

**TITLE 725. OKLAHOMA TOURISM AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CHAPTER 30. DIVISION OF STATE PARKS**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 4. Public Use and Recreation

725:30-4-18 Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances [AMENDED]

Subchapter 12. Reservations and Use of Cabins, Group Camps, Shelters, Reserved/
Assigned Camping Facilities, Amphitheaters, Community Buildings and Meeting Rooms

725:30-12-1. Definitions [AMENDED]

725:30-12-2. Cabins [AMENDED]

725:30-12-4. Shelters [AMENDED]

725:30-12-5. Reserved/assigned and group camping [AMENDED]

725:30-12-6. Amphitheaters, community buildings and; meeting rooms and ~~Lake Eucha
State Park~~ [AMENDED]

Subchapter 20. Volunteers

725:30-20-9 Termination of Volunteer Contract [NEW]

Subchapter 22. Concession Leases and Commercial Use

725:30-22-6. Commercial use, concessions and permits [AMENDED]

Subchapter 29. Lodge Operations

725:30-29-2. Definitions [AMENDED]

725:30-29-4. Accepting reservation requests [AMENDED]

725:30-29-5. Setting rates for guest rooms, meeting rooms and other public space
[AMENDED]

725:30-29-6. Special rates and promotional discounts [AMENDED]

725:30-29-15. Guidelines on smoking in state lodges [REVOKED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed revisions to Subchapter 4 are in contemplation of changes to state laws regarding beer and the percentage of alcoholic content. Language referencing 3.2% beer and duplicating Oklahoma law are removed.

The proposed revisions to Subchapter 12 further quantify the number of accommodations associated with a 'group reservation' definition. The definition of a 'Holiday Weekend' is adjusted to describe the period of time that is associated with a holiday, which can be other than a weekend. A definition of 'Improved financial condition' is added to definitions to describe results desired by state park operations. A definition of 'new accommodation' is added to allow some future type of housing to be added to State Parks and associated to an existing category for operating purposes. The word 'Campground' is removed from the definition of 'reservation fee' since other facilities beside campgrounds may be included on the reservation system. Individual cabin, group cabin, shelter, individual camping and group reservations are clarified as to the period allowable for reservation acceptance in advance of a rental. Complimentary meeting space is allowable with a designated level of occupancy at a property. A general allowance of on-line reservations is acceptable, when available, as is email submittal of applications. Methods for

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securing a group campsite reservation are adjusted and a notice requirement is added for cancellations for a group camping reservation. References to Lake Eucha are removed since this park is no longer in the state park system.

The proposed revisions to Subchapter 20 adds language associated with the termination of a volunteer contract. This section details approvals of contract terminations, means of notice and occupancy of a site after termination of the contract.

The proposed revisions for Subchapter 22 distinguishes a concession permit which is restricted to a short term use from other commercial use permits. Examples of each are provided.

The proposed revisions for Subchapter 29 add definitions for a 'Function,' a 'Group with overnight accommodations,' 'New accommodation' and 'Reservation fee'. Individual and group reservations are clarified as to the period allowable for reservation acceptance in advance of a rental. The means for obtaining a printed rate sheet is clarified to include the park facility or the Department headquarters. Special rates and promotional discounts are identified but may be restricted during heavy demand periods. Guidelines for smoking in state lodges are revoked in that state law covers this area without the need for rules.

AUTHORITY:

Title 74. Chapter 47C Oklahoma Tourism, Parks and Recreation Enhancement Act, Section 2204- Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation commission - Powers, Rights, and Duties; Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Written comments will be accepted until the conclusion of the public hearing on January 3, 2018 at the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Office. Written comments may be mailed to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, P.O. Box 52002, Oklahoma City, OK 73152, or emailed to Kris.Marek@travelok.com.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department Building, Gallery 1-3 meeting room, 900 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73104. Interested parties must sign in at the door.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may submit this information in writing by the conclusion of the comment period on January 3, 2018 at the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, at 900 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of proposed rules are available in the office of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, attn.: Division of State Parks, 900 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, by email to Kris.Marek@travelok.com or at the agency's website at [http:// www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com).

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303 (D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and will be available in the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department office and on the agency's website at the above address after December 6, 2017.

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