk from the property line of the premises in front of which such merchandise, counter, platform or other apparatus or structure shall be displayed or installed. (Prior code § 3-2)

**12.08.030 Connection with buildings—
Building ordinance conformance.**

All signs, advertising devices, clocks, marquees, barber poles, permanent awnings and other like structures shall be constructed, and, when attached to the building, shall be connected therewith in accordance with the requirements of the building ordinances of the City. (Prior code § 3-3)

**12.08.040 Gasoline swing arms—Permit
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No person shall install a gasoline swing arm to extend over the sidewalk without a permit from the Superintendent of Streets when authorized by the City Council. Permits may be granted for not more than one year from May 1st and shall be renewed on expiration or within thirty days thereafter. A fee of five dollars shall be paid for such permit and each renewal thereof. (Prior code § 3-4)

**12.08.050 Advertising banners prohibited—
Exceptions.**

No advertising sign or banner shall be extended across any highway in the City except those of religious, fraternal or charitable organizations. (Prior code § 3-5)

12.08.060 Permit issuance subject to bond requirements.

Any person granted a permit under this chapter shall file a bond with the City Clerk in such amount as shall be fixed by the City Council with surety to be approved by the City Auditor and in form to be approved by the City Solicitor, so as to indemnify and save harmless the City from all claims, costs, damages or judgments resulting from or incident to or arising out of the issuing of permits. (Prior code § 3-6)

12.08.070 Violation—Penalty.

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and each day the violation continues constitutes a new and separate offense. (Prior code § 3-7)

Chapter 12.12

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12.12.010 License—Required—Filing of final plan.

A. No person shall break or dig up the ground or stones in any street or on any sidewalk, or erect any staging for building, or place or deposit any stone, bricks, timber or building materials thereon, or otherwise occupy, obstruct or encumber the same, without first obtaining a written license from the Superintendent of Streets for that purpose. No gas pipe, water pipe, sewer, conduit, street railway track, pole nor any other structure, except wires, shall be placed beneath, upon or above any public street or way, except upon a location and at a grade approved by the City Engineer, or authorized by the City Council.

B. Within sixty days after the completion of the work so approved or authorized a final plan showing accurately in detail the lines, grades and construction of the work as finished shall be filed in the office of the City Engineer. If required by the City Engineer, a preliminary plan showing the proposed location and grade of the structure shall first be filed in his office.

C. Any person who violates the foregoing provision shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense and shall remove any structure placed contrary to the provisions of this section if required so to do by the City Engineer, and upon failure so to do the City Engineer may make such removal or change, and the cost thereof shall be paid to the City by the person owning or controlling the structure. (Prior code § 17-9)

12.12.020 License—Form—Issuance conditions.

A. The Superintendent of Streets may grant licenses in writing to persons having authority in the premises to open, occupy, obstruct, encumber and use parts of any street or sidewalk.

B. Every license shall specify the time, place, size and use of such opening, occupation or obstruction, and the time within which the street must be put in a condition satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets, and each license so granted shall be upon the condition that:

1. The licensee shall conform to the statutes and ordinances of the City then in force, or that may thereafter be in force, and to the specifications in the license;

2. The license may be revoked at any time by the Superintendent of Streets;

3. Before performing any work authorized by the license the party licensed shall execute a bond to the City conditioned as required by the ordinances of the City, and subject to the additional condition that he shall cause the excavation and obstruction to be properly fenced during the whole time the street is opened and obstructed;

4. He shall place and maintain from the beginning of twilight, through the whole of the night, over or near the place so occupied, opened, obstructed or used, and over or near any dirt, gravel or other material when thereupon or to be used by him, a light or lights fixed to the fence or in some other proper manner sufficient to protect travelers from injury;

5. He shall place and maintain a safe and convenient way for the use of foot travelers, and a safe and convenient passage for public travel around or over such place;

6. If he does not, within the time prescribed by the Superintendent, put the street into good condition, satisfactory to the Superintendent, he shall pay whatever sum the Superintendent shall expend for putting it to good condition, and that

he shall surrender the license to the Superintendent on or before the expiration of the time fixed in the license for completing the work or any extension or extensions thereof.

C. The Superintendent may in addition to such specifications, specify in the license, or after the issuance thereof, in writing the kind of rail or fence to enclose the place, and the kind of way over or around such place, and the manner of constructing it and where the passage or flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic will be impeded or rerouted that such licensee shall procure at such licensee's expense sufficient police detail as the regulations issued by the Chief of Police may require and nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the insertion in the license of any other specification deemed advisable by the Superintendent of Streets. (Prior code § 17-10)

12.12.030 License—Bond required.

Before any license described in Section 12.12.020 of this chapter is delivered to any person for the applicant therefor, such person, unless he is an employee of the City employed on public work, shall certify that a copy of the license entered in a book kept for the purpose is a correct copy of the license he received, and the applicant, unless the application is made in behalf of a department of the City or by a person who has given bond and who applies for a license in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, shall give a bond in the sum of not less than one thousand dollars with one or more sureties conditioned to the faithful observance of the conditions and specifications of every and all such licenses issued to the applicant, and the Superintendent of Streets may at any time require a new bond which shall be considered a strengthening bond, unless the sureties on the former bond are expressly released from their liability by the City Council; provided, that the Superintendent may accept one bond for more than one license whether then issued or issued at any time after the date of the bond. (Prior code § 17-11)

**12.12.040 License—Previous violations—
Time limitations.**

The Superintendent shall not issue any license to a person who has within one year previous to his application violated or failed to observe the conditions or specifications of any such license without special authority of the City Council. (Prior code § 17-12)

12.12.050 Notices of defects in public ways.

The Superintendent shall keep a record of the notices of defects sent to him, with the name of any person giving the notice, and the time when given, and he shall without delay cause the locality of the alleged defect to be examined, and, if the defect is of such a character as to endanger the safety of public travel, shall do whatever may be necessary to prevent the public from injury by the defect, and cause it to be immediately repaired; and every person in the employ of the City shall send to the Superintendent notice of every defect of which he has any knowledge. (Prior code § 17-13)

**12.12.060 Unnecessary obstruction
prevention—Proper repair
required.**

Whenever any street is opened, occupied, obstructed or encumbered by any department of the City, or any person, the Superintendent of Streets shall prevent any unnecessary obstruction while the work is in progress, and shall see that the street is repaired and put in good order when the work is completed. If the street is not repaired to his satisfaction he shall forthwith put it in good order, and shall render a bill for the expense of such repair to the department, or person whose duty it was to repair the street. All openings made in the street for any purpose whatever shall be filled back in layers six inches in depth, and each layer shall be properly rammed and, when necessary shall be wet down to prevent settling of the filling. (Prior code § 17-14)

12.12.070 Responsibility for damages.

Whenever any person lawfully makes any opening or causes any obstruction in any street, he shall be held responsible for any damages that may result from such opening or obstruction. (Prior code § 17-15)

**12.12.080 Repaving within one year of
excavation.**

A. Should any portion of the street which has been excavated require repaving or resurfacing within a period of one year from the time it has been disturbed, the Superintendent of Streets, shall, by mail, postage prepaid, notify the person applying for the license under authority of which the disturbance was made, to forthwith make such repairs as, in the opinion of the Superintendent, are necessary; and in case of the failure of the person to make such repairs within twenty-four hours after the receipt of such notice the Superintendent shall then have the right to make the necessary repairs at the expense of the licensee.

B. All amounts received by the City Treasurer for work done or materials furnished under the direction of the Superintendent, as authorized above, shall be placed to the credit, and to be used as a part, of the appropriation of the Streets Division. (Prior code § 17-16)

**12.12.090 License—Water and electrical
connection approval.**

The Superintendent shall grant a license to a person who presents a license from the Water Department to repair or lay water pipes, and to a person who presents a license from the City Electrician to connect with the lamps or pipes of the City. (Prior code § 17-17)

**12.12.100 License—Removal or delivery of
merchandise.**

The Superintendent may grant to competent persons engaged in the business, licenses to occupy and use certain portions of the streets for the purpose of raising and lowering goods and

merchandise into and from buildings on conditions the terms of which shall be those stated in Sections 12.12.020 through 12.12.080 of this chapter, so far as the same may apply, and in addition that the person applying for the license shall maintain, during the whole time the work is in progress, good and sufficient barriers across the sidewalk, from the wall of the building to or from which they are so raised, out to the curbstone or edge of the sidewalk, on each side of such goods or merchandise, sufficient to protect travelers from injury or danger; and that he shall not encumber the sidewalk for more than thirty minutes at a time for such work. (Prior code § 17-18)

12.12.110 Proposed construction or excavation—Notification procedures.

Whenever the Superintendent of Streets is about to construct a new street, or to break up the surface of any street, he shall, at least two weeks before beginning work, notify the City Engineer, as head of the Sewer Division, City Electrician and all public utilities having locations in such street. If any of these departments or utility companies has any work to be done in the street so designated, it shall consult and arrange with the Superintendent, in order that such work may be done before the surface of such street is again prepared for and open to public travel. After such notice and opportunity have been given, none of the departments or utility companies shall, for the period of six months, break up such street within the area of such previous disturbance, except in case of obvious necessity, to be certified to and approved by the City Manager. (Prior code § 17-19)

12.12.120 Barriers and lighting.

Whenever any highway, street or bridge is from any cause unsafe or inconvenient for travelers, the Superintendent of Streets shall forthwith put up a suitable barrier across such

highway, street or bridge, and exclude all travelers from passing over the same; or cause the parts thereof, so rendered unsafe and inconvenient, to be enclosed by a sufficient barrier, which shall be kept standing so long as the same remains unsafe and inconvenient; and he shall also place one or more lighted lanterns to such barrier, or in some other proper manner, to be there kept every night, from twilight in the evening, through the night, so long as such barrier is kept standing. (Prior code § 17-20)

12.12.130 Gates and doors swinging outward prohibited.

No person shall make, erect or maintain any gate or door in or upon any street in such manner that, when opening it, swings over such street. (Prior code § 17-22)

12.12.140 Doorsteps, porticos or entrances to basements—Authorization required.

No person shall make, erect or maintain any doorstep, portico, porch, entrance or passageway to any cellar or basement or any other structure, in or upon any street, without permission in writing, from the Superintendent when authorized by the City Council. No person shall suffer the platform or grate of the entrance or passageway to his cellar or basement in any street, to rise above the even surface of such street; and every such entrance or passageway shall either be kept covered by a suitable and substantial platform or grate, or in case it is kept open, it shall be guarded and protected by a sufficient railing, on both sides thereof, at least two and one-half feet high, and well lighted at night. (Prior code § 17-23)

12.12.150 Wells, cisterns, drains and cavities—Protective barriers required.

If any person digs or sinks or causes to be dug or sunk, any well, cistern, drain or other cavity in the ground, near to or adjoining any street, he

shall put up and at all times keep up, so long as it is necessary for the purpose, a railing or barrier, on or near the line of such street, sufficient to guard and protect travelers and passengers from falling into such well, cistern, drain or other cavity. (Prior code § 17-24)

12.12.160 Obstructing crosswalks unlawful.

No person shall stop his vehicle, or unnecessarily place any other obstruction, on any crosswalks laid in or across any street. (Prior code § 17-25)

12.12.170 Encroaching building removal.

Whenever the City Manager shall be notified by the City Engineer that any building or structure has been placed within the lines of a public street, or so that it may cause injury or inconvenience to a public street, he shall forthwith issue an order to the party offending, directing that the building or structure be removed within a certain specified time, and in case of noncompliance the City Manager shall direct that the incumbrance be removed at the expense of the delinquent. (Prior code § 17-26)

12.12.180 Coal holes or receptacles in streets.

No person shall make or cause to be made any aperture in or under any street or sidewalk, for the purpose of constructing a coal hole, or receptacle for any other article, or for light and air, or for any other purpose, without a license from the Superintendent of Streets, authorized by the City Council; and no person shall leave such coal hole or aperture open or unfastened, except while actually in use. No coal hole in a sidewalk shall be made or maintained more than eighteen inches in diameter, nor unless the cover therefor is made of iron with a rough upper surface and with three or more iron rods or legs at least two feet in length fitting closely to the underside of the cover, and so constructed that while the cover can be lifted perpendicularly, it cannot be tipped or easily removed from the opening. (Prior code § 17-29)

12.12.190 Temporary sidewalk erection and maintenance.

A. Any person licensed under the provisions of Sections 12.04.020 and 12.16.140 of this title and Sections 12.12.010 through 12.12.050 of this chapter, whenever so ordered by the City Manager or the Superintendent of Streets, shall erect and maintain in good condition, day and night a temporary sidewalk abutting upon that part of the street which he is licensed to use and obstruct, constructed in accordance with specifications approved by the Commissioner of Public Works.

B. When a building is used or occupied by more than one tenant, the owner or person having care of the building shall cause the ice to be removed from the sidewalk, in the manner provided for in Section 12.16.110 of this title, and in default thereof shall be liable to the same penalties as are therein provided. (Prior code § 17-31)

12.12.200 Awnings, canopies and clothes lines—Authorization required.

No canopy or awning shall hereafter be erected or maintained within the limits of any street, without the written permission of the Superintendent of Streets authorized by the City Council, except a canopy or awning, constructed of cloth or canvas attached to an iron frame, securely fastened and supported from above and with no part less than nine feet above the level of the sidewalk over which it is placed. No clothes dryer or clothes lines, and no clothes or garment shall be hereafter placed or hung over a sidewalk or within the limits of any street without the written permission of the Commissioner of Public Works. (Prior code § 17-32)

12.12.210 Firewood or coal obstruction unlawful—Exception.

No person shall suffer his firewood, coal or other fuel, in any quantity, to remain unnecessarily in any street overnight, or after twilight in the evening. If the same must, of necessity, remain after twilight or through the night, the owner thereof shall place and keep a sufficient

light over or near the same through the night, in order to give notice thereof to travelers. (Prior code § 17-34)

12.12.220 Claims for damages—Liability limitations.

Every owner of any estate who maintains any cellar, vault, coal hole or other excavation under the part of the street adjacent to or which is a part of, his estate, shall do so only on condition that such maintenance shall be considered as an agreement on his part to hold the City harmless from any claim for damages to himself or the occupants of the estate resulting from gas, sewage or water leaking into such excavation, and every owner who maintains a post, pole or other structure in or over a street, or a wire, pipe, conduit or other structure under a street, shall do so only on the condition that such maintenance shall be considered as an agreement on his part to keep

the same and the covers thereof in good repair and condition, at all times during his ownership, and to indemnify and save harmless the City against any and all damages, costs, expenses or compensation which it may sustain, or be required to pay by reason of such excavation or structure being over, under or in the street, or being out of repair during his ownership, or by reason of any cover of the same being out of repair or unfastened during his ownership. (Prior code § 17-33)

12.12.230 Extinguishing lights—Violation—Penalty.

Whoever maliciously or wantonly, and without legal cause, extinguishes or diminishes a light fixed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 12.12.020 through 12.12.080 of this chapter, shall be liable to a penalty of not exceeding fifty dollars. (Prior code § 17-21)

Chapter 12.16

**STREET AND SIDEWALK USE
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**12.16.010 Acceptance of public ways—
Review and report required.**

In order to protect the citizens and their real estate values and to encourage the best possible land development, no proposed public way shall be accepted by the City Council until the proposal has been referred to the City Engineer, Electrical, Planning, Public Works, Traffic and

Water Departments for a review and report concerning the design, engineering, construction and utility aspects of the proposed road. If no such report shall have been filed with the Council after thirty days from the date of referral, the Council may accept the proposed road. (Prior code § 17-42)

**12.16.020 Person obstructing passage—
Loitering.**

No person shall stand upon any sidewalk or street so as to interrupt, obstruct or prevent the free passage over the same by the public, or to stand or loiter on the sidewalk in front of or at the side of any building to the annoyance or disturbance of any person, and who fails or refuses to move on when directed to do so by a police officer. (Prior code § 17-41)

**12.16.030 Trees—Climbing—Signposting—
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No person shall climb a tree in any street or fasten or tie a horse or other animal to, or post a bill upon, any such tree, or allow any horse or other animal owned by him, or under his control to stand so near any such tree, that such tree may be gnawed or otherwise injured by such horse or other animal. (Prior code § 17-35)

12.16.040 Sidewalks—Riding or driving.

No person shall permit any horse, cattle, swine or sheep, under his care, to go upon any sidewalk, except in order to drive the animals in or out of some adjoining enclosure, and no person shall drive, ride, wheel or draw any vehicle across a sidewalk except on a driveway designed for the purpose of passage of vehicles, and no person shall use for access of any vehicle to a sidewalk any log, skid block, bricks or other articles placed in the gutter or street; provided, that this section shall not apply to children's carriages or sleds containing children and drawn by hands. (Prior code § 17-39)

12.16.050 Sidewalks—Responsibility for repairs.

All sidewalks shall be kept in repair at the expense of the City; provided, however, that if such repairs are rendered necessary by any act of the owner or occupant of the adjoining land or by any defect in the buildings thereon or by any other cause under the control of such owner or occupant, the repairs shall be made by such owner or occupant; and if he fails to do so the repairs shall be made by the City, at his expense. (Prior code § 17-27)

12.16.060 Plank sidewalks—License required.

A. No person shall place upon any sidewalk any board or plank walk without first obtaining a written license from the Superintendent authorized by the City Council; and walks hereafter laid under authority of such license shall be constructed in accordance with the specification to be approved by the Superintendent. Such walks shall be removed whenever in the judgment of the City Council, public safety and convenience require such removal.

B. Plank walks, authorized as provided in subsection A of this section, shall be laid and kept in proper condition by the respective owners thereof, and the same shall be taken up by such owners whenever the Superintendent of Streets shall so direct. (Prior code § 17-28)

12.16.070 Sidewalks—Signposting—Water runoff.

No person shall insert a sign in a sidewalk without the permission of the Superintendent of Streets, authorized by the City Council; and no person shall permit a leader or conductor from the roof of a building owned by him to be so placed or maintained as to direct a volume of water upon or across the surface of the sidewalk. (Prior code § 17-30)

12.16.080 Carrying showboards, placards and signs.

No person shall, without authority from the Superintendent of Streets, place or carry, or cause to be placed or carried, on a sidewalk, a showboard, placard or sign for the purpose of there displaying or attracting attention to the same. (Prior code § 17-38)

12.16.090 Free commercial distribution of tobacco products in public places—Penalty.

A. In order to avoid obstruction and congestion of public ways and places, to control and reduce litter, and to protect pedestrians from annoyance and invasion of privacy, no person in the business of selling or otherwise distributing cigarettes or other tobacco or smoking products for commercial purposes, shall in the course of such business, distribute any cigarettes or other tobacco or smoking products free to any person on any public street or sidewalk, or in any public park or playground, or any other public ground, or in any public building.

B. Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars. (Ord. 981, 1982: prior code § 17-41A)

12.16.100 Sidewalks—Obstruction—Fruit peelings.

A. No person shall place, or cause to be placed, upon any sidewalk, any article whatsoever, so as to obstruct a free passage for travelers for more than fifteen minutes.

B. No person shall wilfully and maliciously tip over and spill out the contents of any box or barrel containing ashes or other house dirt set upon the sidewalk. No person shall throw or place upon any sidewalk or crosswalk any banana skin, orange peel or other slippery substance. (Prior code § 17-40)

12.16.110 Sidewalks—Snow and ice removal.

A. **Removal of Snow from Sidewalks.** The owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway shall, within twelve hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime and before one p.m. after a fall of snow during the night, cause all snow that may be on such sidewalk or footway to be removed therefrom. In the event of an unusually heavy snowfall, the time limit shall be extended at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works. The provisions of this section shall apply to snow which falls from buildings as well as to that which falls from the clouds.

B. **Removal of Ice from Sidewalks.** The owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway any portion of which is encumbered by ice shall within six hours after the sidewalk or footway becomes encumbered with ice cause such sidewalk or footway to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom, or by keeping the same covered with sand or some other suitable substance. (Prior code § 17-79)

12.16.120 Cleaning carriages or horses in streets.

The owners and occupants of stables shall not wash or clean carriages or horses in the streets, or

cause them to be there washed or cleaned, nor shall they otherwise encumber the streets. (Prior code § 17-36)

12.16.130 Cleaning carpets in streets.

No person shall shake or otherwise clean a carpet in any street. (Prior code § 17-37)

12.16.140 Alteration or repair—Authority.

The provisions of this chapter and Chapters 2.54, 12.04 and 12.12 of this code shall not be construed as limiting in any manner the legal rights and duties of the Superintendent of Streets to order such alterations and repairs in streets as he may deem that the safety and convenience of the inhabitants require. (Prior code § 17-43)

**12.16.150 Alteration or repair—
Improvement assessments.**

Whenever the City Council determines that land or buildings shall be taken for street widening or street laying out purposes betterments shall be assessed according to law for the improvement of any property that the City Council may determine is in the benefited area. (Prior code § 17-8)

Chapter 12.20**COMMONS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS****Sections:**

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12.20.010 **Playgrounds—Rules and regulations.**

The City Manager, after consulting representatives of the surrounding neighborhood and with the approval of the City Council in each instance, may adopt and amend reasonable rules governing activities in public playgrounds not exceeding fifteen thousand square feet in area. Such rules may prescribe the hours during which the playground shall be open. A sign or signs containing the rules shall be posted at the playground. (Ord. 1021 (part), 1985: prior code § 14-24)

12.20.020 **Playgrounds—Radio playing.**

No person shall use or operate any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, television set, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound in any park or playground at any time to the disturbance of the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the City. (Ord. 1021 (part), 1985: prior code § 14-25)

12.20.030 **Sunday sports or games.**

A. Permits for Sunday sports or games on public parks or playgrounds shall be issued by the Recreation Commission or by its authorized agents.

B. Permits for such Sunday sports and games shall be conducted between the hours specified on the permits and shall be started sufficiently early to allow for their ending within the specified time.

C. At least one police officer shall be assigned to duty on each Sunday when a permit for any game or sport is issued by the Recreation Commission for any park or playground.

D. Permits for use of Russell Field for sports or games on Sundays shall be issued by the Commission at its discretion. When admission is charged or when any collection is made, the fee for the use of the field for such Sunday games or sports shall be determined by the Commission, but shall be not less than twenty-five dollars, payable at the office of the Recreation Commission before the permit is issued. When no admission is charged or no collection is taken, there shall be no charge for the permit. Police protection satisfactory to the Commission or its authorized agent shall be furnished by the permit or organization to whom the permit is issued.

E. An additional fee of not less than fifty dollars shall be charged when any permit shall be granted for hurling, soccer or Gaelic football games, which amount shall be reserved for appropriations for reconditioning or repairs which may be necessary to the field. (Prior code § 14-9)

