


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>19-112</b>	Meeting:	<b>March 25, 2019</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>34</b>	Roll Call:	<b>19-0484</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of proposed rules for skateparks in the City of Des Moines to be operated by Parks and Recreation as part of Section 74-99 of the Des Moines Municipal Code.

### SYNOPSIS:

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### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In anticipation of the construction of the Lauridsen Skatepark in 2019, rules have been developed for use at all skatepark facilities that will be maintained by the City of Des Moines.
- On February 26, 2019 the Parks and Recreation Board were presented these rules. The Board unanimously recommended approval of the rules for use at all skateparks in the City of Des Moines. These rules will apply to both the Lauridsen and Fourmile Skateparks to guide the management and facilitation of activities and events at both facilities.
- Upon approval, these rules will be enforceable under Section 74-99 of the Des Moines Municipal Code when they are posted at the Skatepark.
- Proposed skatepark rules include:
  - Skateparks will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 10:00 p.m. Unlit skating facilities, such as Fourmile Skatepark, will close at the same time as the park. No loitering after hours.
  - Skateparks are unsupervised facilities; users/spectators use this facility at their own risk.
  - It is highly recommended that skaters wear helmets, knee pads, elbow pads, wrist guards and gloves.
  - Shirt and shoes are required.

- Children under the age of six (6) years old and spectators must remain off the skating surface.
- Skating on curbs, sidewalks, fences, railings, parking areas, or any other areas not designed and intended for skating of the surrounding area of the skate park is prohibited.
- Skating is prohibited when it is raining or when the skating area is wet or has ice on it and/or is covered with debris.
- Only one (1) person is allowed to skate a ramp at one (1) time, and only one (1) person is allowed per skateboard. Do not proceed down a ramp until it is clear.
- No pets are allowed inside the skating area or on the skating surface.
- No unauthorized ramps or other obstacles are allowed.
- No modification to any part of a skatepark is allowed.
- Motorized vehicles including electric skating devices are prohibited.
- Bicycles are not allowed, except at Fourmile Skatepark.
- Rough play, physical contact with other skaters, excessive noise, abusive behavior and profanity is not allowed.
- No food, glass containers, littering or breakable object are permitted on the skating surface or any skating features.
- No alcohol, drugs or tobacco allowed anywhere inside or around the skatepark.
- No smoking within 25 feet of a skatepark.
- All parties are responsible for removing their personal property from the premises upon leaving the skatepark.
- Graffiti, stickers and/or property defacement is not allowed.
- Competitive, demonstration and rental events are prohibited, unless the proper permit is obtained from the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department.
- No one is allowed to clean a skating area using solvents or solutions except City staff/personnel or City-authorized volunteers.
- Skateboarding is a high-risk sport; accident or death resulting from the use of this facility is responsibility of the user. Spectators assume risk for themselves.
- A skatepark is subject to closure in the event of unsafe conditions, special events, rentals or repairs/maintenance.

- An assessment of these rules will take place during calendar year 2020. Any recommendations of changes or additions will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board with any actions being presented to the City Council.

# WELCOME TO YOUR SKATEPARK

The Lauridsen Skatepark is a shared public space. Have a fun time, skate safe, respect other skaters and enjoy your ride!

It is highly recommended that skaters wear:

- Helmets
- Knee pads
- Elbow pads
- Wrist guards
- Gloves

Park rules prohibit:

- Modification to any part of the skatepark or unauthorized ramps/obstacles
- Bicycles or motorized vehicles
- Littering and dumping of debris
- Use of alcohol
- Use of glass containers
- Smoking

Skateboarding is a high-risk sport; accident, injury or death resulting from the use of this facility is the responsibility of the user.

This is an unsupervised facility.

Skate at your own risk and within your abilities.

The skatepark is open daily 6:00 am to 10:00 pm

No loitering after hours.



Report any violations, damage or submit a service request to the Parks and Recreation Department at 515-237-1386. In case of an emergency call 911.  
City Code Chapter 74-99

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**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):**

Board: Parks and Recreation

Date: February 26, 2019

Resolution Number: 19-018

Action: Motion by Boggus to approve the skatepark rules as written. Second by Potter. Motion carried.

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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