

Park Rules Signs – Revision Issues & Priorities

<u>Requested Revision</u>	<u>Who initiated</u>	<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Issues/Comment/Argument</u>
A. Highest priority:			
1. Add “No firearms, no fireworks” and related citation	PPCC request	<i>Not added</i>	LAMC prohibits firearms & fireworks in LA parks; residents report that fireworks are heard routinely in Potrero; no reason to exclude these prohibitions and good reason (public safety) to include them.
2. Add “Ride bikes, etc., on main road only ” and related citations	PCC request	<i>Not added</i>	LAMC limits biking in parks to trails/roads designed and provided for that purpose; it is unsafe for riders and pedestrians to share the narrow park trails in Potrero; the trails (east side and Friends St.) were not designed for biking; biking should be limited to the main service road; the requested language is necessary to provide notice that biking is only allowed on the main service road, which promotes public safety.
B. Next level priority:			
3. Delete exception for “approved portable stoves and hearths”	PPCC request	<i>Not deleted</i>	Portable stoves & hearths are <i>not allowed</i> in this passive park in the VHFHSZ (i.e., can’t be “approved”); the exception is confusing and unnecessary; no reason to include this language.
4. Replace “No alcohol” with “No liquor”	RAP or C.A. decision (<i>not PPCC request</i>)	Replaced	Cited LAMC section refers to “alcoholic beverages;” RAP website states that “alcohol” is prohibited in parks; nearby RAP park signs (Via de las Olas Bluffs) state that “alcohol” is prohibited; “liquor” commonly refers to “distilled” spirits (e.g., (e.g., whiskey); beer & wine (not distilled) are considered “alcoholic beverages”; specifically prohibiting liquor but not alcohol (in contrast with different prohibition at nearby park) suggests that beer & wine are allowed in Potrero (but see “Support – Resources/Citations” below; the change is contradictory, confusing, unnecessary, conflicts with the LAMC and the Potrero “passive park” designation, and may lead to problems with enforcement.
5. Delete “No events may extend, etc.” and citation to “CCPR”	PPCC request	<i>Not deleted</i>	“Events” are not allowed in this passive park (i.e., cannot take place or “extend” into landscaped areas); the citation is unknown and unclear; the prohibition is confusing and unnecessary; no reason to include this language.

C. Lower Priority/Concern

6. Delete “No blocking pathways, etc.,” and related citation	PPCC request	<i>Not deleted</i>	Cited LAMC section suspended in 2005; no indication of reinstatement; no reason to include a suspended and presumably unenforceable prohibition.
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D. No issues

7. Replace “No stages, generators, sound amplification” with “No use of sound amplification systems”	RAP or C.A. decision <i>(not PPCC request)</i>	Replaced	Not a substantive change.
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8. Add “No unauthorized motor vehicles”	PCC request	Added	<i>Sole PPCC request complied with.</i>
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Support -- Resources/citations

Original Potrero park rules sign: https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/thumbnail_IMG_6481.jpg

PPCC requested sign revisions: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/SIGN-revisions.pdf>

Notes to requested revisions: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CS-Notes-re-suggested-SIGN-revisions-1.pdf>

Revised Potrero park rules sign: https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/thumbnail_IMG_7092.jpg

RAP website (park rules): <https://www.laparks.org/park/park-information-municipal-and-penal-codes>

Via de las Olas park rules sign: https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/IMG_7004-scaled.jpg

Re #s 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 above: see Notes to requested revisions & PPCC requested sign revisions

Re # 4 above: see Via de las Olas park rules sign (“No alcohol”); RAP website (park rules): “Alcohol is prohibited” (Rule 4); but also see LAMC Sec. 41.27(c) (citation on new revised sign):

“No person shall drink any **malt, spirituous or vinous liquor** containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume, upon any street, sidewalk or parkway, park, playground, . . . or in any public place, or in any place open to the patronage of the public, which premises are not licensed for the consumption of such liquor on the premises.”

Regular beer and wine generally contain more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume. Q: Are they examples of “malt, spiritous or vinous liquor” referenced in this Code section?

Re # 8 above: see RAP website (park rules) (Rule 9): “No person shall drive, possess or ride any cycle or vehicle, whether powered by a motor or human power, except on roads designed and provided for such purposes. LAMC 63.44.”

See also LAMC 64.44.B.7 (in Notes to requested revisions):

“No person shall use any area or facility set aside, used, maintained or designated for a specific recreational or park purpose by the Board, Department or Commission, where reasonable notice of such designation or purpose is given by signs posted thereon, for a purpose contrary to or inconsistent with such specific or designated purpose.”

*By the PCOC Sign Subcommittee
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