

REGULATIONS RELATING TO PARKS, JETTY, MOLE AND BEACH AREA

PARKS

No person shall remove the soil from under or about any tree, shrub, fern, flower or other plant, or destroy, damage or remove any tree, shrub, fern, flower or other plant or any soil or other property of the Council in a park.

No person shall climb any tree, or write, paint or cut names, letters or marks, or affix bills, on any tree, bench, rock, gate, wall, fence or any other object, the property of Council, in a park.

No person shall remove or displace any board, plate tablet or label, or any support, fastening or fitting of any board, plate, tablet or label fixed or set up by the Council or any person having authority to do so in a park or in or on any building or structure or on or about any tree, shrub or plant therein.

No person shall throw any stone or other missile or roll stones down any incline or use or discharge any air-gun, catapult or fire-arm in a park.

No person shall light a fire in a park or leave therein any bottles, broken glass, china, paper, or any other litter, except in place set apart or receptacles provided therefore by the Council.

No person shall kill, pursue, worry, ill-treat or take any animal or bird in a park, or wilfully displace, disturb, injure, destroy or take any bird's nest or eggs therein, nor shall any person enter a park with, or use, spread or set therein, any snare, net or other device for taking, injuring or destroying any animal or bird.

No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale in a park any article or thing whatsoever without the written permission of the Council.

No person shall erect any booth, tent, screen or any other structure or thing in a park, and no person shall camp in a park, without the written permission of the Council.

No person shall behave in a disorderly or indecent manner or use obscene or improper language or be intoxicated or create a disturbance or commit any

nuisance whatsoever in a park. Any person contravening this regulation may be removed from a park by any officer of the Council or any member of the police.

No person shall use or attempt to use, or, except in the course of duty, enter into or attempt to enter into any water closet, or structure containing a urinal, or any other place of convenience provided for the opposite sex in any park.

No person shall use any swing or other playground apparatus in a park in a negligent manner, or by any negligence or misconduct in the use thereof cause any damage thereto or endanger or injure any person, or refuse to vacate any swing or other playground apparatus when required to do so by any officer of the Council.

No person shall stand, lie upon, or place foot upon any seat in any park, promenade or other place under the control of the Council, or shall place on any such seat anything which would defile it or cause discomfort to the public.

No person shall refuse to give his or her proper name and address when required to do so by any park-keeper or other officer of the Council or any member of the police.

All goats, pigs and poultry found trespassing in a park may be destroyed by any officer of the Council.

PROMENADE JETTY

All persons using the jetty do so at their own risk and responsibility. No child under 10 years of age shall go on to such jetty unless accompanied by an adult, and it shall remain in the charge of and at the responsibility of such adult.

No person shall angle from the jetty or bring any angling equipment onto such jetty.

No person shall create any nuisance on the jetty.

No person shall wilfully remove, displace or damage any notice board or any other structure or erection, or any support, fastening or fitting of any notice board, structure or erection, set up or erected by or under the authority of the Council on the jetty.

No person shall swim, or dive for the purpose of catching rock lobster within a circumference of 50 metres from the jetty.

No person shall angle from the beach between the jetty and the mole or drive a vehicle within that area.

Only perambulators and by push-carts are allowed on the jetty. No dogs or other animals may be brought onto the jetty.

MOLE

No person shall fish from any part of the mole or from the landing stage abutting on the lower wall of the mole or from any other point within the “sea-bathing area” as defined in the regulations published under Government Notice No. 22 dated the 6th day of March, 1923.

BEACH

No person shall angle within the area extending from the northern side of the jetty in a northern direction up to a point situated opposite the northernmost corner beacon of Vineta-North.

No person, except persons in execution of their official duties or persons expressly authorised thereto by the Council, shall enter the bathing area or beach area with a horse or with any self-propelled boat or self-propelled vehicle, or drive or ride the same in those areas, unless the official streets and parking areas provided by the Council within the vicinity of the beach area are being used for other purposes than the parking of vehicles.

No person entering the beach area, shall do so exclusively at his own risk and the Council shall in no way whatsoever be responsible for any damage or loss or injury sustained.

Excluding the caravan park, no person may without the Council’s permission, erect any hut, tent, shelter or any other structure within the municipal area or occupy a caravan or camp in any way whatsoever within the municipal area.

Any person entering the beach area whether to bath or otherwise, shall at all time be properly dressed so as to prevent indecent exposure of the body and no person may at any time employ unseemly or indecent oral or written language or behave in an indecent or offensive way within the beach area.

No person may at any time without the Council's permission within the beach area ride a surf board or partake in the fun game known as surfing or cause any inconvenience to bathers or spectators or infringe the privacy of any person.

No person may leave or permit to be left or to be deposited any wood, material, glass, bottles, metal, refuse, bait, fish or garbage of any nature whatsoever within the beach area.

No person except an authorised official may save for the purpose of saving drowning persons, in any way tamper with the lifelines or other apparatus provided within the beach area.

No dogs are allowed on the beach area extending from the southern boundary of the mole to the northern beacon of Erf 779 Swakopmund, including the area between the museum and the swimming pool.

PENALTIES

Any person who contravenes any of the abovementioned regulations or neglects to carry out any lawful instruction of the authorised official or any other person lawfully appointed to supervise, or obstructs him in the fulfilment of his duty, shall be guilty of an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding three hundred rand and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months.

FIREWORKS DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON

The public in Namibia and also in some countries around the world do celebrate New Year's Day and some times Christmas with firework displays. Although it can be spectacular to watch, it could cause harm to humans and animals as well.

Animals react to the noise of the fireworks extremely aggressively and become disorientated. There are lots of deaths of animals owing to stress and disorientation, for example drowning in the ocean.

In order to protect the general public and animals in Swakopmund the Council approved a ban on the exploding of fireworks in the jurisdiction of the local authority with the exception in cases where written approval has been obtained from Council which are in line with the amended Explosives Act, Act no 26 of 1956, Regulation 10.34 (d).

We therefore appeal to all inhabitants and holiday guests to refrain from using fireworks during the festival seasons and obey the town rules and take care of our animals which are also your friends and companions.