

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FRIO §

**ORDER**

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS,  
CREATING, AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE FRIO COUNTY PARKS & POND  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Frio County is the steward of Frio County Parks;

**WHEREAS**, Frio County, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Sections 316, 320 and 331, is authorized to create rules and regulations for parks owned, maintained or operated by the county;

**WHEREAS**, park rules are necessary to foster cooperation among park users and to ensure that the Frio County government can pass these parks to the next generation in as good as condition if not better than when it was created and established;

**WHEREAS**, the fees collected for park use as set out in the Frio County Park Rules are not expected to produce more total revenue in a year than is necessary to pay the annual expense of providing all county recreational facilities and services.

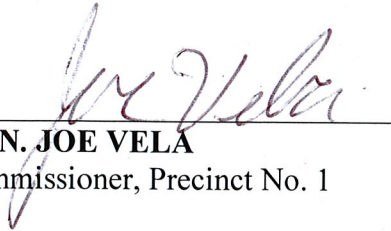
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commissioners Court of the County of Frio, Texas at a regular called meeting, duly, with a quorum present at the Frio County Commissioners Courtroom, Frio County Courthouse, Pearsall, Texas, that the Commissioners' Court of Frio County does hereby **ORDER** the adoption of the following Frio County Parks & Pond Rules and Regulations, which will supersede and replace any previously adopted Rules, Regulations, and Requirements Relating to Frio County Parks.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Commissioners Court of Frio County, Texas, on this 14th day of January, 2025, with the following members of the court voting: \_\_\_\_\_ **AYE**, \_\_\_\_\_ **NAY**, with \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSTAINING**, and 1 **ABSENT**.

  
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**HON. ROCHELLE CAMACHO**

County Judge

  
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**HON. JOE VELA**


Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

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**HON. MARIO MARTINEZ**

Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

  
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**HON. RAUL CARRIZALES, III**  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

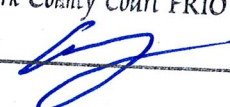
  
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**HON. DANNY CANO**  
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**ATTEST:**

  
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**HON. AARON IBARRA**  
Frio County Clerk  
*Ex officio* Clerk of the  
Frio County Commissioners Court

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chief) Deputy Clerk

FILED  
At 5:00 o'clock P M  
This 14th day of July 2025  
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Aaron T. Ibarra  
Clerk County Court FRIO COUNTY, TX  
BY:  \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY

# **FRIO COUNTY PARKS & POND RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Every effort is made to keep all Frio County facilities open, available, and accessible to the general public. The facility rules are designated to foster cooperation among facility users and to allow the Frio County government to pass the facilities to the next generation in as good as condition, if not better, than when it was created and established. These rules govern the use of all Frio County Facilities. For questions or more information, please call the Office of the Frio County Judge at (830) 505-2988 or Frio County Road & Bridge Department at (830) 505-7402.

## **I. DEFINITIONS**

**“ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES”** means a beverage containing more than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of alcohol by volume, which is suitable for use as a beverage, either alone or diluted, and only beer and wine will be included in this definition and this definition will not include “mixed drinks” or hard liquor.

**“ASSEMBLY”** means a group of people gathered in one place for a common purpose.

**“COMMISSIONERS COURT”** means the Commissioners Court of Frio County, Texas.

**“COUNTY”** means Frio County, Texas.

**“DISORDERLY CONDUCT”** means as stated in the Texas Penal Code, Section §42.01, which states as follows:

- (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly:
  - (1) uses abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language in a public place, and the language by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
  - (2) makes an offensive gesture or display in a public place, and the gesture or display tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
  - (3) creates, by chemical means, a noxious and unreasonable odor in a public place;
  - (4) abuse or threatens a person in a public place in an obviously offensive manner;
  - (5) makes unreasonable noise in a public place other than a sport shooting range, as defined by Section §250.001, Local Government Code, or in or near a private residence that he has no right to occupy;
  - (6) fights with another in a public place;
  - (7) discharges a firearm in a public place other than a public road or a sport shooting range, as defined by Section §250.001, Local Government Code;
  - (8) displays a firearm or other deadly weapon in a public place in a manner calculated to alarm;
  - (9) discharges a firearm on or across a public road;
  - (10) exposes his anus or genitals in a public place and is reckless about whether another may be present who will be offended or alarmed by his act; or
  - (11) for a lewd or unlawful purpose:

- (A) enters on the property of another and looks into a dwelling on the property through any window or other opening in the dwelling;
- (B) while on the premises of a hotel or comparable establishment, looks into a guest room not the person's own through a window or other opening in the room; or
- (C) while on the premises of a public place, looks into an area such as a restroom or shower stall or changing or dressing room that is designed to provide privacy to a person using the area.

**“EXPLOSIVE”** means any chemical compound or mixture that is commonly used or intended for the purpose of producing an explosion.

**“FACILITY”** means building, structure, lot, parking lot, park, cemetery, or facility that is owned, operated, or maintained by Frio County.

**“PARK SUPERINTENDENT”** means the Frio County Judge/Frio County Administrator or any person whom may be appointed by the Frio County Judge or County Administrator on a rotational basis with delegated powers to oversee the operation and management of the facility.

**“GAMBLING”** means gambling as stated in the Texas Penal Code, Section §47.02, which states in part:

- (a) A person commits an offense if he:
  - (1) makes a bet on the partial or final result of a game or contest or on the performance of a participant in a game or contest;
  - (2) makes a bet on the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election or on the degree of success of any nominee, appointee, or candidate; or
  - (3) plays and bets for money or other thing of value at any game played with cards, dice, balls, or any other gambling device.
- (b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that:
  - (1) the actor engaged in gambling in a private place;
  - (2) no person received any economic benefit other than personal winnings; and
  - (3) except for the advantage of skill or luck, the risks of losing and the chances of winning were the same for all participants.
- (c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the actor reasonably believed that the conduct:
  - (1) was permitted under Chapter 2001, Occupations Code;
  - (2) was permitted under Chapter 2002, Occupations Code;
  - (3) consisted entirely of participation in the state lottery authorized by the State Lottery Act (Chapter 466, Government Code);
  - (4) was permitted under the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); or
  - (5) consisted entirely of participation in a drawing for the opportunity to participate in a hunting, fishing, or other recreational event conducted by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

- (d) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.
- (e) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that a person played for something of value other than money using an electronic, electromechanical, or mechanical contrivance excluded from the definition of "gambling device" under Section 47.01(4)(B).

**"LIGHT TRUCK"** means any truck with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity not to exceed 2,000 pounds and is intended to include those trucks commonly known as pickup trucks, panel delivery trucks, carry-all trucks, and vans.

**"NIGHTTIME HOURS"** means the time between thirty (30) minutes prior to sundown to sunup.

**"NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION"** or **"NPO"** is any organization defined in Section 501(c) Internal Revenue Service Code, or any other sections of such code.

**"PARK"** means a park owned, operated, or maintained by Frio County for recreation and enjoyment by the general public.

**"PERSON"** means any individual, group of individuals, organizations, corporations, or other legal entity.

**"PET"** means an animal kept for pleasure rather than utility.

**"PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION"** means action by a group or collection of groups of people in favor of a political or other cause.

**"ROAD"** is any road maintained or controlled by the County for public passage for vehicles.

**"SPECIAL EVENT"** means an event intended for more than fifty (50) individuals or any event where alcoholic beverages will be sold, provided, distributed, or otherwise consumed.

**"VEHICLE"** means every device in, upon, or by which any individual or property may be transported or drawn upon a road except a device moved by human power.

**"WEAPON"** means a rifle, bow and arrow, club, handgun, firearm, illegal knife, shotgun, short-barrel firearm, gas gun or gas pistol, BB gun or pistol, pellet gun or pellet pistol, zip gun, sling or sling shot, and includes those objects defined as weapons or prohibited weapons in Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code, as amended.

**"WILDLIFE"** means living things that are neither human nor domesticated.

**I. HOURS OF OPERATION/GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>FRIO COUNTY FACILITY-HOURS OF OPERATION</b>
<p><b>Frio County Regional Park:</b> 1355 FM 1581, Pearsall, Texas <b>Frio County Community Fishing Pond:</b> 610 Gilliam Road, Pearsall, Texas <b>Fireman’s Park:</b> 500 E. Medina, Pearsall, Texas <b>Bigfoot Park:</b> FM 472 and CR 2800, Bigfoot, Texas</p> <p>Hours Of Operation: 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays through Thursdays</p>
<b>SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION</b>
<p><b>Summer hours may be accommodated for summer schedule.</b></p>

No person shall enter into or remain within the park at anytime other than during such time as the park is open to the public as designated on the sign at or near the entrance of the park unless that person has been provided advance written permission from the Frio County Commissioners Court.

**II. VEHICLES**

No person shall operate a vehicle within the park except on the roads or parking lots within the park. Operation of a vehicle on the shoulder of the road will only be permitted if the driver is parking on the shoulder of the road or is driving a parked vehicle from the shoulder of the road to the main road itself.

No person shall operate a vehicle in the park at a speed greater than 5 m.p.h. or at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances than existing.

No person shall operate a truck within the park. This provision does not apply to light truck nor trucks making deliveries of materials, supplies and equipment purchased by the County.

No person shall cause a vehicle to be parked within the park except in a designated parking area. Vehicles parked on the shoulder of a road in designated area will be subject to being towed, placed in storage by the appropriate peace officer and liable for towing fees.

No person shall cause a vehicle to remain within a park after hours or in excess of twenty-four (24) at any given one time unless park superintendent as defined in the “Definitions” section is notified and approval is granted. Vehicles remaining within the park for which approval has not been granted will be towed and placed in storage by the appropriate peace officer at the owner’s expense.

### III. RESERVATIONS

Applicants desiring to reserve a facility must submit an Application for Use. Applications can be found on-line on the Frio County website ([www.co.frio.tx.us](http://www.co.frio.tx.us)) or requested at the Frio County Road & Bridge Department at 2207 BI 35E, Pearsall Texas. In some cases, not all parts of the facility are available to the general public or available for reservation.

All reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations are not confirmed until the Application for Use is approved and the required fee has been received by the County. If your reservation is not a Special Event or other Frio County Park use that will involve the sale, distribution, provision or consumption of alcohol, the reservation process will be considered complete. **Failure to submit the required documentation and fee in a timely manner may result in denial of the application resulting in a cancellation of the request.**

Applicants making a reservation for Special Events or using the facilities in such a manner that involves the sale, distribution, provision, or consumption of alcoholic beverages will be required to provide proof of insurance as required in Section XIV. Applicants will be required to sign a License Agreement that must be approved prior to the event. This License Agreement will be provided to the applicant when the executed application is returned. This License Agreement must be submitted before the reservation process is considered complete.

**Applicants using any Frio County Facility will do so at their own risk. Frio County will not be responsible for any injury to any person or personal items that are lost, stolen or damaged.**

### IV. RESERVATION FEES

- A. A non-refundable fee of \$75.00/day if between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- B. A non-refundable fee of \$125.00/per day if between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; or
- C. A non-refundable fee of \$150.00/day if the event will involve the sale, distribution, provision, or consumption of alcohol, is required at the time of application. **(Plus, park fee).**
- D. **If additional hours are requested a fee of \$50.00 per hour will be implemented.**
- E. A \$50.00 fee will be implemented if a waterslide or bounce castle will be used.  
**(See Applicant Waiver) WATERSLIDES AND BOUNCE CASTLE WILL BE PLACED IN DESIGNATED AREA ONLY. GAME BUS' ARE NOT ALLOWED**
- F. This fee must be paid by Money Order only and made payable to Frio County. No personal checks or cash will be accepted.
- G. All fees must be paid in advance of the event. No partial payments will be accepted.
- H. Written cancellation of a reservation must be submitted to the Road & Bridge Department. The request must be in writing and made by the same person who originally created the reservation. If needed, permittee will be allowed to reschedule event one time.  
If any cancellation is submitted more than 30-days prior to the event, half of the refund will be granted.  
Refunds will be returned to the applicant in a manner prescribed by the County Auditor's Office. Typically, refunds are mailed to the address provided unless the applicant makes other arrangements with the County Auditor's Office.

## **V. FIRES**

Except in designated areas, no person may light, build, or maintain a fire within the facility other than within a barbecue pit. This rule does not apply to the lighting, burning, or smoking of a cigar, cigarette, or pipe used for the smoking of tobacco. Fires may be prohibited during hazardous conditions, including when Commissioners Court prohibits outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of the County.

**No outside BBQ pits are permitted.**

## **VI. WEAPONS**

No person, other than a law enforcement officer, may carry or possess a weapon within the facility.

## **VII. EXPLOSIVES**

No person may possess gunpowder or other combustibles, explosives, or fireworks within the facility. This provision does not apply to gasoline and other petroleum products in fuel tanks of motor vehicles nor petroleum products intended to be used as fuel for cooking.

## **VIII. ANIMALS**

Service animals are permitted without advance notice to the County. No person may bring into or possess in the facility any animal that is not a service animal, except in the case of an outdoor event. Animals such as domestic dogs, cats, horses and other livestock may be allowed at the event. The permittee will be responsible for cleaning up after the animals and must kept in designated areas only.

## **IX. FISHING**

Fishing is only allowed in designated areas of the facility and only in the manners posted. No throwlines, trotlines, or nets are allowed. **Bass are catch and release only. LIMIT: 5 fish**

## **X. OVERNIGHT CAMPING OR PARKING**

Overnight camping or parking in the facility is prohibited, except when authorized by the Park Superintendent in the area specified.

## **XI. RESOURCE PROTECTION**

### **A. NATURAL MATERIALS**

Do not destroy, disturb, or remove from the facility any timber, shrubs, other vegetation rock, sand, gravel, caliche, or other similar substance, materials, or geologic feature. Plants may not be brought into the facility. The cutting and/or gathering of firewood is also prohibited.

### **B. WILDLIFE**

Do not willfully feed, harm, harass, trap, confine, catch, or possess any wildlife within the facility, except as permitted by Section XV.



**C. PLANT LIFE**

Do not willfully destroy or remove any tree, shrubs, vine, wildflower, grass, fern, moss, leaves, cones, or dead or downed wood within the facility.

**D. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGICAL, AND HISTORICAL FEATURES**

Do not disturb any archaeological, paleontological, or historical features of any character located in, on, or under the facility.

**E. PROPERTY**

Do not carve, paint, mark, damage, or destroy any tree, fence, rock, structure, building, etc. Do not alter any barrier, fence, traffic control device, or other county property. Do not place or attach posters, flyers, signs, political or otherwise, to existing buildings, structures, trees or fences.

**G. SOLID WASTE**

No garbage or other solid waste may be dumped or littered in the facility. Garbage associated with the facility use must be deposited in the containers provided.

**XII. GLASS CONTAINERS**

No person shall use or possess any glass containers in or around the parks.

**XIII. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONSUMPTION IN FRIO COUNTY PARKS:**

- A. No person shall consume, provide, sell, distribute, store, or otherwise consume alcoholic beverages in any county park, except in the following areas:
  - 1. Frio County Regional Park: The park pavilion and its immediate surrounding area.
  - 2. Frio County Pond: Alcoholic beverages **ARE ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED.**
  - 3. Fireman’s Park: The park pavilion and its immediate surrounding area.
  - 4. BigFoot Park: The park pavilion and its immediate surrounding area.
- B. Park patrons will be allowed to bring alcoholic beverages into the park for consumption purposes only and only in the areas indicated above.
- C. No person or NPO shall solicit for, hold or sponsor a Special Event in the park or park facility at which beer or wine under a proper license (“picnic license”) issued by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is sold, without the prior written permission of the Commissioners Court.
- D. Persons or NPO’s selling, distributing or otherwise providing alcoholic beverages to park patrons are obligated to pay the state tax on alcoholic beverages sold at Special Events.

**XIV. SECURITY REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

The applicant must employ and pay for the required number of Frio County Law Enforcement Officers (includes the Frio County Sheriff’s Office, Frio County Constables, Pearsall Police Department, and the Dilley Police Department) to provide security during the Special Event. The required minimum number of officers is one (1) officer per 50 individuals with the officer being employed for a minimum of four (4) hours. Fees are negotiable between the officer(s) and the applicant.

Minimum Number of Peace Officers:\_\_\_\_\_

Security Officer's Name/Badge#/Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

**XV. PORTABLE RESTROOM FACILITIES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS**

Persons or NPO's holding a Special Event will be required to provide two (2) portable restroom facilities ("porta-potties") for every 50 individuals. These facilities will be in addition to the park's restrooms.

**XVI. AUTHORIZED USAGE**

The County Parks are available for use by the general public but may not interfere with County government functions or conflict with official County activities. It is required to have a 24-hour written notice by calling the Frio County Road & Bridge Department (830) 505-7402.

Do not use any area of the facility for any purpose other than for the purpose for which it was designed, intended, or designated.

The solicitation or sale of goods and services are prohibited, except with written approval of the Commissioners Court.

**XVII. PUBLIC INTOXICATION**

- A. Public intoxication is not permitted. Violators who become or appear intoxicated will be removed from the facility and may be subject to the full extent of the law.

**XVIII. LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS**

Special Events with 100 or more individuals or any event where alcoholic beverages will be sold, provided, distributed, or otherwise consumed, will be required to maintain the following insurance requirements for the duration of the event:

Type of Insurance	Amount of Coverage
Commercial General Liability Insurance	Not Less Than: \$600,000 per occurrence \$1,000,000 in the aggregate
Bodily Injury and Property Damage	Not Less Than: \$600,000 per occurrence \$1,000,000 in the aggregate

Name Frio County as the additional insured. Provide the Certificate of Insurance from the carrier at the time of application.

**XIX. USE OF SOUND AMPLIFICATION DEVICES OR SPEAKERS**

Do not use any loudspeaker, public address, or amplifier within any County Park without the prior approval of Commissioners Court. Do not violate any noise ordinances during the event.

**XX. NOISE LIMIT**

Visitors will not create excessive noise that disturbs other visitors or adjacent residents. All generators, amplification devices, and speakers must be turned off when the facility is closed, except with written approval from Commissioners Court.

**XXI. MINORS**

Adults are responsible for their minor children’s actions.

**XXII. OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT:**

- A. Visitors will not use offensive language, offensive gestures or engage in any conduct that constitutes disorderly conduct under Texas State Law. (Texas Penal Code 42.01)
- B. Public nudity is prohibited.
- C. Climbing on park trees, shrubs or any park structure that are not playground equipment is prohibited.

**XXIII. ILLEGAL GAMBLING**

Illegal gambling, as defined by Texas Penal Code 47.02, is strictly prohibited on Frio County Park land without proper license. This includes charitable bingo. Any group wanting to conduct bingo games on county property must present a license to conduct bingo at the location requested at least 10 working days before conducting the event. A failure to present the necessary license will result in the cancellation of the reservation. For additional information, please go to [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org) or contact the Charitable Bingo Operations Division of the Texas Lottery Commission.

**XXIV. PARK USE**

No person shall use any area or facility of a park for any purpose other than for the purpose for which it was designed or designated.

**XXV. SOLICITATION AND SALE OF GOOD AND SERVICES**

The solicitation or the sale of goods and services are prohibited unless the person receives the prior written approval of the Commissioners Court.

**XXVI. ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED PROPERTY**

Do not abandon or leave unattended property at any County Park. Any abandoned or unattended property will be removed, impounded, or sold.

**XXVII. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

Any cancellation of any park reservation must be made to the Frio County Road & Bridge Department, and that request must be made by the same person who originally created the reservation. Monies will only be returned to the individual that made the original reservation.

**XXVIII. DEFACING, DAMAGING, DESTROYING, OR VANDALIZING PARTS OR PORTIONS OF THE PARK STRUCTURES** WILL RESULT IN THE PROSECUTION AND ARREST OF THE VIOLATORS.

PROVIDING VALID INFORMATION WILL LEAD TO AN REWARD FOR THE ARREST, PROSECUTION, AND CONVICTION OF VIOLATORS

THE COUNTY PROVIDES RESTROOMS, PLAYGROUNDS, BARBEQUE PITS, AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR PATRONS OF THE FACILITY FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE. THE COUNTY TAKES ANY ACTS THAT DAMAGE, DESTROY, DEFACE, OR VANDALIZE THE FACILITY VERY SERIOUSLY. THE COUNTY PROVIDES A ONE TIME REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 (PER OCCURRENCE) TO BE SHARED EQUALLY BY INDIVIDUAL(S) WHO REPORT THESE ACTS BY VIOLATORS WHO ARE LATER ARRESTED, PROSECUTED, AND CONVICTED IN A COURT OF LAW.

**XXIX. REMOVAL FROM COUNTY PARKS**

ANY PERSON CAUSING, CONTRIBUTING TO, OR DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISRUPTIVE, DESTRUCTIVE, HAZARDOUS, VIOLENT, OR UNLAWFUL CONDUCT MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE FACILITY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

**XXX.** FRIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY CHANGE THE TIME AND SET DIFFERENT FEES FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY PARKS:

Pursuant to V.T.C.A., Texas Local Government Code ("the Code") Section 316.004, Special Circumstances; Waiver, the Frio County Commissioners Court may set all collect fees for the use of the park as allowed by Section 316.001 (1), Authority to Set and Collect Fees, in consideration of the following factors:

- (1) The time of day or the day of the week on which County Park is used;
- (2) The size of a group wishing to use County Park or Service.