

ARTICLE XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Sec. 117. Director; general powers, duties.

Said director shall have charge, control and management and use of all public parks, squares and open places which are included in the park system of the City of New Haven on the effective date of this charter, and which may hereafter be acquired or dedicated to public use, as parts of or additions to the public park system of the City or Town of New Haven, whether within or without the limits of said city, but not including streets in parks within the city limits. The director shall have charge of the selection, cultivation, procuring, planting, spraying, trimming, preservation and removal of all trees in the streets of the City of New Haven and in parks and public places of said city. The director shall have charge of the preservation, development and adornment of said parks and places and the board of park commissioners is hereby empowered to make and alter, from time to time, all needful rules and regulations for the maintenance of order, safety and decency in said parks and places, use of recreation facilities, the prevention of any depredation therein or misuse of the same, and the protection and preservation of said parks and places, both within and without the limits of the city, and to affix penalties for disobedience thereto, which rules and regulations shall have the force of ordinances of the City of New Haven; provided, that no such rule or regulation shall be of any effect unless it shall have been first approved by the board of aldermen, and then published at full length in one or more of the daily newspapers published in New Haven, and also printed and posted in conspicuous places within the limits of the parks or places to which such regulation is intended to apply. For the purpose of enforcing such rules and regulations, all such parks and places, whether within or without the limits of the City of New Haven, are hereby placed under the police jurisdiction of the City of New Haven, and complaints for violation of such regulations may be made by the prosecuting attorney to the proper state court; but nothing contained in this section shall be construed to affect the general police or governmental jurisdiction of any town within whose limits any portion of such public park or place may be situated. Any member of the police department or the superintendent of any park may arrest, without warrant, in any of such parks or places, whether within or without the limits of the City of New Haven, any person who has broken any park rules or committed any other offense in said parks; and the proper state court shall have jurisdiction of all misdemeanors committed within the limits of said parks. Said board, with the approval of the board of aldermen, shall have power, in the name and on behalf of the City of New Haven, to procure by gift, purchase, lease exchange or other contract, or by condemnation as herein provided, real property, whether within or without the limits of the City of New Haven, for the purpose of providing public parks or the enlarging of existing parks, provided no expenditures shall be made in excess of the amount previously appropriated for such purpose, and provided no land shall be acquired by said board in the manner above specified within the Town of West Haven except within an area outlined in red on a map on file with the town clerk in West Haven, dated April 2, 1925, and known as "Map of West River Park" and provided no land shall be acquired by said board in the manner above specified in any other town except by agreement with the officials of the town in which such land shall be located.