

City of Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation
AMENDMENT – Regulations Governing Fairmount Park System

The Department of Parks and Recreation amends the Regulations for the Government of Parks in the Fairmount Park system by deleting Section 305 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

SECTION 305. Camping and Tents.

1. Definitions.

“**Camp**” and “**Camping**” include the use of real property for temporary or permanent outdoor living accommodation, such as: sleeping, preparing a site to sleep, laying down or setting up sleeping bag, bedroll, mattress, blankets, or making other preparations to sleep; storing, stacking, or collecting personal belongings on or at a site; making any fire or using portable heating and cooking devices or carrying on cooking activities; setting up, using, erecting, or parking any tent, lean-to, tarpaulin, vehicle, or other shelter or protection from the elements (other than wearing clothing); clearing, digging or breaking earth to create a campsite; and other activities supportive of living overnight outdoors of a permanent shelter. The activities described above in this definition constitute camping if, in light of all the circumstances, it reasonably appears that in conducting one or more of the activities the participant in fact is using or will use the area as a living accommodation, regardless of the intent of the participant or the nature of any other activities in which the participant may also be engaging. “Camp” and “Camping” do not include arrangements for a daytime picnic or party that does not extend past a park’s official closing time.

“**Fairmount Park System**” means land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation that is maintained or used for outdoor public park or outdoor recreation activity.

“**Recreation Center**” means a City of Philadelphia recreation center.

“**Tent**” means a temporary structure intended for the shelter or enclosure of persons or property of any kind. “Tent” does not include a structure erected for a limited time during daylight hours for protection from the sun that is open on one or more sides and commonly referred to as a “shade tent.”

1. Camping is prohibited throughout the Fairmount Park System and at all Recreation Centers, except under the following circumstances:

A. In connection with the activities of a City tenant, licensee, or concessionaire under and in accordance with a City-issued agreement.

B. In connection with a governmental event or activity that by law requires physical privacy.

2. No person or organization may erect or use a Tent anywhere in the Fairmount Park System or at any Recreation Center, except under the following circumstances:

A. In connection with a special event under a City-issued special event permit or license for use as an administrative services area, a registration area, a security coordination or control area, a rest area, a first aid area, a storage area, or for similar uses related to the special event.

B. In connection with the activities of a City tenant, licensee, or concessionaire under and in accordance with a City-issued agreement.

C. In connection with a governmental event or activity that by law requires physical privacy.