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Chapter 12.04

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS - GENERAL PROVISIONS¹

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12.04.010 Designation of city parks and playgrounds.

For purposes of this code, the following city properties are designated as the city's parks and playgrounds:

- A. Bidwell Park;
- B. Children's Playground;
- C. Depot Park;
- D. Plaza Park;
- E. Ringel Park;
- F. All greenways or parklands adjoining Big Chico Creek, Little Chico Creek, Lindo Channel, Comanche Creek, Edgar Slough, Sycamore Creek, Dead Horse Slough or any other stream or watercourse which has been acquired or which is hereafter acquired by the city, either in fee title or by way of an easement which authorizes public use of the easement area;
- G. Any other property acquired by the city or dedicated to and accepted by the city subsequent to January 1, 1992, specifically for park or playground purposes.
(Prior code §17.1 (Ord. 224 §230, Ord. 1903))

12.04.020 Exemptions from title.

The provisions of this title shall not apply to or restrict any officer or employee of the city or that of any other governmental agency while acting in the performance of any lawful duty imposed upon such officer or agent by any lawful authority.

(Prior code §17.1-1 (Ord. 747))

12.04.030 Control vested in Bidwell Park and Playground commission.

The Bidwell Park and Playground commission is vested with the supervision, control and management of all public parks and playgrounds within the city.

(Prior code §17.2 (Ord. 224 §232))

12.04.040 Names of public parks.

Names of the public parks of the city shall be those given by the city council.

(Prior code §17.30 (Ord. 224 §231))

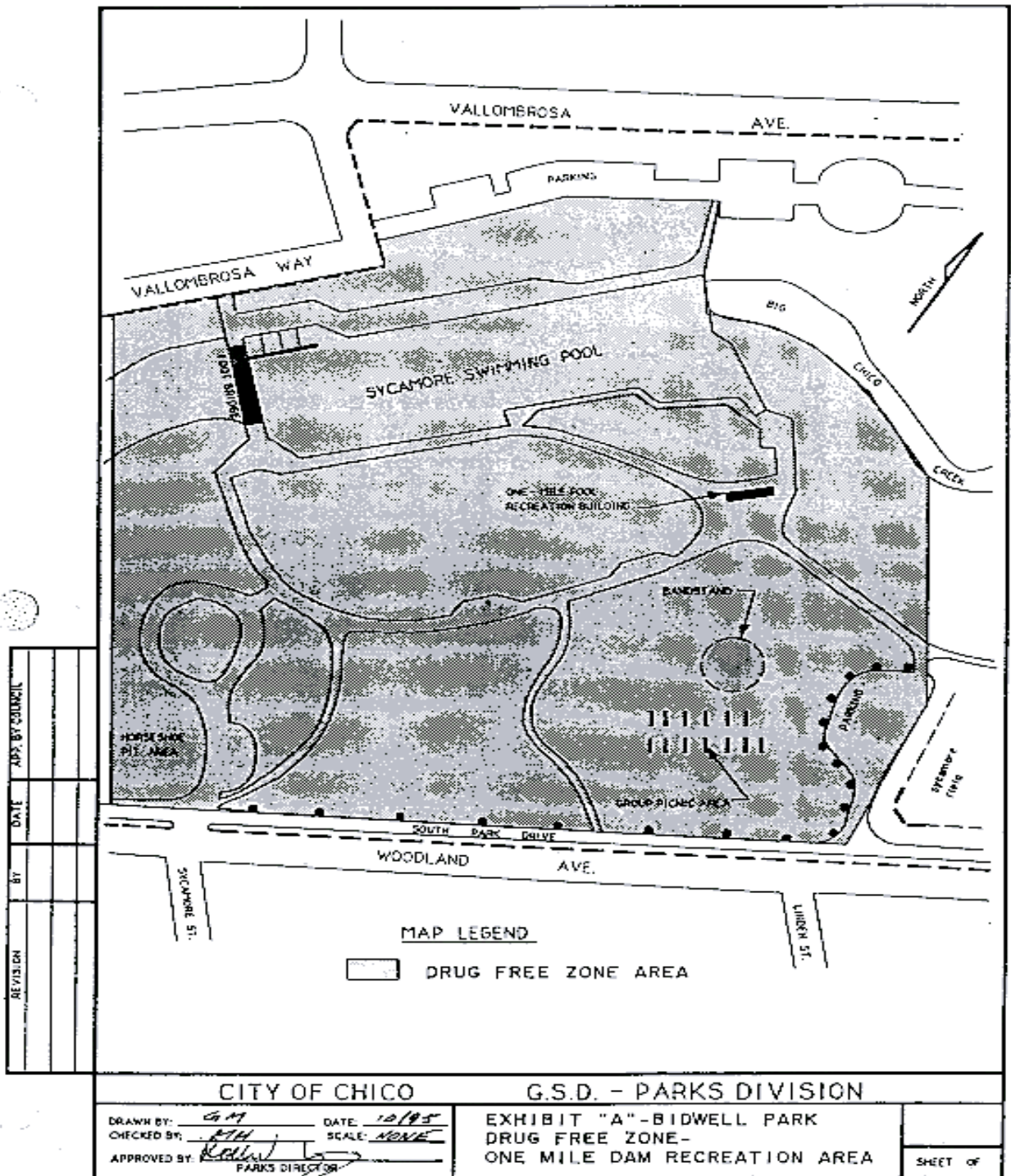
12.04.050 Drug free zones.

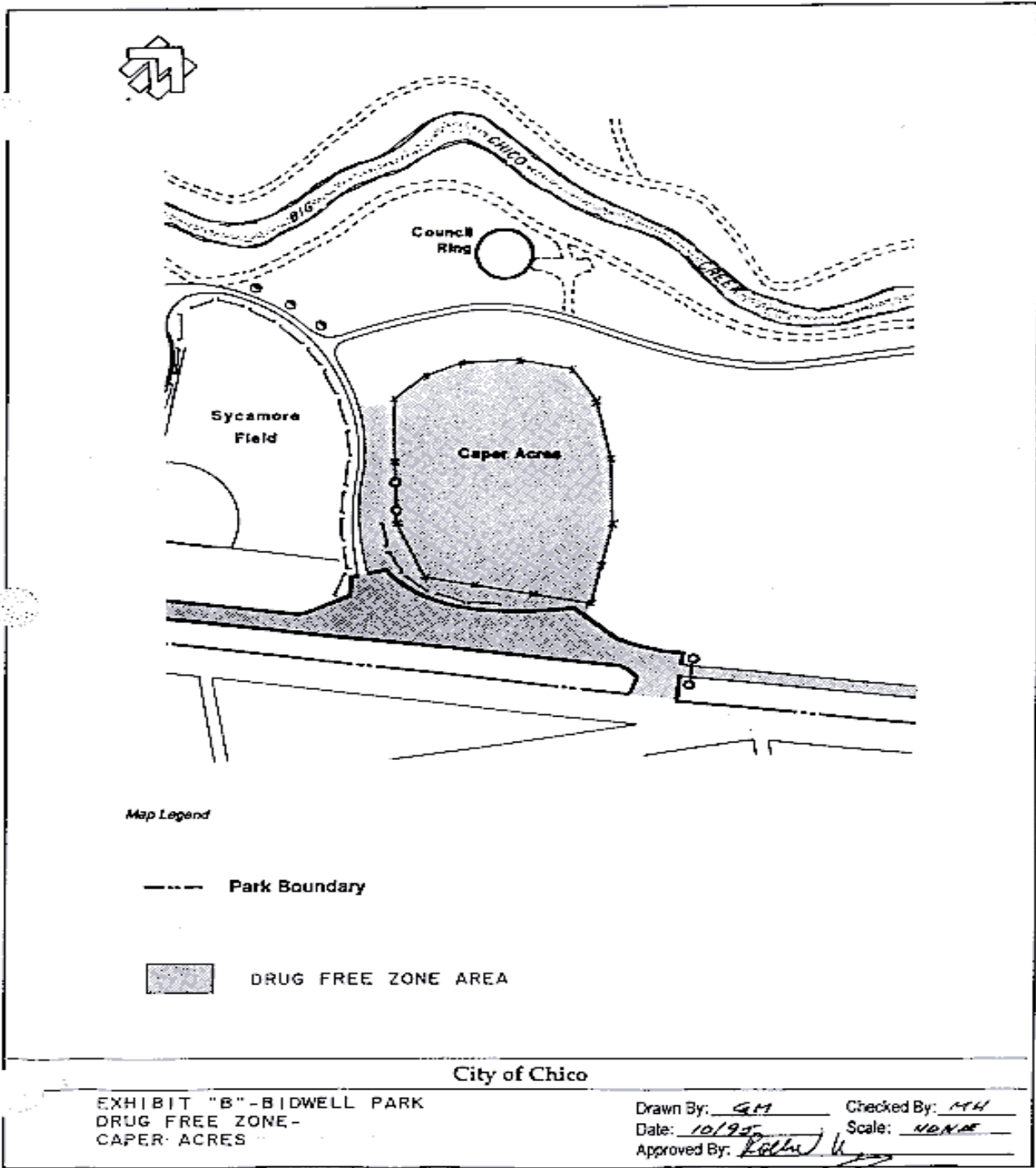
The city parks and playgrounds set forth below are hereby declared to be Drug Free Zones pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11380.5 which sets forth

enhanced penalties for specified offenses involving the possession or sale of controlled substances which occur upon the grounds of city parks and playgrounds. The parks and playgrounds hereby declared to be Drug Free Zones are as follows:

- A. Children's Playground;
- B. That portion of Bidwell Park consisting of the One Mile Dam Recreation Area, as depicted on Exhibit "A" to this Chapter, entitled "Bidwell Park Drug Free Zone - One Mile Dam Recreation Area";
- C. That portion of Bidwell Park consisting of Caper Acres, as depicted on Exhibit "B" to this Chapter, entitled "Bidwell Park Drug Free Zone - Caper Acres"; and,
- D. Humboldt Neighborhood Park.
- E. Plaza Park

(Ord. 2084, Ord. 2179; Ord. 2215)





City of Chico

EXHIBIT "B"-BIDWELL PARK
DRUG FREE ZONE-
CAPER ACRES

Drawn By: GM Checked By: MM
Date: 10/95 Scale: NONE
Approved By: [Signature]

Chapter 12.08

INJURING PROPERTY IN PARKS

Section:

12.08.010 Injuring grass plots, borders, grounds prohibited.

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No person shall in any manner damage or injure any grass plot, edging of grass, border or ornamental ground along any sidewalk or in any park, playground or public place in the city.

(Prior code §17.4 (Ord. 224 §235, Ord. 747))

Chapter 12.12

VEHICLES IN PARKS

Section:

12.12.010 Speed limit designated.

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Repealed.

(Prior code §17.7 (Ord. 694, Ord. 1356 §2, Ord. 1379 §1))

Chapter 12.16

PARK AND PLAYGROUND REGULATIONS²

Section:

12.16.010 Authority to adopt - Effect.

12.16.020 Temporary closure of park roads.

12.16.010 Authority to adopt - Effect.

The Bidwell Park and Playground commission is authorized and empowered under the Charter of the city, to adopt regulatory rules governing all persons using the parks and playgrounds owned by the city which are not in conflict with any other provisions of the Charter of this code. All regulatory rules so adopted, when approved by the city council, by resolution, shall have the same effect as any other provision of this code, and shall be deemed to be a rule or regulation adopted pursuant to the Charter of the city as that term is used in Section 1505 of said charter regarding the criminal effect of a violation of such rule or regulation, provided, however, that the Bidwell Park and Playground commission may specify as to any regulatory rule, a lesser penalty than that provided for in Section 1505 of the Charter; provided, further, that no violation shall be punishable by imprisonment. Said commission may further provide a minimum penalty, not inconsistent with the provisions hereof, or the provisions of said Charter. Said commission may further provide, in addition to the criminal penalties herein referred to, non-criminal sanctions. All regulatory rules so adopted, upon approval by resolution of the city council, shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper of the city, of a notice, which notice shall be sufficient if it reasonably advises of the adoption of regulatory rules and of the location, and availability of copies thereof. The content of such rules need not be contained in any such notice.

(Prior code §17.26 (Ord. 747, Ord. 785, Ord. 1010 §2))

12.16.020 Temporary closure of park roads.

The Bidwell Park and Playground commission may, in its discretion and without council approval, cause all or any part of a roadway within a park or playground of the city to be closed for a special event during a period not exceeding 24 hours in length when the Bidwell Park and Playground commission finds that such closing is necessary for the safety and protection of persons using the roadway during the special event; and

- A. The special event is sponsored and conducted by the city; or
- B. The special event is sponsored and conducted by a nonprofit association or corporation, and
 - 1. The event is open to all members of the community, and
 - 2. Where fees will be charged for admission to the event or donations will be solicited in the course of the event, the funds obtained by the sponsor from such fees or donations will be used by the sponsor in a manner which contributes to the betterment of the community and its residents.

(Ord. 1380 §1)

Chapter 12.17

HUMBOLDT NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

Section:

- 12.17.010 Uses.**
- 12.17.020 Days and hours of operation.**
- 12.17.030 Closure.**
- 12.17.040 Safety requirements.**
- 12.17.050 Amplified sounds prohibited.**
- 12.17.060 Smoking - Prohibited.**
- 12.17.070 Tagging, graffiti and defacing.**
- 12.17.080 Violation of rules - Additional penalties - Violator subject to removal.**

12.17.010 Uses.

- A. Only persons using skateboards and skates, including but not limited to roller skates, in-line skates and/or roller blades, are allowed on the skateboard track.
 - B. Persons using bicycles are not allowed on the skateboard track.
 - C. Persons without skateboards or skates are not allowed on the skateboard track.
- (Ord. 2196)

12.17.020 Days and hours of operation.

The Humboldt Neighborhood Park skateboard track shall be open daily according to the following schedule:

<u>Month(s)</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
January	8:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
February	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
March	8:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
April	8:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
May	8:00 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
June and July	8:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
August	8:00 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
September	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
October	8:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
November and December	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.

No person shall be allowed in the designated skateboard track area outside of the abovementioned hours of operation.
(Ord. 2196)

12.17.030 Closure.

The Park Director may close the Humboldt Neighborhood Park skateboard track whenever the Director determines that such closure is necessary for the protection of public property or public safety.
(Ord. 2196)

12.17.040 Safety requirements.

The following safety requirements shall apply to all persons using the skateboard track:

- A. Every person using the skateboard track shall wear a helmet, wrist supports, elbow pads and knee pads at all times;
- B. Persons without skateboards or skates shall not be allowed within the skateboard track;
- C. No food or drink are allowed within the skateboard track surface area; and
- D. Additional obstacles or other materials, including but not limited to ramps, jumps and lights, shall not be brought into the skateboard track by any person at any time.

Any person failing to comply with the abovementioned safety requirements will be subject to citation under this ordinance.

(Ord. 2196)

12.17.050 Amplified sounds prohibited.

Amplified sounds are not permitted in the Humboldt Neighborhood Park. No person shall wear any headset or earplugs while skating or otherwise using the skateboard track.

(Ord. 2196)

12.17.060 Smoking - Prohibited.

No person shall light matches or smoke cigars, pipes, cigarettes or any other smoking device in Humboldt Neighborhood Park.

(Ord. 2196)

12.17.070 Tagging, graffiti and defacing.

Tagging, graffiti and/or any other form of defacing park property is not permitted.

(Ord. 2196)

12.17.080 Violation of rules - Additional penalties - Violator subject to removal.

Any person who violates the rules of this chapter shall, in addition to any other criminal or civil penalties provided by this Code, be subject to removal from the Humboldt Neighborhood Park upon order of the Park Director or any authorized employee or officer of the City. Failure to leave the park when ordered to do so is a violation of this section.

Removal, if ordered, includes exclusion from such area for a 24-hour period.

(Ord. 2196)

TITLE 12 FOOTNOTES

1. For Charter provisions on the Bidwell Park and Playground commission see §§1006 - 1006.2; for provisions on the Park and Playground Act of 1909, see Government Code §38000 et seq.; for provisions of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Act, see Public Resources Code §5099 et seq.; for provisions on street trees, see Ch. 14.40.
2. For Bidwell Park rules and regulations, see Appendix Title 12R.