

# **NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

## **NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

### **Revision of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation's Rules**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN** the Commissioner of the Department of Parks & Recreation (“the Department”) by Sections 389 and 533(a)(9) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the requirement of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter, the Department hereby revises § 2-01 and § 2-09 of Chapter 2 to Title 56 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York.

Written comments regarding the rules were received in accordance with the notice published in the City Record or electronically through NYC RULES at [www.nyc.gov/nycrules](http://www.nyc.gov/nycrules) and a public hearing was held on January 17, 2016 at Recreation Center 54, 348 East 54th Street, New York, NY 10022. Written comments were made available to the public within a reasonable time after the hearing Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at The Arsenal, Room 313, 830 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065, telephone (212) 360-1383.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose**

The Parks Department is revising § 2-01 and § 2-09 of Chapter 2 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York. The revised rules reduce by half the cost of a seasonal adult tennis permits at courts under the Department's jurisdiction. The rules also clarify rules for using tennis permits and recreational permits and reorganize the fee schedule to separate restaurant boardwalk license fees from recreational permit fees.

The purpose of this rule is to:

- Expand recreational opportunities by making tennis more affordable and accessible for adults at tennis courts under the Parks Department's jurisdiction.
- Clarify the rules on tennis permits to provide additional guidance on the purchase of tennis permits, including online purchase, and the use of tennis permits and courts.
- Clarify the fee schedule for recreational permits to specify duration and costs.

The Parks Department's authority for these rules is found in Sections 389, 533(a)(9), and 1043 of the New York City Charter.

### **Rule Amendment**

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

**Section 1. Section 2-01 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:**

**§ 2-01 Tennis.**

Each tennis player must have a valid tennis permit [or single-play tennis ticket] to play on outdoor tennis courts under the jurisdiction of the Department between the first Saturday in April and Sunday before Thanksgiving.

*(a) Tennis permits.*

(1) Tennis permits are available for purchase at the Arsenal and at locations in each of the five boroughs and on the Parks Department website.

(2) Seasonal [Tennis] tennis permits are issued on an annual basis, and may be used for unlimited play during the [year] tennis season for which they were issued in one-hour increments for singles play and two-hour increments for doubles play.

(3) In the event a seasonal tennis permit is lost, a duplicate permit may be obtained for a fee pursuant to § 2-09(a).

(4) Seasonal [Tennis] tennis permits may not be transferred or resold.

(5) A single-play tennis permit may be used during the tennis season in which it was purchased in lieu of a seasonal permit to play tennis for one hour on tennis courts under the jurisdiction of the Department.

*[(b) Single-play tennis tickets.*

(1) Single-play tennis tickets are available for purchase at the Arsenal and at locations in each of the five boroughs.

(2) A single-play tennis ticket may be used during the year in which it was purchased in lieu of a tennis permit to play tennis for one hour during the year during which it was purchased on tennis courts under the jurisdiction of the Department.]

*[(c) Reservation tickets.*

(1) Reservation tickets are available for purchase at the Arsenal and at locations in each of the five boroughs.

(2) A reservation ticket may be used during the year in which it was purchased by a tennis permit-holder to reserve one hour of court time up to eight days in advance of scheduled play.

(3) If tennis courts are closed due to rain, reservation tickets may be exchanged at the location where the reservation was made for a "rain check." The rain check shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance.]

(b) Reservations.

(1) Online reservations:

(i) All tennis permit holders may reserve tennis courts online at the Department's website for all courts accepting reservations for a fee pursuant to § 2-09(a).

(2) Advance Reservation Tickets:

(i) All tennis permit holders may reserve tennis courts at Central Park and Prospect Park using Advance Reservation Tickets for a fee pursuant to § 2-09(a).

(ii) Any tennis permit holder may reserve a tennis court in Central Park or Prospect Park by first purchasing an Advance Reservation Ticket at the Arsenal or at a designated location in each of the five boroughs, and then redeeming the Advance Reservation Ticket for a reservation either in person or by phone.

(3) If a player is more than five minutes late for a reservation, the reservation is forfeited without compensation.

(4) If a reserved court is closed due to rain or any other reason, reservations may be rescheduled during the tennis season.

[(d)] (c) Use of Tennis courts.

(1) Outdoor [Tennis] tennis courts are open daily, weather permitting, except when under construction or repair, or when reserved for tournaments or special events.

(2) Players must wear smooth-soled, heelless footwear on clay or composition courts. Suction soled shoes and running shoes are prohibited on all surfaces on Department tennis courts.

(3) [Reservation tickets shall be presented to the tennis attendant at the time the reservation is made. The tennis attendant will reserve the court for one hour. If players are more than five minutes late, the reservation shall be forfeited without compensation.

(4) Tennis permits or single-play tickets shall be presented to the attendant in charge of the tennis courts, who will make court assignments.

(5) Reservation ticket holders. Permit holders and single play ticket holders will be given their choice of court assignments in the order of their registration.

(6) Reservations shall be made on the hour.] When an attendant is present, players must register with the attendant by presenting their tennis permits to the attendant. The tennis attendant will make court assignments.

[(7)] (4) A maximum of six (6) balls may be used on each court.

[(8)] (5) All disputes, including but not limited to disputes concerning court reservations, permit ownership, and suitability of court conditions for play, shall be settled by the tennis attendant.

[(9)] (6) Locker-room and shower privileges are not included with tennis permit privileges. Locker-rooms and showers in the Central Park Tennis Center may be used by individuals renting lockers for the fee listed in § 2-09. Rentals are subject to the Central Park Tennis Center's terms of rental and are valid for one tennis season.

[(10)] (7) Anyone who fails to comply with these rules or the instructions of the tennis attendant or other Parks employee will be ordered to leave the tennis courts. Failure to leave when ordered to do so shall be treated as a violation of § 103(c)(1).

[(11)] (8) Tennis hours may vary at individual sites. All players must comply with posted hours.

**Section 2. Subdivision (a) of Section 2-09 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended and divided into two tables to read as follows:**

**§2-09 Fee Schedules.**

(a) [All boroughs.] The Department will charge permit fees and other related fees in accordance with the tables below.

[Permit] [Fee]  
TENNIS PERMITS & FEES

<u>Seasonal Adult Tennis Permit (18 [years] to 61 years of age)</u>	<u>[\$ 200.00] \$ 100.00</u>
<u>Seasonal Adult Tennis Permit (18 [years] to 61 years of age) with valid IDNYC Card</u>	<u>[\$ 180.00] \$ 90.00</u>
<u>Seasonal Senior Tennis Permit (62 years of age and above)</u>	\$ 20.00
<u>Seasonal Junior Tennis Permit (17 years of age and below)</u>	\$ 10.00
<u>Seasonal Adult and Senior Duplicate (to replace a lost Permit)</u>	\$ 15.00
<u>Seasonal Junior Duplicate (to replace a lost Permit)</u>	\$ 6.00
<u>Single Play Tennis Permit</u>	\$ 15.00
<u>Advance Reservation Ticket</u>	\$ 15.00
<u>Online Reservation</u>	<u>\$ 15.00</u>
<u>Central Park Tennis [Lockers] Locker</u>	\$ 20.00

ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL PERMITS

[LAWN BOWLING] <u>Lawn Bowling Permit—Annual</u>	\$ 30.00
[CROQUET] <u>Croquet Permit—Annual</u>	\$ 30.00
[MODEL YACHT STORAGE] <u>Model Yacht Storage Fee—Annual</u>	\$ 20.00
[KAYAK/CANOE] <u>Boat Launch/Kayak/Canoe Permit—Annual</u>	\$ 15.00
[POOL PERMITS] <u>Summer Day Camp Pool Permit—Daily (for [Groups] groups of 10 or more supervised individuals)</u>	<u>\$25.00 application fee plus \$1.00 [for each] per individual in group</u>
[SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT] <u>Special Event Permit Application Fee</u>	\$25.00

[USE OF BOARDWALK SPACE BY RESTAURANTS

Self-serve Restaurants        \$ 55.00/linear foot  
Table Service Restaurants     \$110.00/linear foot]

**Section 3. Section 2-09 of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (d), to read as follows:**

(d) The Department will charge restaurants licensed to use boardwalk space in accordance with the table below.

USE OF BOARDWALK SPACE BY RESTAURANTS

<u>Self-serve Restaurants</u>		<u>\$ 55.00 per linear foot</u>
<u>Table Service Restaurants</u>		<u>\$ 110.00 per linear foot</u>