

**CITY of ST. CHARLES
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEMO**

TO: All Athletic Field League Coordinators/Athletic Field Users
Using St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department Athletic Fields

FROM: Todd Kassabaum, Chief Ranger

DATE: March 25, 2015

RE: Beverage Coolers/Containers with Alcoholic Beverages on Athletic Fields & Spectator Areas Prohibited

CC: St Charles Parks and Recreation Board
Director of Parks & Recreation
All Parks and Recreation Division Directors
St. Charles Police Department

Please be advised of the following **City of St. Charles Alcohol Ordinance # 255.170**: "It shall be unlawful for any person, while in or about any city park, to: (3) Beverage Coolers. Have a beverage cooler with beer in it on the athletic fields or in the spectator areas of the athletic fields of any park under the control of the board". A COOLER is considered to be ANYTHING THAT HOLDS ICE. This ordinance does not prohibit park users from a drinking beer at an athletic field or in a spectator area of an athletic field; however it does prohibit patrons from having more than one beer in their possession or within a cooler/container. The intent of this ordinance is to minimize over consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possible problems associated with over consumption while at an athletic event. Such is to help ensure a more enjoyable experience and for the safety of the players, spectators, league officials and all other park users at the City of St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department Athletic Field areas.

This memo/ordinance is being sent to all League Coordinators/Field Users requesting that you copy it to all of your team managers & coaches. These team officials should be asked to inform each of their participating players and/or their team's spectators about the ordinance. This notice is being provided as a **pro-active warning**, intended to let everyone (leagues, teams, players, and team spectators) know about this law, since there has been a significant number of citizen complaints about violations. **Please be advised that the St. Charles Park Rangers and City Police will be checking coolers/containers for beer & other alcoholic beverages, when observed Violators will be subject to a citation being issued, persistent offenders could be being taken into custody and/or removed from the Park if necessary for habitual violations.**

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RE: Trash & Litter on Athletic Fields/Adjacent Areas

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The **City of St. Charles Parks & Recreation Board** has requested that **All League/Team Users** of the St. Charles Parks & Recreation Department Athletic Fields/Adjacent Facilities, **assist in controlling the trash & litter problem.**

In recent years trash and litter left by many League/Team Field Users in spectator/player areas and scattered by the wind has grown significantly. Valuable time and corresponding costs are being spent on removal of this problem by the Maintenance Division instead of necessary maintenance within the parks. A fee is associated with field space usage, for non trash/litter removal within the Athletic Field Permit Policy. We request that players and spectators pick up their trash and the area prior to leaving as we do not want to assess the fee for trash pickup unless absolutely necessary of a reoccurring problem with a league.

As the representative of the League/Team who requested field space in 2015, please communicate the information to players and spectators to help minimize this problem. Please bring this concern to the attention of the League/Team - Board, Association, Group, Athletic Director, Coaches, Captains and/or whoever needs to address the situation in advance of any problems occurring.

The St. Charles Parks & Recreation Board and Departmental Staff, thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.