



**CITY OF SALINAS**  
**LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**  
**FROM: KRISTAN LUNDQUIST, LCS DIRECTOR**  
**TITLE: RULES FOR USE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS**

RECOMMENDATION:

A motion recommending the implementation of rules for use of artificial turf fields within the City of Salinas Park System.

BACKGROUND:

For 30 years or more plans have existed for a soccer field at Cesar Chavez Community Park. In 2016 the City applied for a grant from the California State Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to construct an artificial turf soccer field at Cesar Chavez Community Park. The State of California notified the City on June 14, 2017 of the \$998,264 award. On May 16, 2023 the City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Cesar Chavez Park Soccer Field and awarded a contract to Norcal Contractor for construction. The project is near completion and the Recreation-Park Division will be responsible for the operations.

In addition to the artificial turf soccer field, the City will be implementing two other artificial turf multi-use courts at the new Hebron Family Center and El Gabilan Play Lot.

When implementing artificial turf facilities, organizations establish rules based on the manufacture's recommendations. Staff has researched signage posted at other jurisdictions as well and at this time recommends the following be prohibited on artificial turf facilities managed by the City of Salinas:

- Muddy footwear
- Spikes or metal cleats
- Glass bottles or containers
- Food, gum or drinks (water is ok)
- Smoking and open flames
- Golfing
- Vehicles, bicycles, scooters, etc.
- Chairs, tents, canopies, gazeboes, or flags with spikes
- Chalk or field paint
- Lights, generators, amplified sound (without proper permitting)

Sec. 28-13 of the Salinas Municipal Code indicates that the Commission may prescribe and is hereby authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations in addition to those herein set forth as in the opinion of that commission may be necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the public park and recreational facilities of the city, and may amend, repeal and modify or enlarge the same at any time. Any and all such rules and regulations when so promulgated and conspicuously posted in or at the building or buildings, or area or areas, to which the same pertain, shall be kept, conformed to, and observed by all persons, and it shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to observe any of such rules and regulations so promulgated and posted.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This ordinance update supports the following strategic goals:

- Youth and Seniors
- Public Safety

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

Library & Community Services Department has been coordinating with the Public Works Department on the Cesar Chavez Soccer Field project.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

None