
AMUSEMENT PARK AND TEMPORARY AMUSEMENT RIDES

The following information is a summary of the City's ordinance and is not intended to cover everything included within the ordinance. Whenever summarization creates a conflict, the official ordinance governs. A copy of the entire ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 455 N. Main - 13th Floor, or directly from the Internet at www.wichita.gov.

BASIS

Amusement park means inflatables, kiddie rides or amusement rides which are permanently attached to the real estate where such rides are operated.

Amusement ride means any inflatable or mechanical or electrical device that carries or conveys passengers along, around or over a fixed or restricted route or course or within a defined area for the purpose of giving its passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills or excitement and shall include:

1. Rides commonly known as ferris wheels, carousels, parachute towers, bungee jumping, reverse bungee jumping, tunnels of love and roller coasters;
2. Equipment generally associated with winter activities, such as ski lifts, ski tows, j-bars, 5-bars, chair lifts and aerial tramways;
3. Equipment not originally designed to be used as an amusement ride, such as cranes or other lifting devices, when used as part of an amusement ride;
4. Kiddie rides, and
5. Temporary amusement rides.

Temporary amusement rides shall be construed to include and mean the operation, leasing or renting of amusement rides which can be, or are, moved from location to location.

Amusement park rides shall not include:

- a. Games, concessions and associated structures;
- b. Any coin-operated ride that: (i) is manually, mechanically or electrically operated, (ii) is customarily placed in a public location, and (iii) does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator.
- c. Non-mechanized playground equipment, including, but not limited to swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features; rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, slides, trampolines and physical fitness devices.
- d. Solely used for private residential use for family and guests for their personal enjoyment for which no admission fee is charged.
- e. Advertising inflatables or inflatable target games that do not require participants to enter into or climb on.
- f. Boats, air mattresses, or other flotation devices.

Carnivals and circuses are required, when applicable, to obtain a community event license as required by Chapter 3.11 of the Code of the City of Wichita.

LEGAL

REFERENCE

Chapter 3.20, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas.

REGULATIONS

No amusement park shall be installed or operated in use districts other than those districts where allowed by the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code, relating to zoning within the corporate city limits of the City of Wichita.

All improvements, amusement rides and temporary amusement rides installed, erected or operated shall meet and comply with all requirements and regulations provided in and by the building code as set out in Title 18 of this Code and the electrical code as set out in Title 19 of this Code.

No mechanical piano, organ, phonograph or other instrument or device by which music is produced or reproduced shall be played or operated in connection with an amusement park, or any amusement ride or temporary amusement ride after 10:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or after the hour of 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and the volume of noise produced and emitted by such mechanical instruments or devices shall be kept in compliance with Chapter 7.41 of the City Code regulating noise.

Amusement parks shall close and cease operations promptly at 12:00 midnight. No amusement ride or temporary amusement ride shall operate after 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or after 12:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. If amusement park attractions and amusement rides or temporary amusement rides are operated completely with an enclosed building, the operation and closing times are not applicable. Amusement parks shall close at 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 midnight, Friday and Saturday.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

A list of the name, manufacturer, type and serial or other identification number (if available) of amusement ride which are used by the licensee, or rented or leased to other persons by the licensee or applicant.

Copies of the ride inspections, provide the printed name, address, and telephone number of the individual inspecting the rides and the copy of the ride inspector's certification as required by Section 3.20.060 of the Code of the City of Wichita.

Level I qualified inspector shall perform inspections for inflatables or kiddie rides every 12 months.

Level II qualified inspector shall perform inspections for amusement rides, other than inflatables or kiddie rides; amusement park rides erected at a permanent location every 12 months; and temporary amusement rides, with the exception of kiddie rides and inflatables, within the preceding 30 days prior to the ride being erected.

No amusement ride shall be operated in the City unless such ride has a valid certificate of inspection. The inspection verification certificate, issued by the City, shall be posted in plain view on or near the amusement ride in a location where it can easily be seen. The Superintendent of Central Inspection, or his/her designee, is authorized to inspect and approve the licensee's premises and amusement rides to ensure compliance with all state laws and the ordinances of the City of Wichita governing public health, safety and welfare.

Certificate of Commercial General Liability Insurance with coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

License is not transferable to another person or location. The \$25.00 Application Fee and \$1.00 New Applicant Fee are non-refundable. A change in ownership shall require the new owner to secure a new license.

ENFORCING AUTHORITY

Office of Central Inspection; Public Works Dept. Environmental Services Div.; Police Department

FEES

Application Fee (non-refundable) for Amusement Park and Temporary Amusement Rides	\$25.00
Amusement Park	\$600.00
20 or more Temporary Amusement Rides	\$600.00
Less than 20 Temporary Amusement Rides	\$30.00/each
New Applicant Fee	\$1.00

Allow 30 days for approval.