

REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST
(Amended in Committee September 13, 2017)

[Park Code - Using Glass Beverage Containers in Parks]

Ordinance amending the Park Code to prohibit the use of glass beverage containers, with certain exceptions, in all City parks.

Existing Law

Littering or dumping waste material in City parks is unlawful under Park Code Section 4.04. Violations of the Park Code are punishable in court as infractions or misdemeanors. A person convicted of an infraction is subject to a fine of not more than \$100 for the first offense; a fine of not more than \$200 for the second offense within a year; and a fine of not more than \$500 for every additional offense within a year. A person convicted of a misdemeanor is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not more than six months, or both.

Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would prohibit persons from using glass beverage containers in (or bringing such containers to) open spaces and playgrounds in all City parks, unless the containers are authorized under a permit, concession, license, or lease issued by the Recreation and Park Department. Containers used in the care or feeding of infants would be exempted.

Background Information

This legislative digest reflects amendments made by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on September 13, 2017 to limit the scope of the proposed ordinance to glass beverage containers.

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