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Director's Rule 1-2023

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BACKGROUND

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) Section 3.35.040.D authorizes the Director of the Department of Neighborhoods to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out departmental activities pursuant to SMC Chapter 3.02.

The P-Patch Code of Conduct was last updated in 2010 by DON Director's Rule 1-2010. This new Director's Rule supersedes DON Director's Rule 1-2010, adds language prohibiting open flames and burning activity in P-Patches, incorporates updates to the P-Patch Program's Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy, and makes formatting changes.

RULE

P-PATCH CODE OF CONDUCT

P-Patch Program Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy

The following behaviors are prohibited in all P-Patches when interacting with fellow gardeners, community members or City staff:

- Content or behavior that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination based on a person's race, color, religion, creed, caste, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, genetic information, disability, marital status, veteran or military status, status with regard to public assistance, or political ideology.
- Obscene or racist comments
- Personal attacks, harassment, insults or threatening language
- Profane language or content
- Engaging in disruptive/unsafe behavior that disturbs others in the garden
- Sexual misconduct

Prohibited Activities

While on the premises of a P-Patch community garden, the following activities are prohibited:

- Destruction of property
- Spitting, urinating or defecating (except in designated restrooms)
- Unleashed dogs (please pick up after your dog)
- Theft of plants or property
- Possession, sale or use of illegal drugs
- Disposing of unwanted items anywhere but in a designated trash or recycling receptacle
- Possession of firearms or other weapons
- Any conduct that unreasonably interferes with other people's use of the P-Patch
- Drinking of alcoholic beverages without a permit
- Smoking or vaping (Washington State Code RCW 70.160.030)
- Camping or setting up structures
- Improper use of water fixtures (no bathing, shampooing or washing clothes)
- Campfires, bonfires, burn barrels, fire pits and/or any other form of open flame or burning activity

Enforcement

Failure to comply with the P-Patch Code of Conduct may result in:

- Disqualification from further participation in the P-Patch Program
- Withdrawal of permission to access the property for a specified period of time
- Citation or arrest for criminal trespass if individual enters or remains on P-Patch property after having been notified that their permission to be on the property has been withdrawn (SMC Section 12A.08.040)